

**MEETING MINUTES of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
Hybrid Meeting  
September 20, 2023  
1:00 – 2:01 p.m.**

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County  
Mark Oberschmidt, Vice Chair – Evans  
Brad Buckman – Fort Collins  
Aaron Bustow – FHWA  
Jason Elkins – Johnstown  
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath  
Nicole Hahn – Loveland  
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken  
Tom Moore – RAQC  
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County

**NFRMPO STAFF:**

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

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Emma Belmont – FTA  
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD  
Omar Herrera – Windsor  
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud  
Bhooshan Karnik – Greeley  
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton  
Shani Porter - Severance  
Josie Thomas - CDOT  
Town of Garden City  
Town of LaSalle

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Eric Bracke – Windsor  
Alex Donaldson – Loveland  
Caleb Feaver – Fox Tuttle  
Candice Folkers – COLT  
Will Keenan – FHWA  
Joshua Ma – Fort Collins  
Dee McIntosh – CDOT  
Evan Pinkham – Weld County  
Justin Stone – Timnath  
Steven Younkin - Greeley

**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 AUGUST 16, 2023 TAC MINUTES**

Oberschmidt moved to approve the August 16, 2023 TAC Minutes. Buckman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

**Regional Air Quality Updates** – Moore stated the AQCC is holding a hearing on the 75ppb severe ozone SIP on September 20, 2023. The Commission will also consider regulatory changes for lawn and garden and oil and gas sources, which will be noticed for public comment. Moore stated the RAQC will host a modeling forum on October 26, 2023, with registration available on the RAQC website.

Karasko stated the NFRMPO held a public hearing for the ozone conformity for the 2050 RTP and FY2024-2027 TIP at the September 7, 2023 Planning Council meeting. The conformity documents, 2050 RTP, and FY2024-2027 TIP documents have been submitted for approval.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

No items this month.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**September 2023 TIP Amendment** – Cunningham described the four revisions to the FY2023-2026 TIP requested by CDOT, Windsor, the NFRMPO, and Fort Collins. Cunningham clarified the current TIP will remain the FY2023-2026 TIP until the NFRMPO receives final approval for the FY2024-2027 TIP. Public comment opened on September 13, 2023, and will close on October 12, 2023. Hahn recommended Planning Council approve the September 2023 TIP Amendment to the FY2023-2026 TIP. Oberschmidt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations this month.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**FY2023 TIP Delay Review** – Cunningham described the TIP Delay Review process, which is an annual effort to review project statuses awarded by the NFRMPO Planning Council, including federal or state grants. Construction projects must meet the milestone for ad dates, while non-construction projects must meet their Notice to Proceed. Three projects are requesting a second one-year extension, and 14 are requesting a first one-year extension. Seven projects were reviewed but were not delayed. Donaldson asked to clarify the review process schedule, and Cunningham stated the review happens after the end of each State Fiscal Year.

**Federal Performance Measures PM2 and PM3 Status Update** – Rouser described the federal performance management process then reviewed the status of the PM2 and PM3 federal performance measures. Rouser clarified that the NFRMPO supported the State's targets for the current performance period, but numbers included in the review were provided by CDOT for the regional values. Karasko stated the NFRMPO may be required to readopt the targets at the two-year mark if CDOT decides to readopt their targets. Rouser stated the period for review will be for 2023, and the decision will be made in 2024.

### **OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS**

**NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative** – Rouser reviewed the Walk Audit that NoCo Bike & Ped hosted in Eaton in lieu of their September meeting. The Town is aware of issues raised during the Walk Audit, including tree cover and curb cuts. Rouser offered to help set up additional Walk Audits. NoCo Bike & Ped will return to regular meetings in October. Oberschmidt stated Evans may be interested in hosting Walk Audits to help with a Community Development Block Grant request.

**Regional Transit Updates** – Gordon stated Bustang is half-fare through the end of September, and tickets are valid for six months. Donaldson requested an update on the Zero Fare for Better Air program.

**Mobility Updates** – Schmitt stated the Mobility team is fully staffed. The Via service in Weld County started in August, and LaSalle joined after the program started. Calls to the RideNoCo Call Center have

been increasing in volume, which is providing better data about where the mobility gaps are in the region.

## **REPORTS**

**September Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft** – Written report provided.

**Mobility Committee Updates** – Written report provided.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Rouser stated the Active Transportation Plan will kick off in October, and there will be a Steering Committee meeting quarterly. The Safe Routes to School Subcommittee has drafted a survey that will be distributed to identify the need for SRTS programming and infrastructure.

Gordon stated the LinkNoCo Phase II RFP closed on Friday, September 15, and the NFRMPO received two proposals to review. The NFRMPO has received a contract for the US34 TMO and will be drafting the RFQ for release.

Cunningham stated the NFRMPO staff has been analyzing the data for CMAQ and CRP projects, and the results will be sent out to project sponsors later in the week. Applications are due October 6, 2023. Cunningham clarified project sponsors must submit a separate application for each funding source. Cunningham requested project sponsors clarify how much funding can be accepted if full amounts are not available. Relford asked if a current project can request additional funding. Cunningham stated the TIP clarifies existing projects are not guaranteed additional funding but are eligible to apply for additional funding.

Stone stated he has started as the Town Engineer/Public Works Director for the Town of Timnath and will be reaching out to local communities about regional transportation projects.

Buckman stated the Fort Collins City Council approved the Transportation Capital Project Prioritization Study (TCPPS) methodology. Relford asked if it was a data tool. Buckman stated it considers safety, reliability, and community priorities.

Donaldson stated Loveland has corrected its crash data to account for COVID years to make it comparable to other years and asked if the NFRMPO has done something similar. Cunningham stated the NFRMPO has not considered something similar because of other questions about the regional data.

Hahn stated Connect Loveland should be adopted by the end of October.

Relford stated there will be a Proposition 123 (Dedicate State Income Tax Revenue to Fund Housing Projects Initiative) meeting on September 22, 2023 to provide technical assistance for local housing commitments. Relford recommended reaching out to her to set up meetings with the County Commissioners to discuss project partnerships for the Call for Projects. Relford stated there will be an Ozone legislative meeting on September 22, 2032, and she is working on a transportation presentation from MPOs/COGs to this group. Relford stated there are issues related to the WCR74 and WCR33 roundabout project. Relford stated Weld County released an RFQ for an Environmental Justice (EJ) Plan with funding from DOLA.

Tracy stated there will be a US34 Coalition meeting on October 5, 2023.

Mallette offered to provide assistance related to the letter to the EPA regarding ozone requirements.

**MEETING WRAP-UP**

**Final Public Comment** – There was no final public comment.

**Next Month’s Agenda Topic Suggestions** – Oberschmidt recommended discussing lessons learned from communities.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by:** Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff

**The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, as a hybrid meeting.**