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NFRMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)—AGENDA

August 16, 2023

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, and Introductions**
 - 2. Public Comment (2 minutes each)**
 - 3. Approval of July 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Page 2)**
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AIR QUALITY AGENDA

- 1) Regional Air Quality Updates**

Tom Moore, RAQC

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

No Items this Month.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (Page 6)**
- 2) FY2024-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Page 7)**

Gordon
Cunningham

PRESENTATIONS

No Items this Month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 3) 2023 Call for Projects Q&A**
- 4) US34 Project Update (Page 8)**

Cunningham
Gordon

OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS

- 5) NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative**
- 6) Regional Transit Agencies**
- 7) Mobility Updates**

Rouser

Schmitt

REPORTS

- 8) August Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft (Page 14)**
- 9) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Summary**
- 10) Mobility Committee Updates (Page 15)**
- 11) Roundtable**

Written Report
Handout
Written Report
All

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- 4. Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)**
 - 5. Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions**
 - 6. Next TAC Meeting: September 20, 2023**

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**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
July 19, 2023
1:00 – 2:52 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County
Mark Oberschmidt, Vice Chair – Evans
Abdul Barzak – Severance
Jason Elkins – Johnstown
Nicole Hahn - Loveland
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Bhooshan Karnik – Greeley
Tom Moore – RAQC
Annabelle Philips– Fort Collins, Alternate
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County

NFRMPO STAFF:

Brooke Bettolo
AnnaRose Cunningham
Alex Gordon
Becky Karasko
Suzette Mallette
Jerome Rouser
Michael Saunders
Cory Schmitt

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Richard Duran- FHWA
Candice Folkers – COLT
Ailish Ferrick- FHWA
Myron Hora – Ulteig Engineering
Will Keenan – FHWA
Joshua Ma – Fort Collins
Evan Pinkham- Weld County
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 JUNE 21, 2023 TAC MINUTES

Relford asked for clarification on who was hired as the new Community Development Director for Greeley. Karasko noted the May TAC minutes were updated to include the correct name.

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 Board Meeting and gave initial approval. The SIP will be approved by the RAQC board at the August 4 Board Meeting. The SIP will then go to AQCC for rulemaking. The Board reviewed and approved a set of lawn and garden control strategies at the July 7 meeting.

Karasko stated the NFRMPO has submitted the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report for the 2050 RTP and the FY2024-FY2027 TIP to APCD and CDOT for their review. The NFRMPO also submitted the conformity determination documentation for both plans to APCD for AQCC's review and concurrence ahead of their August 17 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

2023 Call for Projects– Cunningham stated the NFRMPO is planning on opening the call following the August Planning Council meeting. The applicant training workshop is a virtual meeting on August 10. Applicants should submit a project description to the NFRMPO by August 25, and to CDOT for any project that impacts a state facility or an ITS project. Final applications are due October 6. There will be \$24,044,594 available for this call, not including the \$400,000 set-aside for the TMO Incubator fund approved by Planning Council at their August meeting. Cunningham confirmed eligible applicants include any NFRMPO member agencies and CDOT and RAQC. Other agencies must apply through a member community. Cunningham reviewed requirements for the Call for Projects, which are explained in the 2023 Call for Projects Guidebook.

Relford asked why MMOF will not be included in this call. Cunningham stated there was some uncertainty surrounding the MMOF program when work began on the Call, and the Transportation Commission will look at the MMOF distribution formula, which can change the amount of funding available. The NFRMPO will hold a call in the future for FY2026 and FY2027 MMOF. TAC discussed the STBG maximum request limits for large and small communities and agreed to recommend changing the request limits to \$3.16M for large communities and \$1.6M for small communities. Cunningham noted the scoring criteria were structured around the 2050 RTP goals. Cunningham noted there will be one application workbook instead of having separate applications for each funding source. Phillips asked if the NFRMPO will forward the project descriptions that need CDOT approval to CDOT. Cunningham clarified the agencies are responsible for sending their project descriptions to CDOT.

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 was moved to an action item because it does not impact the UPWP budget. Karasko stated Transfort requested to add two FTA-funded tasks to the FY2022-2023 UPWP. The tasks are for the Transfort Onboard Ridership Survey and the Transfort Onboard Passenger Surveys.

Relford moved to recommend Planning Council approve the FY2022-2023 UPWP FY2023 Task Amendment #2. Herrera seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations this month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

WCR 13 Alignment Improvements Project Funding Options – Cunningham noted the Town of Windsor requested TAC discuss options for STBG funding originally awarded to the *WCR13 Alignments Improvements* project. 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* by 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 noted the 2050 RTP is updated every four years, has at least a 20-year planning horizon and must look at the multimodal transportation system to meet the region's economic, transportation, development, and sustainability goals. Projects identified in the Plan must be fiscally constrained. The Plan is divided into four sections: planning context, trends, visioning and scenario planning, and funding and financing. Gordon outlined the regionally significant corridors (RSCs) and plan projects. Gordon noted the funding estimates for the fiscally constrained projects with 68 percent of funding being flexible. Gordon described the scenarios evaluated in the plan: Baseline, No Build, Unconstrained, and High Density-Fiscally Constrained. Gordon outlined the RSC corridor visions format. The public comment period will close on August 9, and the Plan is scheduled to be adopted by Planning Council at their September 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. Cunningham added information on the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report and added clarification on air quality significant projects by saying “two through lane miles” rather than just two-lane miles. Cunningham updated the equity section and included the new system reliability performance measures. The *FY2024-2027 TIP* will be released for public comment after the August Planning Council meeting. The *FY2024-2027 TIP* is scheduled to be adopted by Planning Council at their September meeting.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative – Written report was provided.

Regional Transit Agencies – Phillips noted Transfort received a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to construct the Foothill Transit Station, which will be the terminus station for the West Elizabeth BRT.

Mobility Updates – Schmitt stated the Via Mobility service in Weld County will launch August 1. Progress continues to be made on the trip scheduling piece of RideNoCo. Schmitt noted the NFRMPO has hired a Mobility Specialist, who will focus on outreach. Bettolo discussed the travel training held in Weld County in partnership with the Weld County Department of Health and Environment.

REPORTS

July Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft – A written report was provided.

Community Advisory Committee – A written report was provided.

Mobility Committee Updates – A written report was provided.

Q2 2023 TIP modifications – A written report was provided.

CDOT Inactives Report- A written report was provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Gordon stated the NFRMPO have received a contract for the next phase of LinkNoCo, and the RFP will be released in early August. The NFRMPO will be applying for additional funding through DTR for additional LinkNoCo tasks.

Rouser noted the NFRMPO will begin working on the Active Transportation Plan and to contact him about serving on the Steering Committee.

Duran noted the Cheyenne MPO's Executive Director retired, and a new one should be hired soon.

Karasko stated the next TAC meeting will be at the Larimer County Building in Loveland.

Oberschmidt noted the 37th Street roundabout is nearing completion and will be open in August.

Relford stated the Weld County Road (WCR) 74 and WCR 33 Roundabout Project is delayed and is now expected to be completed in October. Weld County submitted an SS4A application for unincorporated Weld County.

Karnik stated GET ridership was up in June.

Moore noted there will be a report on the phase one work on the Indirect Source Rule effort at the August 4 RAQC Board Meeting.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – Oberschmidt suggested discussing roundabout safety.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Jerome Rouser, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, as a hybrid meeting.

MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

From: Alex Gordon

Date: August 16, 2023

Re: 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Background

NFRMPO staff has been working on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) with the guidance of the TAC and Planning Council. Major components of the 2050 RTP include the Land Use Allocation Model (LUAM), Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM), Fiscally Constrained Plan, and corridor visioning.

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 2050 RTP 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 2050 RTP 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 16, 2023

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

Background

The NFRMPO has released the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2024-2027 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; and
- Differentiation between FTA and FHWA CMAQ funds.

The FY24-27 TIP and the Draft Conformity Determination for the TIP and the 2050 RTP were both released for public comment on August 4, 2023 and will close on September 3, 2023. The public hearing for the Conformity Determination will be held at the Planning Council meeting on September 7, 2023. Both documents are scheduled to be adopted by the Planning Council at the September 7 meeting.

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

Action

Staff requests the TAC recommend Planning Council adoption of the FY2024-2027 TIP.

US34 Corridor Planning

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)



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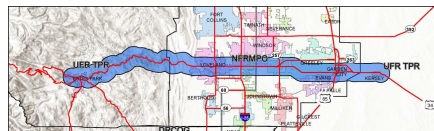
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Agenda

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Transportation
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LinkNoCo Phase II



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New Transit Service

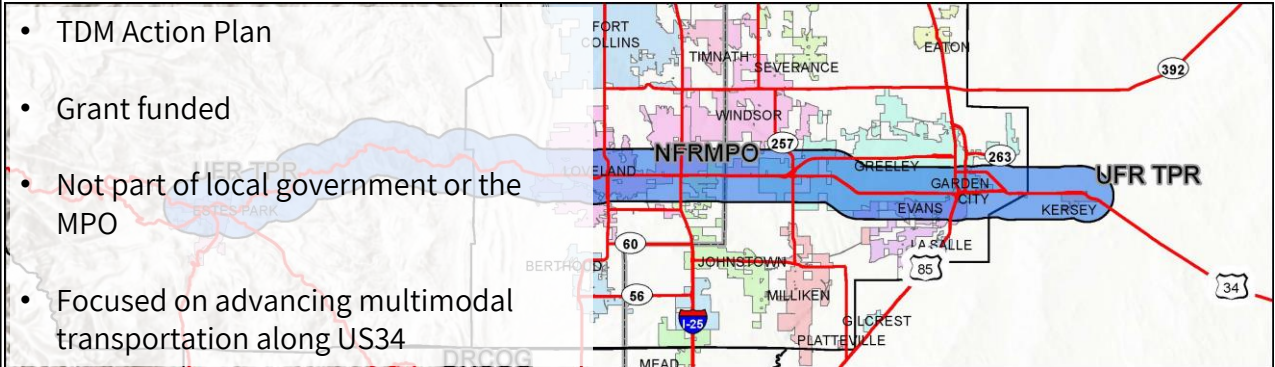


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Transportation Management Organization: Overview

- TDM Action Plan
- Grant funded
- Not part of local government or the MPO
- Focused on advancing multimodal transportation along US34



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Transportation Management Organization: Purpose

- Support US34 Coalition
- Advocate for more multimodal options on US34
- Work with businesses, residents, and visitors to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips
- Test and pilot new and different transportation options



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Transportation Management Organization: Funding



Funding Source	Amount
MMOF	\$75,000
VanGo™ Sales Tax Exchange	\$37,500
Office of Innovative Mobility	\$100,000
Local Community Match	\$25,000
Total	\$237,500

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Transportation Management Organization: Timeline

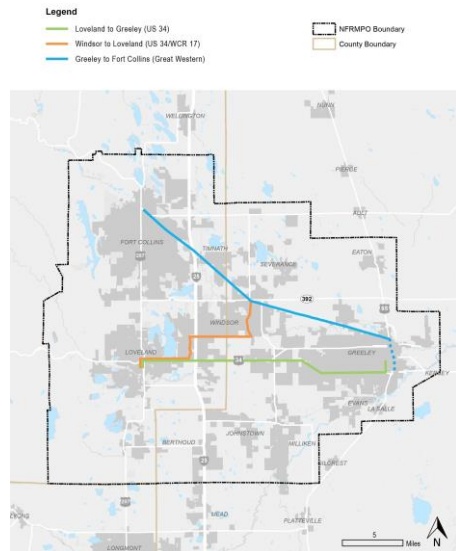
- CDOT Contract
- Development of RFQ
- Hiring of consultant
- Establishment of the US34 TMO



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LinkNoCo Phase I Review



Purpose:

- Feasibility of premium transit connecting regional destinations
- Governance structure
- Funding opportunities

Recommendation:

- Transit along US34, Loveland to Windsor, and upgrade of Poudre Express to regional rail/bus rapid transit
- Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs)

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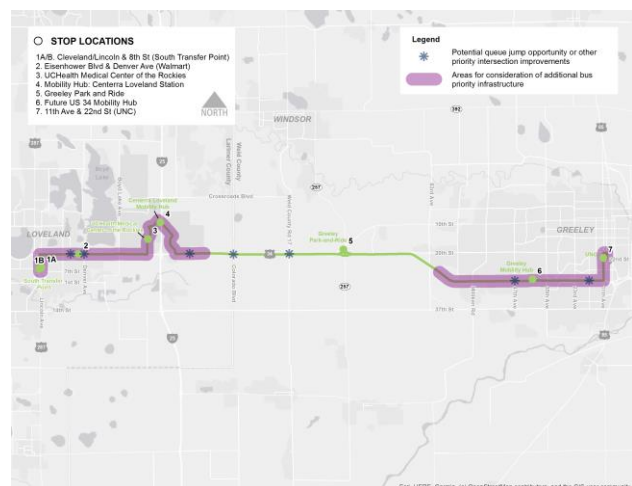
LinkNoCo Phase II

Core Tasks

- Premium Transit Operating Scenarios
- Premium Transit Capital Improvements List
- Engagement
- Final Report

Additional Tasks (funding dependent)

- Station Footprints, Right-of-Way (ROW), and Additional Engineering



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LinkNoCo Phase II Timeline

	2023						2024											
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
RFP																		
- Released																		
- Closed																		
- Contract Award																		
Planning Process																		
- Project Kickoff																		
- Plan Development																		
- Outreach																		
- Recommendations to Council																		

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US34 Transit Services



VanGo™ Service



Microtransit
Flexible service



Fixed-route service

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Questions for TAC

- Who needs to be involved in the TMO?
How do we get people interested in the TMO?
- Who needs to be involved in transit development along US34?
- General questions or concerns we should think about in these processes



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Questions?

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
August 3, 2023**

Agenda and Minutes

Heid **moved** to *APPROVE THE AUGUST 3, 2023, MEETING AGENDA*. The motion was **seconded** by Baszler and **passed** unanimously.

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

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AGENDA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Mallette noted Via Mobility has begun service in Southwest Weld County and provided flyers. Mallette provided an update on HB1101 and noted there is a survey out that will close at the end of the month, a link was provided. LinkNoCo Phase Two will look deeper into transit service on US34 and the RFP for that project is out and will close on September 15th. Weld County will be the applicant for a MEGA grant for I-25 Section 5 and sent an email to all Councilmembers that may want to provide a letter of support. Mallette and James asked if the Council is supportive of Mallette drafting a letter to the EPA about the proposed changes to the national Ozone standards and ramification of background ozone.

ACTION ITEMS:

2023 Call for Projects Guidebook – Cunningham outlined the Call for Projects requirements and explained the contents of the Call for Projects Guidebook including a modification to the STBG small and large communities maximum requests. The Call for Projects will open August 4th and will close October 6th. Cunningham noted the \$400,000 TMO Incubator Fund set aside will also be approved along with the Call for Projects Guidebook.

Rennemeyer **moved** to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13 ADOPTING THE 2023 CALL FOR PROJECTS PROCESS AND GUIDEBOOK. The motion was **seconded** by Baszler and **passed** 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.

Rennemeyer **moved** to approve *RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14 APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE FY2023 TASKS OF THE FY2022-2023 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)*. The motion was **seconded** by Heid and **passed** unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Front Range Passenger Rail District – Andy Karsian, Front Range Passenger Rail, and David Singer, CDOT, outlined the history of the Front Range Passenger Rail District and provided an update on the Service Development Plan. Singer and Karsian discussed the proposed alignments and the factors that are being considered when choosing an alignment. Front Range Passenger Rail is looking to use a pre-existing freight rail line to lower capital costs. Council asked questions concerning the rail alignment, funding and taxes, and how the district will consider disproportionately impacted communities when determining station locations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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 Council at the September 6th meeting.

2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) – Gordon provided an overview of the 2050 RTP with a focus on the RSC vision plans, scenarios and overall content of the plan. The plan is out for public comment through August 9th and is scheduled to be adopted by Council at the September 6th meeting. Council members asked for clarification on how the NFRMPO will meet Greenhouse Gas reduction goals while VMT is anticipated to increase substantially along the Regionally Significant Corridors. Council asked if the plan considers how travel trips may change as jobs and population grows throughout the region. Gordon noted the plan does consider this and outlined how the NFRMPO models predict changes in travel trips.

Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)—MINUTES
July 25th, 2023
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

- Connie Nelson-Cleverley, SAINT
- Ari Edgely, Foothills Gateway
- Jacque Penfold, Community Member
- Steve Conaway, RAFT
- Bridie Smith, COLT
- Melanie Royalty, Transfort
- Aaron Oberndorf, CO Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- Dana Klein, Town of Estes Park
- Katlyn Kelly, Transfort
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services

NFRMPO staff: Cory Schmitt, AnnaRose Cunningham

2. Review of Agenda**3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)****Approval of April Meeting Minutes**

Kelly motioned to approve the January minutes. Oberndorf seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS + ICEBREAKER

The group introduced themselves and shared a transportation or operational-related challenge their organization had recently and how they overcame it. Some common themes were the hiring and retention of drivers, communicating real-time route and schedule changes to riders, and meeting demand during peak hours (8-10am, 1-3pm).

PRESENTATION**1) NFRMPO Call for Projects – Cunningham**

Cunningham shared a presentation about the NFRMPO Call for Projects for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 with the group. Slides can be found in the packet.

RIDENOCO UPDATES

Schmitt introduced Brooke Bettolo as the new Mobility Planner who started with the NFRMPO at the end of May. Schmitt also announced that the new Mobility Specialist will be starting August 2nd.

Schmitt provided an update about RideNoCo, including progress on the Trip Scheduling phases, including the implementation of Transactional Data Specifications (TDS). Now that providers have come to a



consensus for consistent data entry of rider intake information across providers, work is beginning in earnest between the scheduling software platforms. Schmitt also mentioned that the RideNoCo Provider's guide is now available in audio form [here](#). Slides can be found [here](#).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2) Mobility Case Study– All

Schmitt went over a mobility case study for a 59-year-old woman with a temporary visual impairment that needs transportation to Broomfield three times a week for training at a new job, on short notice. zTrip would be cost-prohibitive, she is a veteran in contact with Qualified Listeners, but is having trouble printing her military service records (DD214). Oberndorf mentioned that DVR might be able to fund zTrip rides on a short-term basis since the trips are for work and the caller has a disability, the only problem being if the caller is not already registered with DVR, the process of intake might take too long. Penfold stated that if she is in contact with Larimer County Veteran Service Officer and see if they can help her get her military service records.

A follow up question was posed to providers of whether or not they are able to receive calls in Spanish and if they have Spanish-speaking drivers to accommodate for an increase in calls from Spanish-speakers to the call center. Bitzer mentioned that Via Mobility Services has Spanish-speaking call center staff, and about five drivers that are fluent in Spanish. Klein mentioned that Estes Transit uses Voiance (now known as Cyra Com) for their interpretation needs. Schmitt confirmed that the NFRMPO uses LanguageLink for a similar service. Nelson-Cleverly shared that there is need for an on-demand interpretation service since they typically have to communicate through family members in these cases. Schmitt confirmed that 60+ Ride in Weld County has a similar situation, so the NFRMPO will investigate subsidizing or adding licenses to LanguageLink for providers so they can have on-demand interpretation of over 120 languages. Schmitt agreed to follow up with the group as updates are available.

Kelly mentioned that City of Fort Collins uses ACSI for interpretation, and Spanish-speaking City staff that will be communicating in Spanish must take a test to ensure that are able to effectively communicate verbally and in writing. If they are proficient enough, staff can receive a certification to serve as a certified translator for the agency, and all translation requests must be routed through them before contracting with an outside agency. Royalty mentioned that Transfort has a high need for in-person interpretation and is currently looking into options. There are blue phones that are available in-person at the City offices, where the client can use one receiver and the staff has the other, while an outside agency interprets the call, but Royalty is investigating how they are utilized for interpretation, and whether the office needs a subscription for the service.

Similarly, Schmitt shared an update about the recent bilingual travel training in Greeley with the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment (WCDPHE) and Greeley Evans Transit (GET) and how the Spanish-speaking participants had expressed their concerns about language



barriers during a bus ride, and how they can communicate with non-bilingual drivers to ask about tickets, transfers, and routes. Greeley Evans Transit is currently looking into similar in-person interpretation options or driver education for increased language access.

Schmitt also mentioned that WCDPHE has a licensed social worker that helps community members fill out GET paratransit applications and inquired as to whether other providers in Larimer County provide similar services. Edgely mentioned that Foothills Gateway will provide this service, but the client must already have a case manager through Foothills to qualify. Kelly mentioned that those needing assistance in applying for paratransit can call Transfort for assistance, though that does not happen often. Smith mentioned that COLT will assist clients as well, and pre-COVID would go to applicants' houses to help them fill out the documents, but they are not receiving a lot of requests, but that there is probably a gap that an agency can fill for community members already overwhelmed by the process and reticent to ask for assistance. The group unanimously supported the NFRMPO looking more into finding an agency that can support individuals in completing and submitting applications for paratransit and volunteer transportation services.

WORKING GROUPS

3) Recruitment Working Group – Schmitt/All

- a. A questionnaire will be sent to the group about outreach best practices in Larimer County.
- b. **Next Steps:**
 - i. Please fill out the questionnaire when you can.

4) Outreach and Education Working Group –All

- c. Schmitt revisited restarting PAFC Mobility and Access Subcommittee. Kelly and McLeod mentioned being interested last meeting, and Penfold volunteered as well. The group will meet in August and invite people in as needed. Smith mentioned wanting to be kept in the loop and joining at a later date as capacity allows.
- d. **Next Steps:**
 - i. Volunteers will receive communication from the NFRMPO to set up a time to meet.

TRANSFORT & COLT NEWS AND UPDATES

Smith updated that the new Route 7 COLT bus would begin January of 2024, pending Council approval, with the new mobility hub hopefully open by then. COLT will also be permanently relocating the North Transfer location to 37th and Garfield.

Kelly invited members of the group, transportation advocates, fixed route users and paratransit users to join the Dial-a-Ride Accessibility Committee (DARTAC), where transit users can give direct feedback to the providers. The meetings are once every other month, with the next meeting in August. Schmitt will share the meeting details with the group.

LCMC MEMBER UPDATES

Bitzer announced that Via will be offering services to rural Weld beginning August 1st. The service area map is located [here](#). One of the drivers in this program is bilingual.



Final Public Comment (*2 minutes each*)

None

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

None

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. **Northern Colorado Mobility Committee:** August 22nd 1 - 3:30 pm at the Berthoud Town Hall with a call-in option, but in-person participation is strongly encouraged.
- b. **LCMC Meeting:** October 24th, 1:30-3:00 pm Virtual