

#### NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL HYBRID MEETING AGENDA August 3, 2023

In-Person Attendance Option Johnstown YMCA 165 Settler Way Johnstown, CO 80534

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> 6:05 6:10

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Public Comment- 2 Minutes Each (accepted on items not on the Agenda) Anyone in the audience will be given time to speak to items on the Consent Agenda. Please ask for that item to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Items pulled will be heard at the beginning of the regular agenda. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak to all other items prior to Council action being taken.

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- Acceptance of Meeting Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality/MPO July 6, 2023 (Page 8)

### Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda **REPORTS:**

3) Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) (Handout)

4) Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) (Handout)

5) NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates (Handout)	(Written)
Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda	
REPORTS: 6) Report of the Chair	Scott James – Council Chair, Weld County Commissioner
<ul> <li>7) Executive Director Report</li> <li>8) TAC (Page 12)</li> <li>9) Mobility (Page 13)</li> <li>10) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) (Page 18)</li> <li>11) Q2 2023 TIP Modifications (Page 19)</li> </ul>	Suzette Mallette - Executive Director (Written) (Written) (Written) (Written)

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

12)	2023 Call for Projects Guidebook Resolution 2023-13 (Page 20)	AnnaRose Cunningham - Transportation Planner II	6:15
13)	FY2022-2023 UPWP FY2023 Task Amendment #2 Resolution 2023-14 (Page 28)	Becky Karasko - Transportation Planning Director	6:20

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

14)	FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Page 34)	AnnaRose Cunningham	6:25
15)	2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (Page 38)	Alex Gordon - Transportation Planner III	6:35



## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

16) Front Range Passenger Rail District (Page 46)	Andy Karsian — General Manager, FRPR District David Singer — Passenger Rail Branch Manager, DTR CDOT	6:50
COUNCIL REPORTS:		7:30
Transportation Commission	Kathleen Bracke - Transportation Commissioner	
CDOT R4 Update	Heather Paddock - CDOT R4 Transportation Director	
CDOT Inactives Report (Page 56)	(Written)	
STAC Report (Page 57)	(Written)	
Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) (Page 59)	(Written)	
I-25 Coalition	Scott James	
Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME)	Kristin Stephens — Larimer County Commissioner	
Front Range Passenger Rail District	Will Karspeck — Past Chair, Mayor Town of Berthoud Johnny Olson — City of Greeley Councilmember	
Host Council Member Report	Troy Mellon — Town of Johnstown Mayor Pro Tem	7:40
MEETING WRAP UP:		

Andy Karsian — General Manager, FRPR District

7:45



## MPO Planning Council

#### Weld County

#### Scott James, Commissioner - Chair

Alternate- Perry Buck, Commissioner

#### City of Loveland

#### Jon Mallo, Councilmember - Vice Chair

Alternate- Steve Olson, Councilmember

#### Town of Berthoud

#### William Karspeck, Mayor – Past Chair

Alternate- Mike Grace, Mayor Pro Tem

#### Town of Eaton

#### Liz Heid, Mayor Pro Tem

Alternate- Glenn Ledall, Trustee

#### City of Evans

Mark Clark, Mayor

#### City of Fort Collins

#### Tricia Canonico, Councilmember

Alternate- Jeni Arndt, Mayor

#### Town of Garden City

Fil Archuleta, Mayor

#### City of Greeley and Greeley Evans Transit (GET)

#### Johnny Olson, Councilmember

Alternate- Brett Payton, Mayor Pro Tem

#### Town of Johnstown

Troy Mellon, Mayor Pro Tem

#### **Larimer County**

#### Kristin Stephens, Commissioner

Alternate- Jody Shadduck-McNally, Commissioner

#### Town of LaSalle

Paula Cochran, Trustee

#### Town of Milliken

#### Dan Dean, Trustee

Alternate- Elizabeth Austin, Mayor

#### Town of Severance

#### Frank Baszler, Councilmember

Alternate- Matt Fries, Mayor

#### Town of Timnath

Lisa Laake, Mayor Pro Tem

#### Town of Windsor

#### Paul Rennemeyer, Mayor

Alternate- Barry Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem

#### CDPHE- Air Pollution Control Division

Jessica Ferko, Manager, Planning & Policy Program

#### **Colorado Transportation Commission**

#### Kathleen Bracke, Commissioner

Alternate- Heather Paddock, Region 4 Director



## MPO MEETING PROCEDURALINFORMATION

- 1. The order of the agenda will be maintained unless changed by the MPO Planning Council Chair (MPO Chair).
- 2. "Public Comment" is a time for citizens to address the Planning Council on matters that are not specifically on the agenda. Each citizen shall be limited to a total of two (2) minutes time for public comment, or at the discretion of the MPO Chair.
- 3. Before addressing the Planning Council, each individual must be recognized by the MPO Chair, come and stand before the Council and state their name and address for the record. (All proceedings are taped.)
- 4. For each Action item on the agenda, the order of business is as follows:
  - > MPO Chair introduces the item; asks if formal presentation will be made by staff
  - > Staff presentation (optional)
  - > MPO Chair requests citizen comment on the item (two minute limit for each citizen
  - Planning Council questions of staff on the item
  - Planning Council motion on the item
  - > Planning Council discussion
  - > Final Planning Council comments
  - > Planning Council vote on the item
- 5. Public input on agenda items should be kept as brief as possible, and each citizen shall be limited to two (2) minutes time on each agenda item, subject to time constraints and the discretion of the MPO Chair.
- 6. During any discussion or presentation, no person may disturb the assembly by interrupting or by any action such as applause or comments. Any side conversations should be moved outside the meeting room. Courtesy shall be given to all speakers.
- 7. All remarks during the meeting should be germane to the immediate subject.

## **GLOSSARY**

5303 & 5304	FTA program funding for multimodal transportation planning (jointly administered with FHWA) in metropolitan areas and States		
5307	FTA program funding for public transportation in Urbanized Areas (i.e.		
5000	with populations >50,000)		
5309	FTA program funding for capital investments		
5310	FTA program funding for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities		
5311	FTA program funding for rural and small Urban Areas (Non-Urbanized Areas)		
5326	FTA program funding to define "state of good repair" and set standards for measuring the condition of capital assets		
5337	FTA program funding to maintain public transportation in a state of good repair		
5339	FTA program funding for buses and bus facilities		
3C	Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative		
7th Pot	CDOT's Strategic Investment Program and projects—originally using S.B. 97-01 funds		
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials		
ACP	Access Control Plan		
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990		
ADT	Average Daily Traffic (also see AWD)		
AIS	Agenda Item Summary		
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations		
APCD	Air Pollution Control Division (of Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment)		
AQCC	Air Quality Control Commission (of Colorado)		
ATP	Active Transportation Plan		
AWD	Average Weekday Traffic (also see ADT)		
BUILD	Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (the competitive federal grant program that replaced TIGER)		
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (federal)		
CBE	Colorado Bridge Enterprise funds		
CDOT	Colorado Department of Transportation		
CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment		
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (an FHWA funding program)		
CMP	Congestion Management Process		
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas		
CO	Carbon Monoxide		
COLT	City of Loveland Transit		
CPG	Consolidated Planning Grant (combination of FHWA PL & FTA 5303 planning funds)		
CFY	Calendar Fiscal Year		
DOT	(United States) Department of Transportation		
DRCOG	Denver Regional Council of Governments		
DTD	CDOT Division of Transportation Development		
DTR	CDOT Division of Transit & Rail		
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement		
EJ	Environmental Justice		

## GLOSSARY (cont'd)

FAST ACT	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (federal legislation, signed December 2015	
FASTER	Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (Colorado's S.B. 09-108)	
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration	
FNC	Freight Northern Colorado Plan	
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration	
FTA	Federal Transit Administration	
FY	Fiscal Year (October to September for federal funds; July to June for state funds; January to December for local funds)	
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year	
GET	Greeley-Evans Transit	
GOPMT	Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets	
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle	
HPTE	High-Performance Transportation Enterprise (Colorado)	
HTF	Highway Trust Fund (the primary federal funding source for surface	
	transportation)	
HUTF	Highway Users Tax Fund (the State's primary funding source for highways)	
INFRA	Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (a competitive federal grant program for freight improvements)	
I&M or I/M	Inspection and Maintenance program (checking emissions of pollutants from vehicles)	
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems	
LCMC	Larimer County Mobility Committee	
LRP or LRTP	Long Range Plan or Long Range Transportation Plan	
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (2012 federal transportation legislation)	
MAPG	Mobility and Access Priority Group, formerly known as the Senior Transportation Coalition (STC)	
MMOF	Multimodal Options Fund (state funds allocated to MPOs and TPRs in SB18-001)	
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement	
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization	
MVEB	Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget	
NAA	Non-Attainment Area (for certain air pollutants)	
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards	
NARC	National Association of Regional Councils	
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	
NFRT & AQPC	North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (also NFRMPO)	
NFRMPO	North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (also NFRT & AQPC)	
NHS	National Highway System	
NMP	Non-Motorized Plan	
NoCo	Northern Colorado Bicycle and Pedestrian Collaborative	
NOx	Nitrogen Oxides	
OBD	On-Board Diagnostics (of a vehicle's engine efficiency and exhaust)	
O <sub>3</sub>	Ozone	

## GLOSSARY (cont'd)

PL	Federal Planning (funds)	
PIP	Public Involvement Plan	
POP	Program of Projects	
PPP (also P3)	Public Private Partnership	
R4 or R-4	Region 4 of the Colorado Department of Transportation	
RAQC	Regional Air Quality Council	
RNMC	Regional Non-Motorized Corridor	
RPP	Regional Priority Program (a funding program of the Colorado	
RSC	Transportation Commission)	
RTC	Regionally Significant Corridor	
	Regional Transit Corridor	
RTD	Regional Transportation District in the Denver Region or Regional Transportation Director for CDOT Regions	
RTE	Regional Transit Element	
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan	
SH	State Highway	
SIP	State Implementation Plan (air quality)	
SOV	Single Occupant Vehicle	
SPR	State Planning and Research (federal funds)	
SRTS (see TA)	Safe Routes to School (a pre-MAP-21 FHWA funding program)	
STAC	Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee	
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program	
STBG (previously STP-Metro)	Surface Transportation Block Grant (a FAST Act FHWA funding program)	
SWC&FRPRC	Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission	
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee (of the NFRMPO)	
TA (previously TAP)	Transportation Alternatives program (an FHWA funding program)	
TAZ	Transportation Analysis Zone (used in travel demand forecasting)	
TC	Transportation Commission of Colorado	
TDM	Transportation Demand Management	
TIGER	Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (a competitive federal grant program from 2009-2017 replaced by BUILD)	
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program	
Title VI	U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting discrimination in connection with	
TMA	programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance Transportation Management Area (federally-designated place >200,000	
TOD	population) Transit Oriented Development	
TPR	Transportation Planning Region (state-designated)	
TRAC	Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (for CDOT)	
UFR	Upper Front Range TPR	
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program	
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled	
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound  World County Mobility Committee	
WCMC	Weld County Mobility Committee	

## Meeting Minutes of the NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL

#### July 6, 2023 Hybrid Meeting in Severance, CO

Scott James - Chair -Weld County Fil Archuleta -Garden City -APCD Jon Mallo – Vice Chair -Loveland Jessica Ferko Will Karspeck – Past Chair -Berthoud Lisa Laake -Timnath Frank Baszler Troy Mellon -Johnstown -Severance

Kathleen Bracke -Transportation Commission

Tricia Canonico -Fort Collins
Mark Clark -Evans
Paula Cochran -LaSalle
Dan Dean -Milliken
Liz Heid -Eaton
Johnny Olson -Greeley
Paul Rennemeyer -Windsor

Kristin Stephens -Larimer County

#### **MPO Staff:**

**Suzette Mallette**, Executive Director; **Becky Karasko**, Transportation Planning Director; **Cory Schmitt**, Mobility Director; **Brooke Bettolo**, Mobility Planner; **Alex Gordon**, Transportation Planner III; **AnnaRose Cunningham**, Transportation Planner II; and **Michael Saunders**, Transportation Planner I.

**In Attendance:** Abdul Barzak; Brad Buckman; Rich Christy; Jim Eussen; Ailish Ferrick; Gianna Guido; Nicole Hahn; Omar Herrera; Myron Hora; Katrina Kloberdanz; Dee McIntosh; Brian Metzger; Mark Oberschmidt; Heather Paddock; Evan Pinkham; Elizabeth Relford; Jan Rowe; Mike Silverstein; Robin Stoneman; Nick Wharton

Chair James called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Public Comment:**

No comments were submitted.

#### **Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes**

Stephens **moved** to *APPROVE THE JULY 6 2023, MEETING AGENDA.* The motion was **seconded** by Mallo and **passed** unanimously.

Baszler **moved** to *APPROVE THE JUNE 1, 2023, MEETING MINUTES.* The motion was **seconded** by Heid and **passed** unanimously.

#### **Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda**

Chair James opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

#### **REPORTS:**

Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)

A written report was provided.

#### Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

Mike Silverstein, Executive Director of the RAQC, reviewed the residential, local government, and commercial Mow Down Pollution program. Silverstein reviewed the emissions from lawn and garden equipment and outlined the related control strategies including potential regulation of the sale of gas-powered lawn and garden equipment within the non-attainment area beginning in 2025. Olson asked for clarification on the process for the proposed regulation, Silverstein stated if the proposal is approved by the RAQC it would be considered by the State Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) for rulemaking and could become a mandate. Stephens asked if special districts, such as library districts are included in the definition of a local government. Silverstein stated that would need to be clarified through the State during rulemaking. Stephens asked if contractors for local governments are subject to the rules. Silverstein confirmed a contractor would be subject to the proposal as if they were a public entity.

Stephens asked who would be enforcing the rule. Silverstein stated if the rule is adopted by the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) the Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) would be the enforcing authority though the goal of the program is to provide education and outreach, and would anticipate approximately 50 percent compliance. James expressed concern about the cost for the program, how it would affect local governments, and asked how many commercial applications have been received at this time. Silverstein stated the application only opened a week ago and that there have been two applications. James asked if there would be any exemptions for local governments, Silverstein stated there were none in place at this time.

#### NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Karasko reviewed the timeline for Ozone Conformity for the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the upcoming FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) including the public comment period, public hearing, and approval by Planning Council at the September 7 meeting, and subsequent approvals by the State and FHWA.

#### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair James opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

#### **REPORTS:**

#### Report of the Chair

No reports this month.

#### **Executive Director Report**

Mallette introduced Brooke Bettolo, the new Mobility Planner with RideNoCo and Michael Saunders, the new Transportation Planner. Mallette stated the statewide household travel survey should be going out in the near future.

#### TAC

A written report was provided.

#### <u>Mobility</u>

A written report was provided.

#### Community Advisory Committee

A written report was provided.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

<u>CDOT Transit Town Halls</u> – Jan Rowe, Assistant Director Transit Programs, and Brian Metzger Assistant Director Transit Planning and Delivery reviewed the purpose and the structure of the Division of Transit and Rail (DTR) with CDOT and stated the Division has hired a new director that will be starting soon. Rowe reviewed grant opportunities provided by DRT including grants received within the NFRMPO. James asked for clarification on the grant received by Milliken, Cory Schmitt stated the grant was for a vehicle for the Milliken Senior Center.

Metzger reviewed the operations area of the Bustang program and outlined the Bustang Expansion Plan. Stephens asked for a status update on doubling the service between Fort Collins and Denver, asking if that had been implemented or if that was part of the Expansion Plan. Rowe stated that was mandated by the Senate Bill but the Expansion Plan would outline how that could be implemented. Bracke noted the importance of implementing those service expansions with the investment CDOT has made on I-25 with the construction of the mobility hubs. Metzger noted the three mobility hubs on North I-25 should be open in January 2024.

Olson noted the Bustang Expansion plan only focused on the I-25 and I-70 corridors but noted the importance of the US34 corridor. Rowe stated CDOT is working with the NFRMPO and local jurisdictions on planning efforts along the US34 corridor.

Canonico asked if Bustang fares are free or reduced during the ozone season. Rowe stated most Outrider routes are fare free, but Bustang is not eligible for the Free Fare for Better Air funding.

Rowe highlighted the CO/WY feasibility study and Metzger outlined future planning efforts including a Bustang electrification study and the Intercity Bus Plan.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

<u>Fiscally Constrained Plan</u> – Cunningham reviewed the Fiscally Constrained Plan for the <u>2050 RTP</u> and addressed the questions Planning Council had raised at the June meeting about operations and maintenance costs and noted costs for Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR) have been removed from the Fiscally Constrained Plan following discussions with FRPR staff.

Rennemeyer asked for clarification on what flexible funds are. Cunningham stated the flexible funds are any funding which can be used for a variety of project types and are not restricted to one project type, such as dedicated transit funding. Stephens asked for clarification on information included in the memo in the Council Packet on revenues for Larimer and Weld Counties. Cunningham explained revenues for the counties were apportioned based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and lane miles because the NFRMPO Planning Area only includes portions of the counties, and the county budgets are for the entirety of the counties. Olson asked for clarification for assigning funds based on the Council's priorities. Cunningham clarified at the June meeting Council had prioritized how to assign flexible funds remaining after assigning funding to fiscally constrain the operations, maintenance, and expansion of the system.

Rennemeyer **moved** to approve the Fiscally Constrained Plan. The motion was **seconded** by Canonico and **passed** unanimously.

NFRMPO Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report – Karasko outlined the strategies within the GHG Transportation Report to meet the required reductions outlined in the Colorado GHG Planning Standard as they apply to the 2050 RTP and the FY2024-2027 TIP. The GHG Transportation Report public comment period will be from July 7 to August 6 and is also in the process of review by State agencies.

**Olson moved** to approve *RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12 APPROVING THE NFRMPO GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) TRANSPORTATION REPORT.* The motion was **seconded** by Baszler and **passed** unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

<u>2023 Call for Projects Guidebook</u> – Cunningham provided an overview of the 2023 Call for Projects which will award approximately \$22M in federal funding and is scheduled to open following the Council meeting in August. Olson asked for clarification on the STBG Community Targets and why some of the large communities had a lower maximum request than some small communities. Cunningham explained the formula for STBG calculations which has been in place for the previous NFRMPO Calls for Projects which is being carried into the 2023 Call for Projects and includes population-based targets and a small community set aside. Regarding the scoring criteria, Canonico asked for clarification on why there are fewer points allocated to multimodal. Cunningham stated the points were allocated based on funding program requirements and the prioritization of goals the Council completed at the May meeting. James asked how the Regional Health goal will be assessed. Cunningham stated the criteria under that goal are air quality emissions benefits which are calculated based on reductions over the life of the project, equity, and economic development.

<u>2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Draft</u> – Gordon outlined the structure of the draft <u>2050 RTP</u> which staff has been working on for the previous year. The plan <u>2050 RTP</u> will be posted for public comment the second week of July and is scheduled for adoption by the Planning Council at their meeting in September.

Gordon stated some of the sections have been discussed with Council at previous meetings and the full draft will be presented to Council at the August meeting. Bracke asked about the role of resiliency in the RTP. Cunningham outlined the information included within the resiliency section and stated the role of the NFRMPO in safety and resiliency is mainly informational. The RTP also outlines opportunities for additional funding and planning available for the region.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

<u>Transportation Commission</u> – Bracke emphasized the importance of transit planning in the region. Bracke stated her term on the TC may or may not be extended.

<u>CDOT R4 Update</u> – Paddock stated the TAP awards have been finalized and two awards were made within the NFRMPO region including the City of Fort Collins and the Town of Milliken. Paddock provided an update on the US34 project stating the final pavement should be completed by July 8. The frontage road along I-25 Segment 7 and 8 has been reopened, Segment 6 is 85 percent complete, and LCR 16 is targeted to open July 11. Segment 5 is underway and grant applications for MPDG grants are due on August 21. There will be closures on SH257 in July and September, the I-25 diamond grind project north of SH14 is out for bid, and there will be a corridor safety study on US287.

<u>STAC Report</u> – A written report was provided.

<u>Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)</u> – A written report was provided.

Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) – Stephens stated the NAAPME met on June 29 where they completed an Open Meetings training. The revenues have exceeded the funding originally forecasted by approximately \$1.3M and they will soon look at award criteria for allocating the funding.,

<u>TPR Boundary Study</u> – Stephens stated a TPR Boundary Review survey will be sent to all elected officials. Mallette noted the survey should be out at the end of July or beginning of August in conjunction with regional meetings. Olson asked if there was the anticipation for the boundaries to change, Stephens noted the outcomes of the survey and study will make that determination and should be brought to the TC in November. Mallette noted data is currently only at the county level and additional analysis is being completed. Bracke asked if there will be an effect on the Transit and Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC) representation, Mallette noted that is part of the discussion and Rowe stated there will be a reassessment of the role of the TRAC.

<u>Front Range Passenger Rail District</u> – Karspeck and Olson provided an update on the progress of the Front Range Passenger Rail District. Council discussed the implications of potential alignments and station locations, equity implications, taxation structure, and the public engagement process. The Council requested representatives from Front Range Passenger Rail present to the Planning Council at a future meeting.

<u>Host Council Member Report</u> – Baszler reviewed two projects being constructed with funding awarded by the NFRMPO including intersection improvements at CR19 and CR74, and work on the Great Western Trail.

#### **MEETING WRAP-UP:**

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO Staff

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council July 19, 2023

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21, 2023 TAC MINUTES**

Oberschmidt moved to approve the June 21, 2023 TAC minutes. Karnik seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

**Regional Air Quality Updates** – Moore noted the RAQC board reviewed the SIP chapters for the 75-ppb ozone SIP at the July 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting and gave initial approval. The board reviewed and approved a set of lawn and garden control strategies at the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Karasko stated the NFRMPO has submitted the Greenhouse Gas Transportation Report for the <u>2050 RTP</u> and the FY2024-FY2027 TIP to APCD and CDOT for their review. The NFRMPO also submitted conformity documentation for both plans to APCD for their review.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

**2023 Call for Projects** – Cunningham noted the Call for Projects will open after the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Planning Council meeting pending council approval of the Call for Projects guidebook. TAC discussed the STBG maximum request limits for large and small communities and agreed to recommend changing the request limits to \$3.16 M for large communities and \$1.6M for small communities. Oberschmidt moved to recommend Planning Council approve the 2023 Call for Projects Guidebook with the discussed amendments. Herrera seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**FY2022-2023 UPWP FY2023 Task Amendment #2-** Karasko noted this amendment was moved from a discussion item to an action item because it does not impact the UPWP budget. This is a request to add two tasks for Transfort using FTA funds. The inclusion in the UPWP is an FTA requirement. Relford moved to recommend Planning Council approve the FY2022-2023 UPWP FY2023 Task Amendment #2. Herrera seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**WCR13 Alignment Improvements Project Funding Options** – Herrera stated the Town of Windsor is currently unable to complete the *WCR13 Alignment Improvements Project* due to increased project costs. He outlined three options for the allocated STBG funds the town received for this project: transfer the funds to the *Intersection Improvements at SH257 & Eastman Park Dr.* project, lessen the scope of the *WCR13 Alignment Improvements Project* only completing the south portion, or return the funding to the STBG pool to be allocated in the next Call for Projects. TAC recommended lessening the scope of the project.

**2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)** – Gordon provided an overview of the <u>2050 RTP</u> with a focus on the RSC vision plans, scenarios and overall content of the plan. The plan is out for public comment through August 9<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to be adopted by Planning Council at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Cunningham outlined the changes in the FY2024-2027 TIP which include adding a section for the process of additional allocations and the process for project overages. The FY2024-2027 TIP is scheduled to be adopted by Planning Council at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.



## Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)—MINUTES June 27, 2023 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

- Ann Rajewski, CASTA
- Leiton Powell, Greeley-Evans Transit
- Margie Martinez, United Way Weld County
- Valorie Echard, School to Work Alliance Program Weld Re-4
- Desiree Sandoval, School to Work Alliance Program Weld Re-4
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services

- Celeste Ewert, Envision
- Abdul Barzak, Town of Severance
- Amy Threewitt, 60+ Ride
- Hanna Johnson, City of Greeley
- Nichole Seward, Weld County AAA
- Steve Teets, WAND
- Kyle Holman, Weld Trust
- Janet Bedingfield, 60+ Ride

NFRMPO Staff: Cory Schmitt, Brooke Bettolo

#### 2. Review of Agenda

3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)

None.

#### 4. Approval of March 2023 Meeting Minutes

Teets moved to approve the minutes Threewitt seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

#### **PRESENTATION**

#### 1) CASTA Overview

Rajewski

CASTA Executive Director Ann Rajewski provided an overview of the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) as well as the Zero Fare for Better Air campaign. If you have technical questions, training needs, and resource requests for transit or micro-mobility, consider reaching out. Slides can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### 2) CDOT Contracting Delays & Service Updates

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The group discussed the delays associated with CDOT for transit contracts including the impacts locally and statewide, along with steps being taken to resolve the backlog. Rajewski reported that the new director of the CDOT Division of Transit and Rail (DTR) is starting July 31. CDOT staff estimate that DTR is 60% done with administrative and operating contracts. There is concern that there are current Calls For Projects for 2024 when 2023 and even some 2022 grants have not been contracted, so CASTA



is continuing to put pressure on CDOT to ensure they work through their backlog. Kay Kelly, Chief of the Office of innovative Mobility, is working closely with CASTA during the contracting crisis. DTR has received special permission to do partial reimbursement in the meantime to fill some of the gaps until the contracts are ready.

Rajewski is working with Jan Rowe at CDOT for a session for CDOT grantees at CASTA conference, and a follow-up from CDOT listening sessions from around the state.

Schmitt asked participants if there were any agencies in attendance—or known—that have also been impacted by CDOT's contracting delays:

- <u>Via Mobility Services</u>: Bitzer reported that they have received §5311 and §5310 contracts within the last month, submitted reimbursement from January onward, and received reimbursement rather quickly. Via is still waiting on contracts for buses and fixed-route software. Bitzer reported that the contracts have been signed for the Weld pilot, which should be ready to begin in the next few weeks. Via was able to draw on reserves to pay staff but has heard from smaller companies that had to lay off drivers and stop service, and they may not be able to begin service again. With the loss of the RTD Access-a-Ride contract, a total of 88 drivers were laid off.
- o 60+ Ride: Bedingfield stated that 60+ Ride is still anticipating delivery of a 2022 wheelchair-accessible vehicle that has been sitting at a dealer lot in Denver since February, already converted and ready to go. 60+ Ride had to reduce the hours for a new employee that would handle scheduling for that route by 50% and pay them out of reserves for the foreseeable future until the contacting issues are resolved. This has caused a significant delay in service access for wheelchair-using clients in the Greeley-Evans area.
- <u>Envision</u>-Ewert has not seen an effect on the rides provided since they have been making sure to prioritize direct billing to Medicare and HCPF. Ewert stated that they planned their budget to accommodate for the delays but still had restricted cash flow agency-wide until reimbursements became available.

Rajewski also mentioned the State Management Plan that holds CDOT accountable to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for timely contracts and other operational benchmarks and talked with Kay Kelly to create new procedures and potentially additional staff in the Business Office to prevent this type of crisis from repeating in the future.

#### 3) Mobility Case Studies

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Schmitt and Bettolo shared RideNoCo Call Center Case Studies:

#### Case Study 1:

60-year-old man in Evans using crutches needs temporary transportation to Greeley three times a week for medical appointments and rehab.



Powell suggested that he might be in the GET service area for paratransit service, Johnson confirmed. There is a 21-day processing period for applications, but GET staff are typically getting those completed in 2 weeks, so long as the applicant has an application and doctor's note. Currently, GET is fare free, but cost would be about \$3 per ride once fares resume. Teets mentioned that the cost could be prohibitive for some residents, and Powell expressed that the service is much less than Uber or Lyft, but ultimately the rider decides whether to use the service.

Threewitt mentioned that 60+ Ride would be an option, but it takes 3 weeks to get signed up. Bedingfield verified that the client came through them originally, but staff were unable to expedite the process in time for the client's appointments. The intake process is non-negotiable, and until the paperwork is signed and filed, they cannot safely conduct the ride due to liability issues. Clients must also be responsive to phone calls and emails to ensure that the process goes as expediently as possible.

Schmitt asked if providers had ideas on how to respond more quickly to these types of last-minute requests. Martinez suggested that Banner Health Ambulance (contracted through American Medical Response - AMR out of Denver) may be a resource for last-minute options. Schmitt suggested a page in Provider's Guide for last minute, last resort transportation options. Teets seconded the idea.

Ewert suggested a fixed route potential option if the client can manage the crutches for a block. Schmitt clarified that the exact location of the client was unknown but could be followed up upon.

<u>Case Study 2:</u> A Spanish-speaking resident of Dacono was looking for transportation resources to share with the older adults of her community. We were able to recommend 60+ Ride and Via but were not certain if calls could be taken in Spanish and if Spanish-speaking drivers were available.

Providers that provide services bilingually

- Via Mobility has a call center- option for Spanish-speakers, as well as Spanish-speaking drivers, but the driver servicing this area does not speak Spanish.
- 60+ Ride no longer has Spanish speaking staff but has some Spanish-speaking drivers. They report having a lot of monolingual clients that have an English-speaking friend or family member who sets them up for the appointment, and then the client and the driver do their best to communicate dayof. 60+ Ride has been actively looking for ways to increase interpretation ability for the last 2 years and have had some difficulty finding an option that works. They are constantly working on this and have a partnership with insurance person that specializes in Medicare to help them search for interpretation options. There is potential for a grant to hire someone on an on-call basis.
  - o Threewitt agrees with the process mentioned by Bedingfield and that the Client Intake Coordinator arranges and schedules with family member who speaks English. In Dacono, there might be drivers that they might be able to call, on an as-needed basis.

Johnson mentioned the Language Link call number the NFRMPO uses and inquired if it was possible to share a contract with the agencies on the call. Schmitt answered that the NFRMPO and Envision have a contract with LanguageLink and that the NFRMPO has not needed to use the service in the 1.5 years it's been in place.



Schmitt mentioned that Johnson's idea was great and committed to exploring the possibilities of sharing LanguageLink access with community partners, potentially beginning with existing NFRMPO Subrecipients.

Teets mentioned that it is important that the NFRMPO communicate the gaps in transportation access and options Weld County residents experience to County Commissioners, council members, Senators and Representatives. Schmitt responded that there is room for improvement in this area, but there are several ways the NFRMPO already communicates these gaps with elected officials, including presentations and handouts to NFRMPO Planning Council members. fact sheets and newsletter articles. Bedingfield expressed that she has noticed a heightened focus on transportation in recent months at the County-level and noted that the City of Greeley is putting in mobility concepts in their strategic planning.

#### **RIDENOCO UPDATE**

Schmitt shared updates regarding the NFRMPO mobility program and RideNoCo. Slides can be found here

#### **WORK GROUPS**

#### 4) Outreach and Education Working Group -

Bettolo

Members discussed the various coalitions, meetings, and opportunities for spreading the word about RideNoCo in Weld County. Key suggestions were to register as a navigator with United Way of Weld County, to provide education to service providers, and to attend networking events. Bettolo suggested that the members reach out to her for additional meetings and resource sharing.

#### 5) Recruitment Working Group -

Schmitt

There was not sufficient time for this update, the WCMC will revisit in September in conjunction with presentation from Shawn Walcott on Weld's Way Home and Aging Well collective impact initiatives.

#### **GREELEY EVANS TRANSIT NEWS AND UPDATES**

GET is hosting two travel training courses in July, one of which is in partnership with the NFRMPO and the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment.

#### **WCMC MEMBER UPDATES**

Martinez mentioned that there would be <u>free dental care in Greeley</u> on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Island Grove Regional Park 501 N 14th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631 provided by the Colorado Mission of Mercy.

#### Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)

None.

#### **Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions**

None.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- 1. Upcoming Meetings:
  - a. Northern Colorado Mobility Committee August 22nd 1:00-3:30 pm



**b.** Weld County Mobility Committee – September 26th – 1:30 to 3:00 pm

## Executive Summary of the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization Community Advisory Committee

July 13, 2023

Attendees: Gary Strome, York, Brad Ragazzo, Cliff Moore

Staff: AnnaRose Cunningham, Alex Gordon

#### 2050 Regional Transportation Plan

Gordon presented the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan scenarios, trends, and vision planning. The group suggested:

- Make funding amounts more obvious by including Millions after the amount, not just in the title in the Funding and Finance Chapter
- Identifying how local, regional, and state transit connections overlap, especially in the vision plans
- Provide strategies for how people in communities without transit can access transit, including microtransit and micromobility
- Corridors should be straight lines and direct

Cunningham requested the group suggest topics to cover at the August meeting, specifically related to more information or context of the 2050 RTP.

#### **Walk Audits**

Cunningham reviewed events that NFRMPO staff will be attending this summer, including LaSalle Days this weekend. York asked about diversity in the events the NFRMPO staff attends. NFRMPO staff will look into diversifying the events it attends. Cunningham explained the walk audits that are planned for the summer. NoCo Bike & Ped will be leading a walk audit in Timnath on the Poudre Trail for its August 9, 2023 meeting. Cunningham may lead a walk audit with the CAC depending on interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: AnnaRose Cunningham

Date: August 3, 2023

Re: Q2 2023 TIP Modifications

In the second quarter of 2023 (April-June), the NFRMPO processed four Administrative Modifications to the FY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The modifications are listed and linked below.

- April 2023 TIP Modification- <a href="https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-m4-tip-modification.pdf">https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-m4-tip-modification.pdf</a>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 TIP Modification <a href="https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-m4.2-tip-modification.pdf">https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-m4.2-tip-modification.pdf</a>
- May 2023 TIP Modification <a href="https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-m5-tip-modification.pdf">https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-m5-tip-modification.pdf</a>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May TIP Modification <a href="https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-m5.2-tip-modification.pdf">https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-m5.2-tip-modification.pdf</a>

The most recent TIP tables including all Policy Amendments and Administrative Modifications can be found at <a href="https://www.nfrmpo.org/tip">www.nfrmpo.org/tip</a>.

For any questions about the Q2 TIP Modifications please contact AnnaRose Cunningham at <a href="mailto:arcunningham@nfrmpo.org">arcunningham@nfrmpo.org</a>.



#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: AnnaRose Cunningham

Date: August 3, 2023

Re: 2023 Call for Projects Guidebook

### **Background**

The NFRMPO will be holding a Call for Projects to award approximately \$22M in Federal funds for fiscal years (FY) 2026 and 2027, and approximately \$2M of prior year funding. The 2023 Call for Projects will award the four NFRMPO controlled Federal funding sources: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and Transportation Alternatives (TA).

The <u>2023 Draft Call for Projects Guidebook</u> carries forward most of the policies from the 2021 Call for Projects. Updates for the 2023 Call for Projects include:

- Updating the request limits for the STBG program.
- Inclusion of the CRP Federal funding program.
- Aligning the Scoring Criteria for all funding programs with the adopted <u>2050 RTP</u> Goals.
- Defining eligible applicants as NFRMPO member agencies and partner agencies (including CDOT and the RAQC).
- Replacing the Environmental Justice analysis with the Equity Analysis and evaluating project locations based on the <u>Equity Index</u> as presented to Planning Council at the April 6, 2023 meeting.
- Setting aside \$100,000 per year beginning in FY2024 of CRP funds for the NFRMPO TMO Incubator project.
- Requiring applicable projects to complete a single-occupant vehicle (SOV) analysis in alignment with the <u>2023 Congestion Management Process</u>.

The 2023 Draft Call for Projects guidebook outlines the following:

- Available funding
- Requirements for all applications and program specific requirements
- Local match requirements
- Application process and schedule
- Scoring criteria for all funding programs
- Program level award maximums and minimum funding request requirements
- Reference and data materials



### **Action**

Staff requests Planning Council approve the 2023 Call for Projects Process and Guidebook.

### **Attachments**

- <u>Draft 2023 Call for Projects Guidebook</u>
- 2023 Call for Projects Presentation
- Resolution 2023-13



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## 2023 Call for Projects Key Dates



- Call for Projects Opens August 4
- Applicant Training Workshop (Virtual) August 10
- Project Descriptions Due August 25
- Final Applications Due October 6
- Scoring Committee Meeting November 1
- NoCo Scoring Committee (TA projects) November 8
- Applicant Presentations to Council December 7
- Council Action on Recommended Projects January 4, 2024

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## **Funding Estimates**



Program	Rolled	FY2026	FY2027	Set Aside	Federal Funding Total
CMAQ	\$0	\$5,419,439	\$5,538,667	\$0	\$10,958,106
STBG	\$410,160	\$4,537,955	\$4,652,924	\$0	\$9,601,039
ТА	\$0	\$466,728	\$466,046	\$0	\$934,423
CRP	\$1,290,991	\$821,802	\$839,882	\$400,000	\$2,552,675
TOTAL				\$24,044,594	

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## 2023 Call for Projects Overview



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- TMO Incubator Set Aside
  - \$100K per year starting in FY2024
- Eligible Applicants
  - NFRMPO member agencies
  - Partner Agencies (CDOT & RAQC)

- Requirements for all projects
  - Alignment with NFRMPO <u>2050</u> <u>RTP Goals</u>
  - Integration with Congestion Management Process
    - SOV Analysis Worksheet
  - Equity and Performance Measure Impact

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## Requirements for All Projects



- Provide a local match of 17.21 percent\*
- Within the NFRMPO Planning Area and on a <u>2050 RTP</u> Regional Corridor and consistent with corridor visions
- If a project is on or impacts a state facility or is an ITS project, CDOT must provide concurrence
- Must address at least one federal or regional performance measure
- Must comply with applicable land use plans or corridor studies
- Must complete a construction or implementation phase
- Must meet all required deadlines

\*Exceptions for some specific project types may apply

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## **STBG Request Limits**



#### Small Community:

- Target:
  - 34% Available Funding
  - \$3,264,353
- Request Limit:
  - \$1,632,177

#### Large Community:

- Target:
  - 66% Available funding
  - \$6,336,686
- Request Limit:
  - \$3,168,343

NFRMPO Small and Large Community Populations				
	Community	2021 Population (DOLA)	Percent of Total  Population	
	Berthoud	11,062	2.0%	
	Eaton	5,933	1.1%	
	Evans	22,760	4.2%	
	Garden City	258	0.0%	
S	Johnstown	18,009	3.3%	
Small Communities	Larimer County	49,395	9.1%	
Small nmuni	LaSalle	2,357	0.4%	
S	Milliken	8,679	1.6%	
O	Severance	9,410	1.7%	
	Timnath	7,178	1.3%	
	Weld County	13,583	2.5%	
	Windsor	35,177	6.5%	
	Small Community Total	183,801	34.0%	
ijes	Fort Collins	170,755	31.5%	
Large Communities	Greeley	109,696	20.3%	
Lar	Loveland	77,016	14.2%	
Cor	Large Community Total	357,467	66.0%	
	Total	541,268	100.0%	

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## **Request Limits**



Funding Program	Process	Minimum Request	Maximum Request
СМАQ	50% available funding	\$100,000	\$5,479,053
TA	100% available funding	\$50,000	\$934,423
STBG	Population based	\$100,000	Small Community: \$1,632,177 Large Community: \$3,168,343
CRP	100% available funding	\$100,000	\$2,552,675

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## 2050 RTP Goals



**Safety** - Reduce the number of roadway related fatalities and serious injuries within the region

**Regional Health** - Improve economic development, residents' quality of life, and air quality

**Mobility** - Moves people and goods efficiently and reliably on a continuous transportation system

**Multimodal** - Improve accessibility of and access to transit and alternative modes of transportation

**Operations** - Optimize operations, planning, and funding of transportation facilities

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Goals & Proposed Weighting

Goals	CMAQ/CRP	TA	STBG
<u>Safety</u>	10	30	30
<u>Operations</u>	10	15	20
<u>Mobility</u>	10	20	20
Multimodal	5	0	10
Regional Health	60	30	15
Discretionary points	5	5	5

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## Questions?



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## RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13 OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2023 CALL FOR PROJECTS PROCESS AND GUIDEBOOK

**WHEREAS**, 23 CFR §450.326 requires the development of a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Metropolitan Planning Organizations through the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive ("3C") multimodal transportation planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the agency responsible for developing the TIP in accordance with the above stated regulation; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2023 Call for Projects will award FY2026 and FY2027 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Treatment Block Grant (STBG), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding to eligible entities; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Call for Projects will award excess FY2024 and FY2025 STBG and CRP funding; and

**WHEREAS,** a set-aside of \$100,000 per year beginning in FY2024 extending through FY2027 to the NFRMPO TMO Incubator project will be created for a total of \$400,000; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2023 Call for Projects Guidebook identifies eligible entities, eligible project types, project requirements, and scoring criteria for the CMAQ, STBG, CRP, and TA programs that meet federal regulations and reflect input from planning partners; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council hereby adopts the process for the 2023 Call for Projects as recommended.

Passed and approved at the regular meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council held this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2023.

	Scott James, Chair	
ATTEST:		
Suzette Mallette, Executive Director		



#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: Becky Karasko

**Date: August 3, 2023** 

Re: FY2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY2023 Task

**Amendment #2** 

#### **Background**

Transfort has requested NFRMPO staff update the FY2023 Tasks with two Tasks funded through FTA funds, including:

- \$43,130 in additional FTA §5307 and local match funds to for Transfort Onboard Ridership Survey; and
- \$64,030 in additional FTA §5307 and FTA §5310 and accompanying local match funds to **Transfort Onboard Passenger Surveys**.

These Tasks will be added to the FY2022-2023 UPWP's **Appendix B: Local Agency Tasks** and does not impact the MPO portion of the budget and does not necessitate a budget amendment to the FY2022-2023 UPWP.

#### Action

TAC recommends Planning Council approve the FY2023 UPWP Task Amendment #2 through **Resolution 2023-14**.

#### **Transfort Onboard Ridership Survey**

#### Objective:

This Work Task will complete ridership survey of Transfort's fixed route service.

#### Method:

This Work Task will be managed by City of Fort Collins staff. The City of Fort Collins-Transfort will contract a third-party firm to conduct a statistically valid survey in Summer/Fall 2023.

#### Overall Impact/Intent:

The intent of the onboard fixed route ridership survey is to enable the City to identify Transfort's strengths and weaknesses regarding fixed route service and to help develop strategies to enhance service and mobility within the service area. The survey will capture information about fixed route riders such as:

- Travel patterns and behavior, including where people are traveling to, where they come from, how they access transit services, how they travel to their final destination, how frequently they use transit services, trip purpose, trip length, and other travel modes they use.
- Rider demographics, including race, gender, ethnicity, English proficiency, income, vehicle
  availability, and other information, which will provide the City with an objective "snapshot" of
  who is using fixed route service.

#### FY2023 PRODUCTS:

1. Onboard Fixed Route Ridership Survey

PERSON/WEEKS:	<u>FY2022</u> 9			
<u>Budget</u>				
Personnel	\$0			
Other Direct	\$43,130			
Indirect	\$0			
TOTAL	\$43,130			
<u>Distribution</u>				
State				
§5307 (80.0%)	\$34,504			
LOCAL match (20.0%)	\$8,626			
TOTAL	\$43,130			
Other Direct				
Out of State Training	\$0			
Consultant	\$43,130			
Other	\$0			
TOTAL	\$43,130			

#### **Transfort Onboard Passenger Surveys**

#### Objective:

This Work Task will complete ridership surveys of Transfort's fixed route service and Dial-A-Ride (complementary paratransit) services.

#### Method:

This Work Task will be managed by City of Fort Collins staff. The City of Fort Collins-Transfort will contract a third-party firm to conduct statistically valid surveys in Summer/Fall 2022.

#### Overall Impact/Intent:

The intent of the onboard fixed route ridership survey is to enable the City to identify Transfort's strengths and weaknesses regarding fixed route service and to help develop strategies to enhance service and mobility within the service area. The survey will capture information about fixed route riders such as:

- Travel patterns and behavior, including where people are traveling to, where they come from, how they access transit services, how they travel to their final destination, how frequently they use transit services, trip purpose, trip length, and other travel modes they use.
- Rider demographics, including race, gender, ethnicity, English proficiency, income, vehicle
  availability, and other information, which will provide the City with an objective "snapshot" of
  who is using fixed route service.

The intent of the Dial A Ride client survey is to determine how the program is performing and where Dial A Ride staff can focus their efforts to maintain and improve the service. The survey will capture information about paratransit riders such as:

- Level of satisfaction among various Dial A Ride service characteristics;
- Customer travel patterns and behaviors;
- Dial A Taxi program including service satisfaction and ease of reservation process; and
- Rider demographics

#### FY2023 PRODUCTS:

- 1. Onboard Fixed Route Ridership Survey
- 2. Dial A Ride Client Survey

PERSON/WEEKS:	<u>FY2022</u> 9			
<u>Budget</u>				
Personnel Other Direct Indirect TOTAL	\$0 \$64,030 \$0 \$64,030			
<u>Distribution</u>				
State §5307 (80.0%) §5307 LOCAL Match (20.0%) §5310 (80.0%) §5310 LOCAL match (20.0%) TOTAL	\$28,197 \$7,049 \$23,027 \$5,757 \$64,030			
Other Direct				
Out of State Training Consultant Other TOTAL	\$0 \$64,030 \$0 \$64,030			



#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14**

## OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE FY2023 TASKS OF THE FY2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council maintains a fiscally responsible budget in compliance with Federal regulations required and developed through the "3C" transportation planning process of a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describing the transportation planning activities of the MPO region; and

**WHEREAS,** the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council has prepared a FY2023 UPWP Budget that identifies the work elements, tasks, and direct expenses associated with the budget; and

**WHEREAS,** the FY2023 budget and FY2023 Tasks were approved by the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council on May 6, 2021 and this is the Second Task Amendment to the FY2023 Tasks; and

**WHEREAS**, the NFRMPO is amending the FY2023 Tasks to include the following FTA funded Transfort tasks:

- \$43,130 in additional FTA §5307 and local match funds to **for Transfort Onboard Ridership Survey**; and
- \$64,030 in additional FTA §5307 and FTA §5310 and accompanying local match funds to **Transfort Onboard Passenger Surveys**; and

WHEREAS, the total NFRMPO budget and the VanGo™total budget remain unchanged.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council** hereby approves the Second Amendment to the FY2023 Tasks of the FY2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Passed and approved at the regular meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council held this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2023.

	Scott James, Chair	
ATTEST:		
Suzette Mallette, Executive Director		



#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: AnnaRose Cunningham

Date: August 3, 2023

Re: Draft FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

### **Background**

The NFRMPO has drafted the Fiscal Years (FYs)2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be in alignment with the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), air quality conformity determination and regional emissions analysis, and Colorado Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report as well as to coordinate with the CDOT FY2024-2027 Statewide TIP (STIP) as adopted May 20, 2023.

The Draft FY2024-2027 TIP includes all federally funded and/or regionally significant surface transportation projects programmed to receive funding in FY2024-2027. All projects with funding in the FY2023-2026 TIP with funds in FY2024-2026 will be carried over into the FY2024-2027, as well as projects which have had funds rolled from FY2023 into FY2024 and qualifying projects submitted during the TIP Project Submission window (May 16-May 30, 2023). Any amendments or modifications made to projects or funding following July 19 will be incorporated upon the effective date of the TIP.

The Draft FY2024-2027 TIP carries forward the policies and procedures in the FY2023-2026 TIP with the following updates:

- Addition to the Air Quality Significant project definition
- Details and restrictions on the additional allocation process
- Alignment of the TIP with the GHG Transportation Report
- Updated Equity and Performance Measure analysis

The Draft Conformity Determination for the FY2024-2027 TIP and the 2050 RTP is under development and will be made available for a 30-day public review. The public comment period for the Draft FY2024-2027 TIP and the Conformity Determination will open on August 4, 2023 and close on September 3, 2023.

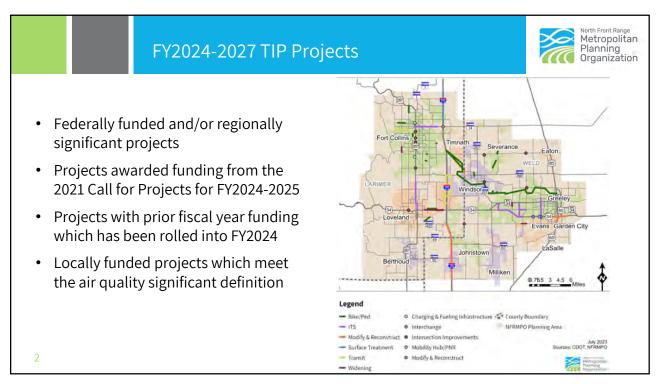
The Draft FY2024-2027 TIP is available for review at the following link: <a href="https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/fy-2024-2027-tip-draft.pdf">https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/fy-2024-2027-tip-draft.pdf</a>.

#### **Action**

Staff requests Planning Council review the Draft FY2024-2027 TIP prepared to discuss.



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#### FY2024-2027 TIP Narative



- Carries forward all policies and procedures from the FY2023-2026 TIP
- Includes updates including:
  - Clarification on the Additional Allocation process including notating that project sponsors are responsible for any project overages and project overages are not eligible under the Additional Allocation process
  - Addition of the GHG Transportation Report Requirements
  - Updated Air Quality Conformity determination
  - Updated Equity and Performance Measure Analysis

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#### FY2024-2027 TIP Narative



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- Addition to the Air Quality Significant Definition:
  - Adding at least two (2) <u>through</u> lane miles or completing a regional connection along a regionally significant corridor (RSC);
  - Adding a new intersection on principal arterials or above;
  - Adding new interchanges or grade-separated intersections;
  - Major improvements to existing interchanges, excluding drainage improvements and ramp widening;
  - Regional transit projects on fixed guideways, which offer a significant alternative to regional roadway travel;
  - Addition or deletion of major bus routes with 3,000 riders per day, taking into account existing service levels.

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#### **Next Steps**



- August 4 Public Comment Period Opens for TIP and Conformity Determination
- August 6 Public Comment Period Closes for GHG Transportation Report
- September 3 Public Comment Period Closes for TIP and Conformity Determination
- **September 7** Public Hearing for Conformity Determination
- September 7 Council Action on TIP and RTP

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: Alex Gordon

Date: August 3, 2023

Re: 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

#### **Background**

NFRMPO staff has been working on the <u>2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)</u> with the guidance of the TAC and Planning Council. The draft <u>2050 RTP</u> was released for public comment on July 10, 2023, which will close August 9, 2023. Public comment and comments from TAC and Planning Council will be incorporated prior to anticipated Planning Council adoption on September 6, 2023.

Every four years, the NFRMPO is required to update the region's long-range plan, taking into account current socioeconomic and transportation trends, anticipated needs, and anticipated funding. The Plan must be multimodal and take into consideration the transportation system's impact on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and impacts to air quality.

The 2050 RTP is divided into four chapters:

- **Planning Context**: explanation of the NFRMPO, the transportation system, and local, state, and federal requirements
- **Trends**: exploration of socioeconomic trends, system performance, safety and resiliency, and emerging technologies
- **Scenarios and Visioning**: identifying each roadway, transit, and active transportation corridor, and how funding/projects impact key performance metrics
- **Funding and Financing:** identification of anticipated funding, proposed projects, and fiscal constraint

The full <u>2050 RTP</u> draft is available for download via Dropbox:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/txmce2wxl10fn9u/AADsJvBfnBeKj6Px3SUSH5SPa?dl=0

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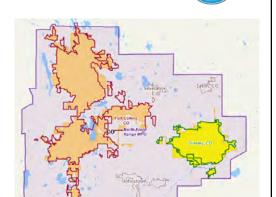
Staff requests Planning Council review the Draft <u>2050 Regional Transportation Plan</u> (RTP) and be prepared to discuss any concerns about the Plan.



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#### **RTP Overview**

- Identify how the metropolitan area will manage and operate a multimodal transportation system to meet the region's economic, transportation, development and sustainability goals
- 20+-year planning horizon
- Fiscally constrained
- Must update at least every 4 years due to region's nonattainment area status



 $\textbf{More info:} \ \underline{https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/transportation-planning/metropolitan-transportation-plan-mtp} \\$ 

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#### **NFRMPO Region**



	2019 Population	2050 Population	Change (2019 -2050)	2019 Jobs	2050 Jobs	Change (2019- 2050)
Berthoud	13,758	42,267	207.2%	3,074	3,887	26.4%
Eaton	6,077	7,101	16.9%	1,598	2,164	35.4%
Evans	29,143	46,527	59.7%	4,974	7,972	60.3%
Fort Collins	185,243	252,981	36.6%	103,985	139,789	34.4%
Greeley	107,154	177,815	65.9%	52,123	86,987	66.9%
Johnstown	19,663	73,192	272.2%	8,356	26,421	216.2%
LaSalle	2,901	3,045	5.0%	895	1,873	109.3%
Loveland	91,979	159,967	73.9%	47,370	73,406	55.0%
Milliken	9,002	17,756	97.2%	726	2,436	235.5%
Non-GMA Larimer	37,632	68,005	80.7%	10,926	22,567	106.5%
Non-GMA Weld	32,204	64,096	99.0%	9,610	25,920	169.7%
Severance	9,498	25,335	166.7%	534	2,886	440.4%
Timnath	9,106	28,371	211.6%	2,720	7,181	164.0%
Windsor	35,999	85,473	137.4%	15,180	27,573	81.6%

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#### **Goals and Objectives**

#### **Regional Health**

Improve economic development, residents' quality of life, and air quality







#### **Mobility**

Moves people and goods safely, efficiently, and reliably on a continuous transportation system







#### **Operations**

Optimize operations, planning, and funding of transportation facilities







#### Safety

Reduce the number of roadway related fatalities and serious injuries within the region







#### Multimodal

Improve accessibility of and access to transit and alternative modes of transportation







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#### **Chapters**



#### 1. Planning Context

What does our region/agency look like today?

#### 2. Trends

Socioeconomic, transportation, emerging trends and technology, and security/safety

#### 3. Visioning and Scenario Planning

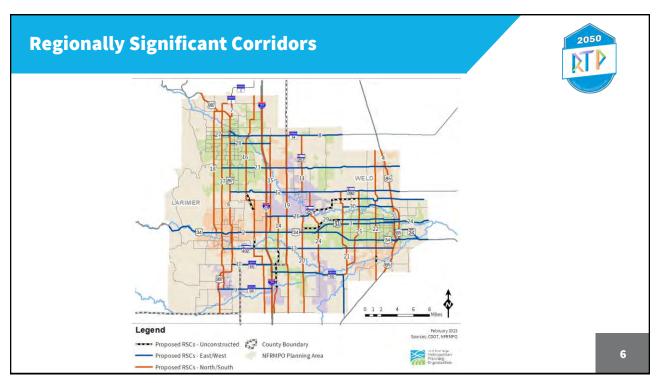
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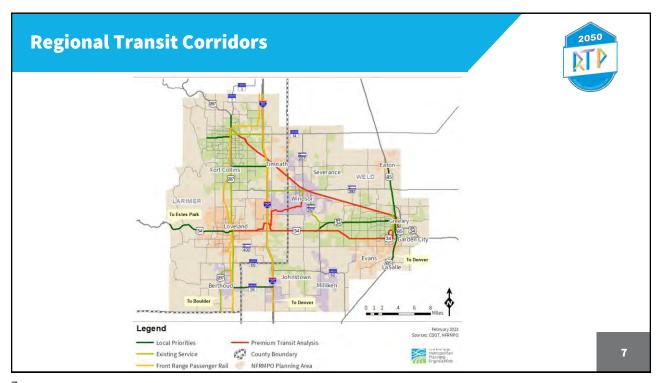
#### 4. Funding and Financing

What projects should the region fund and with what money?

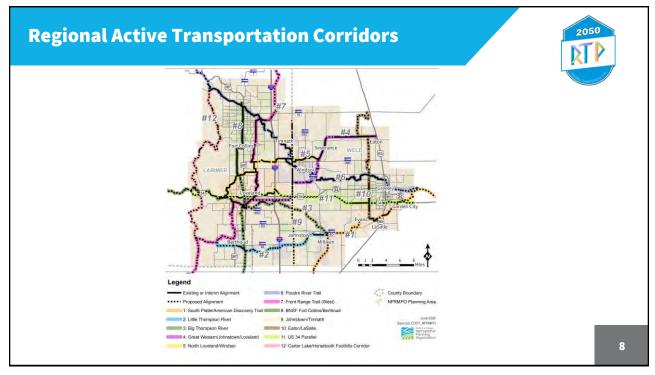
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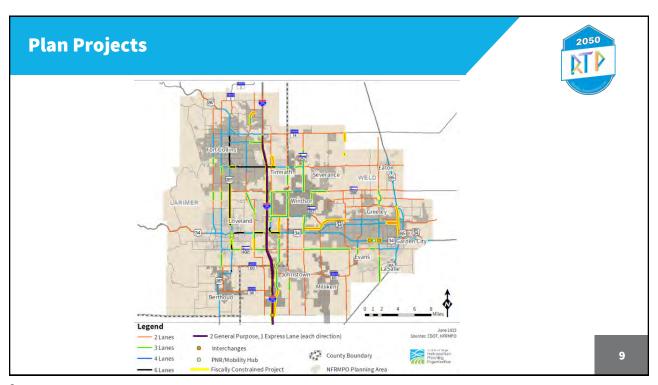
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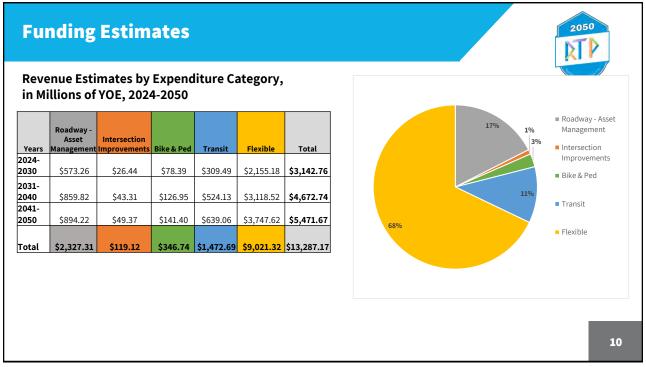


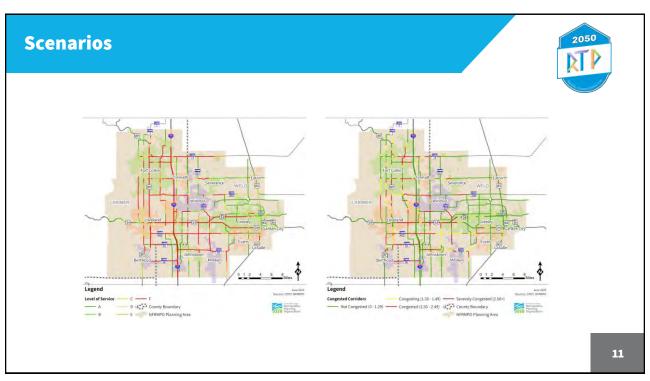
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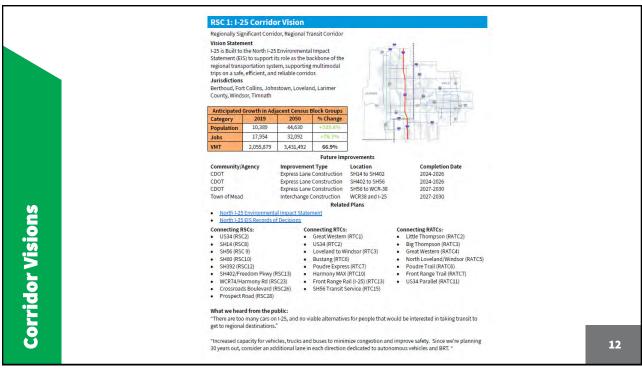


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#### **Air Quality**



#### **GHG Transportation Report**

- Strategies to achieve reductions in greenhouse gases
  - Active Transportation
  - Operations
  - Transit
  - TDM
- Approval by CDPHE and Transportation Commission
- NFRMPO-area specific

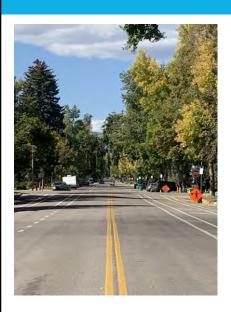
#### Conformity

- Ensure RTP improves ozone precursors, does not hurt air quality
- Approval by EPA and FHWA
- Modeled on behalf of Northern Subarea

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#### **Questions?**



- NFRMPO website: <a href="mailto:nfrmpo.org/rtp/2050-rtp">nfrmpo.org/rtp/2050-rtp</a>
- Email us! planning@nfrmpo.org
- Follow us: @nfrmpo



## Front Range Passenger Rail Update

Andy Karsian, FRPR District David Singer, CDOT DTR

August 3, 2023



## Major Issues Now

Congestion, Safety, Reliability



Air Quality and GHG Emissions



**Disconnected Communities** 



## Compounded by Population Gain



From 2020 to 2050, an additional 3 million people are expected to live and commute along the Front Range



## What is Front Range Passenger Rail?

- New inter-city train service.
- Initial service: Pueblo through Denver and north to Fort Collins, with stops along the way.
- Long-term vision: connecting to New Mexico and Wyoming.
- Using existing tracks shared with freight railroads to minimize costs and accelerate the service start date.





#### **Commuter Rail**

Serves one metropolitan area connecting suburbs to an urban core.



## **Inter-City Rail**



2-4 Miles	STATION DISTANCE	20-30+ Miles
35-45 Miles Per Hour	AVERAGE SPEED	45-55+ Miles Per Hour*
20-75 Miles	SERVICE LENGTH	50-300+ Miles / < 750 Miles

\*Average running speed between stops is 65-90 Miles Per Hour





# Connecting Coloradoans to Opportunities, Adventure, and Each Other

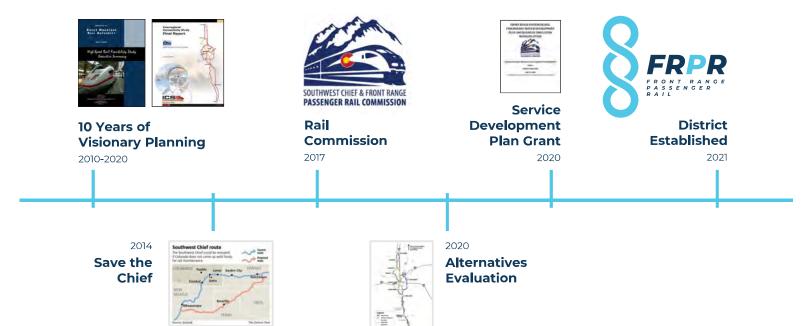
- Working Professionals
- College Students
- People with Disabilities

- Families
- Sports Fans
- Festival-Goers
- Tourists

- Older Adults and Veterans
- People without Cars
- Urban Explorers



### **History of Front Range Passenger Rail**



#### What is the FRPR District?

- Created by Colorado Legislature in 2021.
- New local government created to finance, design, construct, and operate a passenger rail service along the Front Range.
- Following voter approval, can levy taxes to finance the rail system.
- Working with local communities to develop station improvement districts and passenger rail stations.





#### **District Board of Directors**

## MPO/COG Representatives (10)

- Denver Regional Council of Governments
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
- North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Council
- Pueblo Area Council of Governments
- South Central Council of Governments COG

#### **Governor Appointments (6)**

#### CDOT (1)

#### Ex Officio (7)

- BNSF Railway
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Amtrak
- RTD
- I-70 Mountain Corridor Coalition
- State of Wyoming
- State of Wyoming



## Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity

- Foundation of 15 years of advocacy and planning.
- District established.
- Strong state support.
- New passenger rail programs and funding established through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

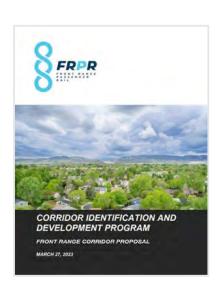




## Corridor Identification and Development Program (FRA)

- Comprehensive inter-city passenger rail planning program.
- Creates a pipeline of projects ready for implementation.
- Opens up millions of dollars in new funding – 90/10 federal match.

- Submitted Application in March 2023.
- Notice of Acceptance in Fall 2023.
- If accepted into the Program,
   District receives initial \$500,000.







## Service Development Plan

### Service Development Plan



Began Late 2022 and Concludes Mid/Late 2024



**Pueblo to Fort Collins** 



#### The SDP process defines:

- Station Locations
- Service Frequency
- Onboard Amenities
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Ticket Price
- Costs and Financing Plan
- Railroad Partnerships



### **Federal Regulatory and Funding Criteria**

Business	Policy	Customer	Benefits
<ul> <li>Projected Ridership, Revenue, Capital Investment, Operating Costs</li> <li>Anticipated Non- Federal Funding Support</li> <li>Operator Support</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Planning Study Alignment</li> <li>State Rail Plan</li> <li>Access for Historically Underserved, Low Income/Poverty</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Competitive with other Modes</li> <li>Multimodal Connectivity</li> <li>Connections to Most Populated Metro Areas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Environmental</li> <li>Congestion</li> <li>Economic and Employment</li> <li>Rural Communities</li> <li>Regional equity/ geographic diversity of intercity rail</li> <li>Integration with national passenger rail system</li> </ul>



### **Route Analysis Considerations**

Connects Front Range communities and major markets

Consistent with previous planning efforts (State, Regional)

Consistent with multi-modal network

Compatibility with freight operations

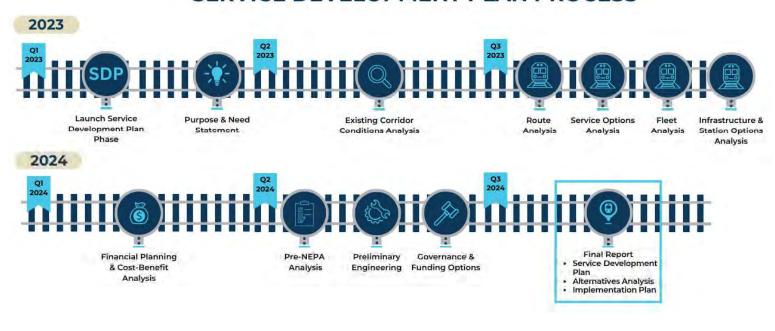
Support from potential operator

Alignment with FRA's grant definition and scope

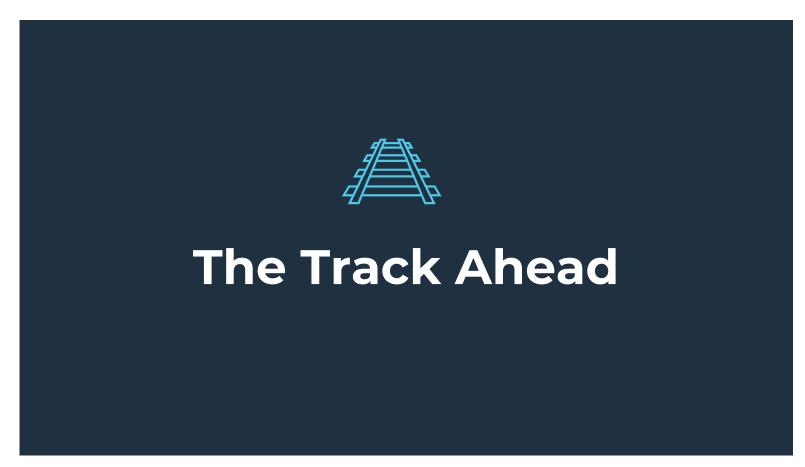




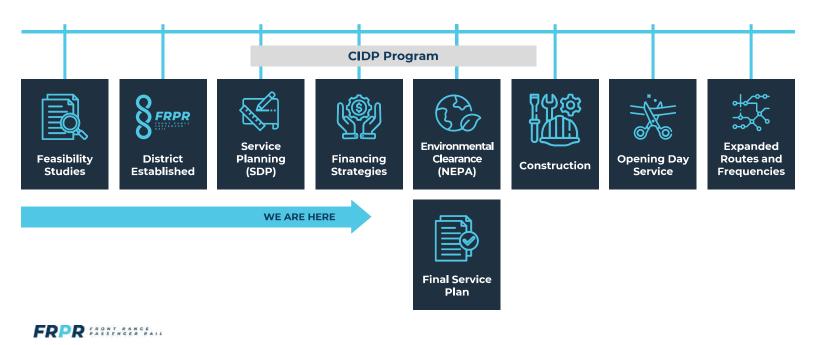
## FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROCESS







### Route to Front Range Passenger Rail



### 4 Year Plan Leading into a Ballot Initiative



## **Partnerships and Local Coordination**



#### Financial Support

- Local governments
- State legislature
- Governor's office
- Colorado DC delegation
- USDOT and FRA



## Generating Public Support for Ballot Measure

- Chambers of commerce
- Environmental, Accessibility, Active Transportation, and Equity Orgs
- Local governments
- State legislature
- Governor's office



#### Station Planning and Station Improvement Districts

- Local governments
- Downtown business organizations
- Landowners
- Developers



#### Multimodal Connectivity

- Local governments
- MPOs/COGs
- CDOT
- Transit agencies



#### Planning, Design, Engineering, Implementation

- Freight railroads
- FRA
- CDOT
- RTD



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### CDOT Region 4 Inactive Projects Report - NFRMPO - July 10, 2023

Project	Local	Number	Description	Budget	Expend	Encumbered	Balance	FHWA End Date	Activity Status
20389	Greeley	AQC M570-048	10th Street in Greeley: Phase II	\$4,743,069.00	\$2,631,260.46	\$1,461,808.17	\$650,000.37	10/31/2022	1-WARNING, Greater Than A Year Since Activity
23491	Loveland	BRO M830-100	Loveland 1st St Irrigation Canal Bridge	\$625,000.00	\$0.00	\$625,000.00	\$0.00	6/30/2025	1-WARNING, Greater Than A Year Since Activity
22461	Fort Collins	FSA M455-126	College & Troutman Signal Upgrades	\$250,000.00	\$26,677.75	\$223,322.25	\$0.00	No Federal Funds	1-WARNING, Greater Than A Year Since Activity
22282	Greeley	FSA M570-053	Greeley Evans Transit Bus Yard	\$160,000.00	\$0.00	\$160,000.00	\$0.00	No Federal Funds	1-WARNING, Greater Than A Year Since Activity
23945	Greeley	MTF M570-062	Greeley No.3 Canal Trail 2020	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	No Federal Funds	1-WARNING, Greater Than A Year Since Activity
23927	Loveland	MTF M830-103	US287 West Sidewalk Gap	\$117,500.00	\$0.00	\$117,500.00	\$0.00	No Federal Funds	1-WARNING, Greater Than A Year Since Activity
21996	Fort Collins	STU M455-125	Timberline Road Corridor Improvements	\$2,694,602.00	\$0.00	\$2,694,602.00	\$0.00	4/30/2025	1-WARNING, Greater Than A Year Since Activity
23045	Greeley	AQC M570-054	Phase III Fiber 2022	\$309,013.00	\$0.00	\$309,013.00	\$0.00	10/31/2023	2-ALERT, Greater Than 9 Months Since Activity
23943	Platteville	MTF M053-004	Division St Sidewalks Construction	\$199,213.00	\$199,212.40	\$0.00	\$0.60	No Federal Funds	2-ALERT, Greater Than 9 Months Since Activity
23949	Loveland	MTF M830-104	Centerra Trail	\$459,476.00	\$66,963.00	\$392,513.00	\$0.00	No Federal Funds	2-ALERT, Greater Than 9 Months Since Activity
24105	Fort Collins	STU 2873-215	US 287 Intersection Improvements	\$83,108.00	\$0.00	\$83,108.00	\$0.00	3/31/2024	2-ALERT, Greater Than 9 Months Since Activity
23049	Evans	STU M415-021	Widening 37th St/47th Ave	\$1,351,087.00	\$0.00	\$1,351,087.00	\$0.00	10/31/2023	2-ALERT, Greater Than 9 Months Since Activity
23632	Larimer County	TAP CO60-090	Non Motorized Sidewalk 57th St/US287	\$143,750.00	\$71,720.30	\$72,029.70	\$0.00	9/30/2023	2-ALERT, Greater Than 9 Months Since Activity
24475	Windsor	TAP M377-012	Great Western Trail Windsor Phase II	\$234,907.00	\$0.00	\$234,907.00	\$0.00	10/31/2024	2-ALERT, Greater Than 9 Months Since Activity
23631	Loveland	TAP M830-102	Centerra Trail	\$764,306.00	\$113,823.00	\$650,483.00	\$0.00	12/31/2025	2-ALERT, Greater Than 9 Months Since Activity
25296	Johnstown	MTF M690-002	CO 60 & Carlson Blvd - Intersection Imp.	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	No Federal Funds	3-Caution, Greater Than 6 Months Since Activity
24890	LaSalle	BRO M775-001	Main St./Union Ditch Crossing	\$94,000.00	\$63,357.00	\$30,643.00	\$0.00	1/31/2024	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
25013	Severance	FSA 3921-021	CO 392 and WCR 23 Signalization	\$625,000.00	\$0.00	\$625,000.00	\$0.00	No Federal Funds	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
23944	Berthoud	MTF M070-909	Berthoud Pkwy Trail Gap Elimination	\$200,000.00	\$176,806.31	\$23,193.69	\$0.00	No Federal Funds	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
23948	Severance	MTF M192-003	WCR23/Great Western Trail Connection	\$75,000.00	\$56,154.18	\$18,845.32	\$0.50	No Federal Funds	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
23926	Windsor	MTF M377-010	7th St MMOF Transportation Study	\$150,000.00	\$83,925.05	\$66,074.95	\$0.00	No Federal Funds	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
23934	Fort Collins	MTF M455-138	West Elizabeth Corridor in Fort Collins	\$750,000.00	\$619,221.19	\$130,778.81	\$0.00	No Federal Funds	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
23933	Greeley	MTF M570-061	Greeley Comp. Transportation Plan	\$325,000.00	\$145,997.43	\$179,002.57	\$0.00	No Federal Funds	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
23025	Fort Collins	SAR M455-127	Hampshire Bikeway Arterial Crossing	\$619,814.00	\$402,689.16	\$217,124.74	\$0.10	10/31/2023	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
21966	Fort Collins	SHO M455-124	US 287 & Trilby Road Intersection	\$924,998.00	\$67,898.05	\$857,099.95	\$0.00	9/30/2023	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
23881	Fort Collins	SHO M455-136	Timberline Rd & Carpenter (SH392) Imprv.	\$696,285.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$696,285.00	1/31/2025	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
23897	Greeley	SHO M570-059	US34 & WCR17 Traff. Sig. Upgrades	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	1/31/2025	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
23044	Weld County	STU C030-078	WCR 74/WCR 33 Roundabout	\$1,318,780.00	\$611,068.50	\$707,711.50	\$0.00	4/30/2026	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
21995	Windsor	STU M377-007	SH 257 & Eastman Park Intersection Impv	\$4,330,833.00	\$0.00	\$4,330,260.00	\$573.00	5/31/2026	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
23047	Fort Collins	STU M455-129	LCR19 (Taft Hill) Improvements	\$619,322.00	\$0.00	\$619,321.99	\$0.01	9/30/2024	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
21998	Loveland	STU M830-094	US 34 Widening Boise Ave to I25	\$3,225,027.00	\$3,225,027.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	4/30/2023	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
21993	Larimer County	TAP C060-088	North LCR 17 Expansion: Willox to US287	\$2,162,795.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,162,795.00	3/31/2026	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
23639	Severance	TAP M192-002	WCR 23/Great Western Trail Connection	\$600,000.00	\$449,233.48	\$150,766.52	\$0.00	4/30/2025	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
23630	Fort Collins	TAP M455-133	LaPorte Ave Fishback to Sunset Sidewalks	\$1,437,501.00	\$106,498.28	\$1,331,001.72	\$1.00	12/31/2023	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months
21992	Johnstown	TAP M690-001	Little Thompson River Trail Phase 1a	\$312,500.00	\$96,117.05	\$216,382.95	\$0.00	4/30/2024	4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months

Bold indicates FHWA End Date expiring within 6 months

**Red indicates expired FHWA End Date** 

Highlight indicates fast approaching FHWA End Date

## Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting Summary

Date/Time: Thursday, July 6, 2023; 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

STAC Meeting July 6, 2023 Recording

#### **Highlights and Action Items**

HB 23-1101 Study Update – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Executive Director, and CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations Director

- For the Study Process:
  - There were two successful meetings with the TPR Study Advisory Committee.
    - Received feedback from this committee recommending Staff continue to examine management of TPRs and to look for opportunities to educate the public on the role of TPRs.
  - A survey has been developed to reach out to the public and interested stakeholders pertaining to this study to identify how to solicit more public involvement and stakeholder engagement.
  - o CDOT staff have continued to critically review TPR IGAs and Bylaws
  - o CDOT staff continue to compile maps and data that reflect all of the statutory study requirements.
  - A series of virtual public meetings are being scheduled for each of the five CDOT Engineering Regions. They will occur at the end of July and early August.
  - Survey being distributed to stakeholders around the state.
- The TPR Study Advisory Committee meetings are being documented well with detailed note taking.

## CDOT Legislative Report – Jamie Grim Budget & Policy Analyst, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations

- Federal Legislative Update
  - Federal Rail Safety Act it will be important to see how that will impact freight as well as the Front Range Passenger Rail plans. The Act is being negotiated in Congress.
  - Started negotiations for the Defense Authorization Act- that might cover transportation elements.
- CDOT localities and Colorado submitted 23 RAISE Grant applications, and received \$71.9 million worth of RAISE Discretionary Grants Awarded in Colorado. Recipients included Boulder, Lakewood, Delta, Fort Collins, Idaho Springs, and Cortez.
  - Boulder County was awarded \$25 million for CO 119 Diagonal Highway Mobility Improvement Project
  - Lakewood was awarded \$20 million for the U.S. 6 and Wadsworth Interchange Improvement Project
  - Delta received \$13 million for a Revitalizing Main Street Program project.
  - o Fort Collins was awarded \$10.7 mil for the Foothills Transit Station and roundabout.
- Multimodal Discretionary Grant program (MPDG) applications are due Monday Aug 21st
- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program applications are due September 28th and applications opened yesterday to the STAC meeting.

## Program Distribution: Transportation Alternatives Program Funds – Marissa Gaughan and Aaron Willis, Multimodal Planning Branch

- Sheryl Trent is the Program Distribution facilitator and refreshed STAC members regarding her role and ground rules for Program Distribution discussions.
- CDOT staff shared with STAC highlights from the recent Call for Projects- TAP discussions, a press release is scheduled for distribution in the near future.
- CDOT staff reviewed the current distribution formula for the TAP and requested the STAC to approve recommending the existing formula to the TC.
- **Action:** STAC members approved the current formula for the Transportation Alternatives Program outlined in the presentation.

#### Aeronautics Division Update - David Ulane, Colorado Aeronautics Division Director

- An update of the ongoing and planned work of the Aeronautics Division was provided to the TC.
- Topics covered included: an introduction to the Aeronautics Division, the Colorado Aviation System, financing and programs for aviation system improvements, economic impacts of the Colorado Aviation System both passenger and cargo, and how revenue is generated and expended, Aviation System plans, technological advancements in aviation.
- Aeronautics Division works to support airports and aviation as part of Colorado's multimodal transportation system.
- Denver International Airport (DIA) used to be 19th busiest airport in the world and is now the 3rd busiest airport in the world
- A key new technology includes virtual air control towers.

## National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 8 Update – Kara Mueller, Highway Safety Specialist

- NHTSA's mission is to save lives, prevent injuries and reduce economic and other social costs to roadway crashes.
  - Work is accomplished through education, research, safety standards, and enforcement activities
- NHTSA is Split into 10 regions. Colorado is in NHTSA Region 8 with their office located in Denver.
- A current focus at NHTSA is promoting human behavior changes to increase safety.
- Other work includes programmatic and fiscal oversight of state projects/ programs and expenditures, technical
  assistance and guidance, and collaboration with other federal agencies like FHWA, CDOT, along with cities and
  counties as highway safety partners to advance highway safety.
- There are 405C grant funds for enhancing safety including the work of highway patrol, e-citation, a crash data dashboard, and DRCOG has an ongoing project using these funds. The process for applying for grant funds was explained. 405C grant applications are due annually by August 1. Colorado NHTSA prefers to have applications submitted by March, but applications are accepted year round.

#### Featured Region of the Month - Region 2 - Shane Ferguson, Region 2

Shane Ferguson, Region 2 Regional Transportation Director (RTD) provided an overview of the projects and accomplishments of Region 2. Projects discussed included:

- Military Access, Mobility & Safety Improvement (MAMSIP) Project CO 94 and Charter Oak improvements are complete, with South Academy Blvd widening, and improvements occurring on I-25 from South Academy to Sante Fe Avenue.
- US 285/CO 9 project- Fairplay, Park County, bridge replacement, adding turn lanes, extending acceleration lanes, improving drainage, pedestrian sidewalks, and 88 improvements along corridors.
- US 50/I-25 Interchange reconstruction project in the Pueblo area.
- Rural service treatment projects include:
  - CO 96 is part of Trans-America cycling trail, pavement resurfacing, and is anticipated to be completed in this
    fall.
  - o US 160 from Kim to Pritchett- scheduled to finish in summer 2024.
- Colorado Springs I-25 Ramp Improvements
- Region 2 Bridge Bundle Design Build Project
- Region 2 Wildlife Mitigation Efforts

#### Future STAC Meetings

- The August, September and October STAC meetings will be in-person, with August and September at DRCOG at 1001 17th Street, Denver, and the October meeting at CDOT headquarters.
- The next STAC meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2023 held in-person at DRCOG.

	MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT OFFICE (CTIO) <sup>1</sup>				
	Held: Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 10:00 am  Broadcast on YouTube Live. A recording of the CTIO meeting can be found <a href="here">here</a> for six months after the meeting was held. After that time, it will be archived.				
	The regular meeting of the CTIO Board of Directors was convened in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following Directors present:				
	Margaret Bowes, Chair (Remote) Karen Stuart, Vice-Chair (Remote) Cecil Gutierrez (Remote) Joel Noble (Remote)				
Roll Call Regular Meeting	All board members, except Director Adams and Director Easton, were present. The meeting began at 10:01 am.				
Informal Discussion	<ul> <li>CTIO Staff and the CTIO Board discussed the following:</li> <li>FY 2023-24 Tolling Operations and Maintenance Intra Agency Agreement (IAA).</li> <li>Open Meetings and Records Law training.</li> <li>Toll Rate Adjustment Introductions (I-25 and C-470).</li> <li>Commercial Tolling Back Office Procurement Update.</li> </ul>				
	Discussion Board members and staff discussed the following:  Tolling Operations and Maintenance IAA cost comparison with the previous year and the areas where it has risen and fallen.  Toll adjustment discussion and when the board will be asked to vote.  Commercial Tolling Back Office Procurement timeline.				
Roll Call Regular Meeting	All board members were present, except Director Adams and Director Easton. The meeting continued at 10:18 am.				
Public Comment	There was no public comment.				

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#### **Director's Report** Nick Farber, CTIO Director, provided the Director's Report, which included information on the following: Director Farber introduced Anup Bhutada to the CTIO board as the new CTIO intern who is supporting data analysis for the next few months. • CDOT Chief Financial Officer, Jeffrey Sudmier, and Director Farber attended the JP Morgan Investor Conference in New York City last month and held meetings with four different Bond Holders, including: Macquarie. Federated. Muni Credit & Compliance Advisors. JP Morgan. Discussion ranged from discussing CDOT and CTIO, Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise's future plans, and what's happening with C470. Director Farber also attended the Stifel investor conference at the Tivoli Building at Metro State, where he participated on a panel discussing federal and state funding opportunities. Last month Outfront Media reached out to CTIO staff to terminate our Branded Cities Digital Billboard contract, since no billboards were able to come to fruition under that agreement. That termination should be official by the end of this month. Plenary Roads Denver will also be adjusting tolls on US 36 starting on or around July 1st. They haven't yet decided on an amount, but they will attend next month's meeting to discuss it with the CTIO Board. Construction/ There was a question from the CTIO Board on the recent heavy rainfall and its impact Operations/Mainten on segments of I-25 North. CTIO staff confirmed they would look into the issue and get ance Questions back to Director Guiterrez, who posed the question. Emily Haddaway, CDOT Legislative Liaison, provided a round-up of the bills passed **Legislative Update** during the recent legislative session that would interest the CTIO Board. **Discussion** Board Members and staff discussed the origins of the 10-year plan bill, the legal aspects of the Governor's veto, and the timeline associated with it. **Consent Agenda ACTION:** Upon a motion by Director Guiterrez and second by Director Noble, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #416 (April 18 and 19, 2023 Minutes) was unanimously Resolution #416 approved. ACTION: Upon a motion by Director Guiterrez and second by Director Noble, a vote **Tolling Operations** and Maintenance was conducted, and Resolution #417 (FY 2023-24 Tolling Operations and Maintenance Intra Agency Intra Agency Agreement (IAA) was unanimously approved. Agreement (IAA)

Toll Rate Adjustment Introduction (I-25 and C-470)	CTIO Board members and staff discussed the toll rate adjustment process and timeline associated with I-25 and C-470. CTIO staff confirmed this will be brought before the board for a vote during next month's meeting.
Open Meetings and Records Law training	George Hypolite, CTIO's Attorney General, provided training to the CTIO Board on open meetings and records law that focused on the following:  • Statutory Powers and Duties.  • Conflicts of Interest.  • Colorado Open Records Act (CORA).  • Executive Sessions.  • Recent developments.
Adjourn	The CTIO Board adjourned at 10:56 am.

	MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT OFFICE (CTIO) <sup>1</sup>		
	Held: Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 1:30 pm		
	The meeting of the CTIO Board of Directors was convened in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following Directors present:		
	Margaret Bowes, Chair (Remote) Karen Stuart, Vice-Chair (Remote) Cecil Gutierrez (Remote) Joel Noble (Remote) Eula Adams (Remote) Travis Easton (Remote)		
Roll Call Regular Meeting	All board members were present. The meeting began at 1:30 pm.		
Executive Session (closed to the public)	CTIO Board Chair Bowes proposed a motion to convene an Executive Session for receiving legal advice and determining positions to matters subject to negotiations regarding C-470 Financing. Upon a motion by Director Guiterrez and second by Vice Chair Stuart, the CTIO Board entered the Executive Session at 1:32 pm. Members of the public were excused.		
	The executive session discussion is required to be kept confidential pursuant to Sections 24-6-402(3)(a)(v) and (III) and 24- 72-204(3)(a)(IV) of the Colorado Revised Statutes.		
	The Board exited the Executive Session at 2:37 pm.		
Adjourn	The CTIO Board adjourned at 2:37 pm.		

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	MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT OFFICE (CTIO) <sup>1</sup>		
	Held: Wednesday, June 17, 2023, 10:00 am  Broadcast on YouTube Live. A recording of the CTIO meeting can be found <a href="here">here</a> _for six months after the meeting was held. After that time, it will be archived.		
	The regular meeting of the CTIO Board of Directors was convened in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following Directors present:		
	Margaret Bowes, Chair (Remote) Karen Stuart, Vice-Chair (In-Person) Cecil Gutierrez (Remote) Joel Noble (In-Person) Eula Adams (In-Person)		
Roll Call Regular Meeting	All board members, except Director Easton, were present. The meeting began at 10:01 am.		
Informal Discussion	<ul> <li>CTIO Staff and the CTIO Board discussed the following:</li> <li>C-470 operations and maintenance (O&amp;M) Backup Loan Agreement.</li> <li>Plenary Roads Denver (PRD) US 36 Toll Rate Adjustment.</li> <li>Toll Rate Adjustments (I-25 and C-470).</li> <li>CTIO Staffing Transition.</li> </ul>		
	Discussion  Board members and staff discussed the following:		
	- Warket-based considerations to the priority.		

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	<ul> <li>O&amp;M considerations in the adjustment and the possibility of returning to the board with future adjustments, particularly on C-470.</li> <li>Inflation considerations.</li> <li>CTIO Staffing Transition</li> <li>CTIO Board Members and CTIO staff presented Director Farber with some tokens of appreciation for his eleven-plus years of service to the state. They wished him well in his future endeavors as he embarks on a new opportunity in the transportation sector.</li> <li>Maria Johnson will also be leaving CTIO, and staff presented Ms. Johnson with some gifts and well wishes as she begins a new adventure on the east coast of the United States.</li> </ul>
Roll Call Regular Meeting	All board members were present, except Director Easton. The meeting continued at 10:38 am.
Public Comment	There was no public comment.
Director's Report	<ul> <li>Nick Farber, CTIO Director, provided the Director's Report, which included information on the following:</li> <li>Tour of Burnham Yard involving CTIO board members and CDOT staff.</li> <li>The Burnham Yard Transportation Planning Study core team agreed on three track alignment alternatives. The project team aims to narrow the alternatives to two in July to take into ten percent design.</li> <li>Director Farber and Piper Darlington presented to the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) on the I-25 North TIFIA loan last month.</li> <li>Director Farber concluded his report by noting that this was his last meeting as Director of CTIO and that it had been a privilege to work with all the staff and stakeholders on many of the projects that have improved the transportation system in the state.</li> </ul>
Construction/ Operations/Mai ntenance Questions	There were no questions from the CTIO Board.
Consent Agenda Resolution #418	<b>ACTION:</b> Upon a motion by Director Adams and second by Director Noble, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #418 (May 17 and 23, 2023 Minutes) was unanimously approved.
Acting Director Resolution #419	<b>ACTION:</b> Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Stuart and second by Director Adams, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #419 (Acting Director Appointment) was unanimously approved.

Toll Rate Adjustment (I-25 and C-470) Resolution \$420	<b>ACTION:</b> Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Stuart and second by Director Noble, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #420 (Toll Rate Adjustment - I-25 and C-470) was unanimously approved.
C-470 O&M Backup Loan Agreement Resolution #421	<b>ACTION:</b> Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Stuart and second by Director Noble, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #421 (C-470 O&M Backup Loan Agreement) was unanimously approved.
Executive Session (closed to the public)	CTIO Board Chair Bowes proposed a motion to convene an Executive Session to discuss confidential information regarding personnel policies related to the new CTIO Director. Upon a motion by Vice Chair Stuart and second by Director Noble, the CTIO Board entered the Executive Session at 10:58 am. Members of the public were excused.  The executive session discussion is required to be kept confidential pursuant to Sections 24-6-402(3)(a)(v) and (III) and 24-72-204(3)(a)(IV) of the Colorado Revised Statutes.  The Board exited the Executive Session at 11:38 am.
Adjourn	The CTIO Board adjourned at 11:38 am.