

MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

From: Alex Gordon Date: August 16, 2023

Re: 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) **UPDATED**

Background

NFRMPO staff has been working on the <u>2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)</u> with the guidance of the TAC and Planning Council. Major components of the <u>2050 RTP</u> include the Land Use Allocation Model (LUAM), Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM), Fiscally Constrained Plan, and corridor visioning. The final draft of the <u>2050 RTP</u> was uploaded: https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2050-regional-transportation-plan.pdf

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 <u>2050 RTP</u> was released for public comment on July 10, 2023 and closed on August 9, 2023. Local community staff and residents submitted public comments, which were incorporated into the final version of the RTP. A major theme of the comments received was the focus on roadway capacity instead of alternative transportation.

NFRMPO staff prepared the GHG Transportation Report, which will be taken to the Transportation Commission for their approval on August 16, 2023. A Conformity Report was prepared, which will be adopted before the <u>2050 RTP</u> at the September 7, 2023 Planning Council meeting. The Conformity Report will be taken to the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) at their August 15, 2023 meeting.

Action

Staff requests TAC recommend Planning Council adopt the 2050 RTP.



MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

From: AnnaRose Cunningham

Date: August 19, 2023

Re: 2023 Call for Projects

The NFRMPO 2023 Call for Projects to award federal funding for Fiscal years 2026 and 2027 opened on August 4, 2023. An Applicant Training Workshop was held on August 10, 2023, which provided an overview of the Call, requirements for all projects, and a demonstration of the application and the application data tool. The NFRMPO has created a website for the 2023 Call for Projects which includes the following:

- Call for Project Schedule
- 2023 Call for Projects Guidebook
- Call for Projects Application Data Tool
- GIS Shapefile Data Downloads
- Application Workbook
- 2023 Call for Projects Applicant Training Workshop Recording

The website can be accessed at the following link: https://call-for-projects-nfrmpo.hub.arcgis.com/

Project descriptions for all projects are due to <u>planning@nfrmpo.org</u> by 5:00pm on August 25, 2023. Projects requiring CDOT concurrence are required to submit the project description to Josie Thomas (josie.thomas@state.co.us).

Action

Staff requests TAC be prepared to discuss any questions about the 2023 Call for Projects in an open Q&A discussion.

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

August 10, 2023

Attendees: Nathalie Rachline, Pauline Migliore, Gary Strome, Matt Maynard, Brad Ragazzo

Staff: AnnaRose Cunningham, Alex Gordon

2050 Regional Transportation Plan Outreach

Cunningham asked the group their feedback on the <u>2050 RTP</u>. The group stated they were interested to hear what the public responded. Gordon explained that a major comment was about the focus on capacity, and NFRMPO staff expanded the vision corridors to highlight feedback from the public, multimodal improvements, and better context for improvements along the corridors. Cunningham explained the feedback about safety, specifically about the performance measures and targets. Rachline asked if there could be a performance measure about reduction in crashes instead of a target. Cunningham explained ideas NFRMPO staff will incorporate into the next RTP, including regional performance measures for safety, vehicle miles traveled, and non-motorized transportation. Migliore asked if the crash data was calendar year or fiscal year. Cunningham stated it is calendar year and explained some of the delays in getting data. Cunningham provided further context, including local communities applying for Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) grants. Ragazzo asked if the public would be able to see the plans. Cunningham stated public outreach is required as part of the grant.

Cunningham reviewed the evaluation process of the <u>2050 RTP</u> public outreach phase, including the four guiding principles. This evaluation will be incorporated into the Plan itself. Maynard recommended doing more youth outreach.

US34 Corridor Discussion

Gordon explained the US34 Transportation Management Organization (TMO), LinkNoCo Phase II, and the conversations around transit in the region. Maynard emphasized first mile/last mile connection needs, including park-n-rides and other options. COLT and GET need to work together to break down barriers and to make sure that transfers to local transit are convenient.

Roundtable

Cunningham stated the group will be meeting in October because she will be at a conference in September. Instead, Cunningham will share the Shift Driving training provided by Bicycle Colorado.

NoCo Bicycle and Pedestrian Collaborative is hosting a walk audit in Eaton on September 14, 2023. Gordon summarized the walk audit that NoCo Bike & Ped did on August 9, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.