

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
August 16, 2023
1:00 – 2:24 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Buckman – Ft. Collins
Jason Elkins – Johnstown
Nicole Hahn – Loveland
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud
Bhooshan Karnik – Greeley
Tom Moore – RAQC
Mark Oberschmidt, Vice Chair – Evans
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County
Josie Thomas - CDOT
Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County

NFRMPO STAFF:

Brooke Bettolo
AnnaRose Cunningham
Alex Gordon
Jerome Rouser
Michael Saunders
Cory Schmitt

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emma Belmont – FTA
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Town of Garden City
Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alex Donaldson – Loveland
Caleb Feaver – Fox Tuttle
Candice Folkers – COLT
Myron Hora – Ulteig Engineering
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Will Keenan – FHWA
Joshua Ma – Ft. Collins
Dee McIntosh – CDOT
Evan Pinkham – Weld County
Justin Stone – Loveland
Phil Von Hake – CDOT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tracy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 19, 2023 TAC MINUTES

Oberschmidt moved to approve the July 19, 2023

TAC Minutes. Buckman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Moore informed the committee of an FHU report on direct source rule analysis pertaining to Larimer and Weld counties. Moore stated the analysis had been completed and ozone attainment was demonstrated for 2026. A notice will be available in September following the submittal of chapters to the AQCC for the final rulemaking session in December.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

2050 Regional Transportation Plan – Gordon noted the 2050 RTP was complete and awaiting approval. Gordon noted that the public comment period for the plan ended on August 9, with several comments received including a letter from the National Resource Defense Council (NRDC). Gordon addressed the letter's concern regarding the plan's focus on capacity projects, explaining that although future projects may be centered around capacity, they would include multimodal investments. Gordon stated the plan had been changed to show this more clearly and Cunningham had included an appendix on Public Outreach. Relford moved to recommend that the Planning Council adopt the 2050 RTP. The motion was seconded by Oberschmidt and approved unanimously.

FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program – Cunningham noted an update included in the FY2024-2027 TIP is the differentiation between FHWA CMAQ funds and CMAQ funds which have been flexed to FTA. Cunningham informed the committee that the public comment period for the TIP opened on August 4 and would close on September 3rd. Oberschmidt moved to approve the FY 2024-2027 TIP, which was seconded by Relford and approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations this month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2023 Call for Projects – Cunningham informed the committee of the recent applicant workshop that had been held for the 2023 Call for Projects. Cunningham noted that additional shapefiles were available for applicants and would be added to the Call for Projects website if requested. Cunningham informed the committee that project descriptions as well as submittal to CDOT for concurrence would be due on August 25th. TAC discussed the maximum funding requests for agencies as well as the obligations for project co-sponsorships and partnerships, and the difference between CDOT concurrence and acknowledgement.

US34 Project Updates – Gordon reviewed three upcoming US34 projects. First was the proposed establishment of a stand-alone Transit Management Organization (TMO) to promote alternatives to driving, including the timeline for creating the TMO and funding sources. Second is the development of LinkNoCo Phase II. Finally, the committee discussed transit options on the corridor and the potential benefits and difficulties associated with different transit types.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative – Rouser discussed the findings of the recent walk audit in Timnath, and the recommendations from the attendees for trail improvements. Rouser noted there will be a Walk Audit in Eaton on September 14th, and a potential upcoming bike audit in Berthoud in early 2024. Rouser requested committee members reach out to him if they are interested in having a bike or walk audit in their communities.

Mobility Updates – Schmitt informed the committee that the mobility updates can be found in the minutes to the Weld County Mobility Committee.

REPORTS

August Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft – Written report provided.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Summary – Written report provided.

Mobility Committee Updates – Written report provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Buckman requested clarification regarding project scoring in the 2023 Call for Projects. Cunningham informed the committee that if two projects from the same community meet the threshold for selection, the community that submitted the projects would get to choose which project is funded. Gordon noted that the agency would then voice their opinion as to what project is funded outside of their community.

Oberschmidt shared Evans had recently finished a new roundabout and that it would soon open to the public. Oberschmidt confirmed Evans was in the process of hiring a new Public Works Director.

Donaldson informed the committee of a new module from CDOT regarding resiliency that could be helpful for engineers.

Relford discussed issues surrounding the WCR74/WCR33 roundabout project.

Rouser noted the NFRMPO will begin working on the next Active Transportation Plan in October and requested those interested in being members of the steering committee to contact him.

Gordon stated CDOT is proposing changes to the Adjusted Urbanized Areas based on the 2020 Census. NFRMPO staff will review the changes when they are ready and can share information with TAC members as it is available.

Karnik informed the committee of Greeley's intent to apply for grant funding for the 9th and 10th St project.

Tracy updated the committee regarding Larimer County's grant applications and flood prevention and response programs.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – There were no agenda topic discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Michael Saunders, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20th, 2023, as a hybrid meeting.