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NFRMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)—AGENDA September 20, 2023 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, and Introductions
- 2. Public Comment (2 minutes each)
- 3. Approval of August 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Page 2)

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

1) Regional Air Quality Updates

Tom Moore, RAQC

Karasko

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

No Items this Month.

ACTION ITEM

1) September 2023 TIP Amendment (Page 5)

Cunningham

PRESENTATIONS

No Items this Month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2) FY2023 TIP Delay Review (Handout)

3) Federal Performance Measures PM2 and PM3 Status Update (Page 12)

Cunningham Rouser

OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS

4) NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

5) Regional Transit Agencies

6) Mobility Updates

Handout

Schmitt

REPORTS

7) September Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft (Page 15)

8) Mobility Committee Updates (Page 16)

9) Roundtable

Written Report Written Report

All

- 4. Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)
- 5. Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
- 6. Next TAC Meeting: October 18, 2023

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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

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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

2050 Regional Transportation Plan – Gordon noted the <u>2050 RTP</u> 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 <u>2050 RTP</u>. 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 <u>FY 2024-2027 TIP</u>, 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 <u>Active Transportation Plan</u> 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.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY (AIS)



North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Submitted By
September 20, 2023	September 2023 TIP Amendment	AnnaRose Cunningham
Objective/Request Act	tion	
	ng Council approval of the September 2023 Transportation (TIP) Amendment to the FY2023-FY2026 TIP.	□ Report□ Work Session□ Discussion✓ Action

Key Points

The September 2023 TIP Amendment includes four revisions:

- Revising CDOT Region 4's project *North I-25: WCR38 to SH402* by adding \$27,611K State SHV (SB260) funding in FY24 and decreasing SB1 (HUTF) by \$27,611K in Previous Funding.
- Reducing the scope of Windsor's *WCR 13 Alignment Improvements* project by revising the project description and decreasing LOM by \$1,545K.
- Adding the NFRMPO new project NFRMPO TMO Incubator funding with \$100K CRP and \$21K Local funding each year in FY24-27.
- Adding the Fort Collins new project *Foothills Transit Station & Roundabout* with \$10,714K Federal RAISE grant and \$1,643K Local funding.

The attached September 2023 Policy Amendment Form provides additional information on these requests.

Committee Discussion

This is the first and only time TAC is scheduled to see the September 2023 TIP Amendment.

Supporting Information

The 30-day Public Comment period for the September 2023 TIP Amendment began on September 13, 2023 and concludes on October 12, 2023.

An Equity analysis for the new location-specific project is included in the

Funding Types and Uses

Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) provides funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined as carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from on-road highway sources.

SHV (SB260) – SHV (SB260) state funds are a one-time general fund transfer for shovel ready projects.

Surface Treatment Block Grant (STBG) is a flexible funding program with many eligible project types, including roadway preservation, roadway improvement, bridge and tunnel projects, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, transit capital projects, and transportation planning studies. These funds may be used for any roads functionally classified as collector or above including National Highway System (NHS) roads.

RAISE – The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) is a federal discretionary grant program supports projects in urban and rural areas to complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects.

Advantages

• TAC recommending approval by the NFRMPO Planning Council will ensure available funds are assigned to projects in a timely manner and the FY2023-2026 TIP remains fiscally constrained.

Disadvantages

None noted.

Analysis/Recommendation

• Staff supports adding the September 2023 TIP Amendment to the FY2023-2026 TIP.

Attachments

- September 2023 Policy Amendment Form
- Equity Analysis

NFRMPO FY 2023 - FY 2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) Policy Amendment #2023-A9

Submitted to: TAC and Planning Council Prepared by: AnnaRose Cunningham DATE: 9/13/2023

PREVIOUS ENTRY

Title:	North-I-25: WCR38 to SH402	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous	FY 23	FY 23	FY24	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26	Future
Title.	NOITH-1-23. WORSO to 311402	- unumy oource	T dilding 1 Togram	Funding	Rolled	1 1 23	Rolled	1127	1125	1 1 20	TOTAL	Funding
	MP 247-255.23	Federal	BUILD	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STIP ID:	SSP4428.014	Federal	STP-Metro	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TIP ID:	2019-014	Federal	PAN	6,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Type:	Modify & Reconstruct	Federal	CMAQ	-	-	-	2,034	-	-	-	2,034	-
Sponsor:	CDOT Region 4	Federal	MMOF	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-
Air Quality:	Included in conformity analysis	Federal	FSB	-	-	6,237	-	-	-	-	6,237	-
Description:	One new express lane in each	Federal	SPR	-	-	150	-	-	-	-	150	-
	direction from SH56 to SH402.	Federal	OIM	-	-	332	-	-	-	-	332	-
	Replacement/rehabilitation of key bridges, ITS, transit & safety	Federal/State	PWQ	1,406	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	components, replacement of	State	7PX (SB 228/267)	190,996	974	-	-	-	-	-	974	-
	portions of existing facility, and	State	ITM	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	interchange improvements.	State	SB1 (HUTF)	39,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		State	FASTER Safety	3,830	1,138	8,489	-	-	307	-	9,935	-
		State	7PT (SB 267 Transit)	5,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		State	SBT (SB 228 Transit)	700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Local	L	586	-	250	12,228	-	-	-	12,478	-
		Local	Private	-	3,100	-	-	-	-	-	3,100	-
-			Total	271,618	10,213	15,458	14,262	-	307	-	40,240	-

REVISED ENTRY

Title:	North-I-25: WCR38 to SH402	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous Funding	FY 23 Rolled	FY 23	FY24 Rolled	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26 TOTAL	Future Funding
	MP 247-255.23	Federal	BUILD	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STIP ID:	SSP4428.014	Federal	STP-Metro	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TIP ID:	2019-014	Federal	PAN	6,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Type:	Modify & Reconstruct	Federal	CMAQ	-	-	-	2,034	-	-	-	2,034	-
Sponsor:	CDOT Region 4	Federal	MMOF	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-
Air Quality:	Included in conformity analysis	Federal	FSB	-	-	6,237	-	-	-	-	6,237	-
Description:	One new express lane in each	Federal	SPR	-	-	150	-	-	-	-	150	-
	direction from SH56 to SH402.	Federal	OIM	-	-	332	-	-	-	-	332	-
	Replacement/rehabilitation of key	Federal/State	PWQ	1,406	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	bridges, ITS, transit & safety components, replacement of	State	7PX (SB 228/267)	190,996	974	_	-	-	-	-	974	-
	portions of existing facility, and	State	ITM	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	interchange improvements.	State	SHV (SB260)	-	-	-	-	27,611				
		State	SB1 (HUTF)	11,389	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		State	FASTER Safety	3,830	1,138	8,489	-	-	307	-	9,935	-
		State	7PT (SB 267 Transit)	5,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		State	SBT (SB 228 Transit)	700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Local	L	586	-	250	12,228	-	-	-	12,478	-
		Local	Private	-	3,100	-	-	-	-	-	3,100	-
	A - 11		Total	244,007	10,213	15,458	14,262	27,611	307	-	67,851	-

Revision: Adding \$27,611K State SHV (SB260) funds in FY24. Decreasing SB1 (HUTF) by \$27,611K in Previous Funding).

PREVIOUS ENTRY

Title:	WCR 13 Alignment Improvements	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous Funding	FY 23 Rolled	FY 23	FY24 Rolled	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26 TOTAL	Future Funding
Sponsor:	Windsor	Federal	STBG	-	-	-	1,187	-	-	-	1,187	-
STIP ID:	SNF5788.056	Local	L	-	-	-	247	-	-	-	247	-
TIP ID:	2023-008	Local	LOM	-	-	-	2,158	-	-	-	2,158	-
Type:	Modify & Reconstruct		Total	-	-	-	3,592	-	-	-	3,592	-
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Air Quality: Exempt from Conformity Analysis

Description: Construct new alignment of WCR 13 near LCR 32E (WCR 68.5)

REVISED ENTRY

Title:	WCR 13 Alignment Improvements	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous Funding	FY 23 Rolled	FY 23	FY24 Rolled	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26 TOTAL	Future Funding
Sponsor:	Windsor	Federal	STBG	-	-	-	1,187	-	-	-	1,187	-
STIP ID:	SNF5788.056	Local	L	-	-	-	247	-	-	-	247	-
TIP ID:	2023-008	Local	LOM	-	-	-	613	-	-	-	613	-
Type:	Modify & Reconstruct		Total	-	-	-	2,047	-	-	-	2,047	-

Air Quality: Exempt from Conformity Analysis

Description: Realigning south leg of WCR31/LCR32E intersection, add auxiliary lanes, improve safety, and add bike connectivity.

Revision: Reducing project scope, revising project description, and decreasing LOM by \$1,545K.

NEW ENTRY

Title:	NFRMPO TMO Incubator	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous	FY 23	FY 23	FY24	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26	Future
Title.	NEKWIPO TWO IIICUDATOI	Tunding Source	Tuliding Frogram	Funding	Rolled	1 1 23	Rolled	1 1 24	1123	1 1 20	TOTAL	Funding
Sponsor:	NFRMPO	Federal	CRP-6NF	-	-	-	-	100	100	100	300	100
STIP ID:	Unassigned	Local	Local	-	-	-	-	21	21	21	62	21
TIP ID:	2024-013		Total	-	-	-	-	121	121	121	362	121
Type:	TDM											

Air Quality: Excluded from conformity analysis

Description: Funding to support TMOs in Northern Colorado and other TDM non-infrastructure projects to be selected through Calls for Projects.

Revision: New project addition.

NEW ENTRY

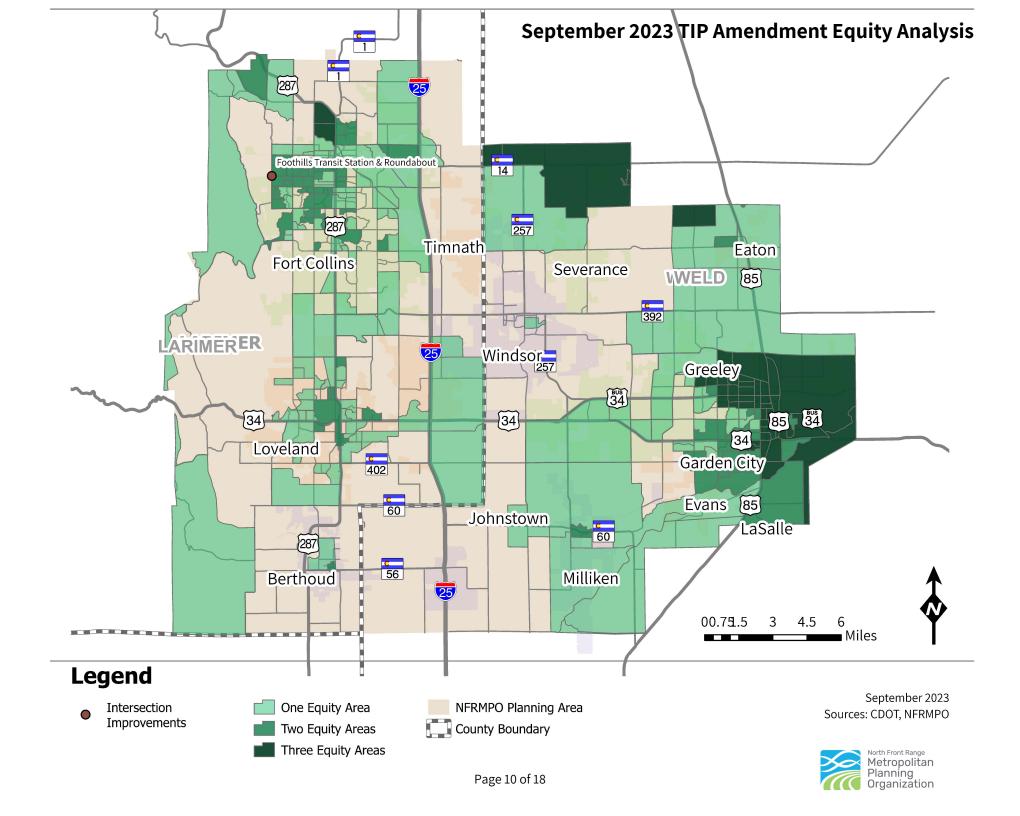
Title:	Foothills Transit Station & Roundabout	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous Funding	FY 23 Rolled	FY 23	FY24 Rolled	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 23-26 TOTAL	Future Funding
Sponsor:	Fort Collins	Federal	RAISE	-	-	-	-	10,714	-	-	10,714	-
STIP ID:	Unassigned	Local	Local	-	-	-	-	1,643	-	-	1,643	-
TIP ID:	2024-014		Total	-	-	-	-	12,357	-	-	12,357	-

Type: Transit Capital

Air Quality: Excluded from conformity analysis

Description: Construct new Foothills Transit Stateion and a oundabout at the station's adjacent intersection.

Revision: New project addition.



Criteria					
Project Information	Foothills Transit Stat	ion and Roundabout			
Project included in the FY 2022-2025 TIP	No				
Project located 1/4 mile of an Equity Index Area	Υe	25			
Project Sponsor	City of Fo	rt Collins			
TIP ID	2024	-014			
Project Type	Intersection and Tra	insit Improvements			
Funding Source	RAISE/Local				
Call Awarded	N/A				
Burdens (Yes/No)	Short Term (Construction)	Long Term (Post Construction)			
Bodily impairment, infirmity, illness, or death	No	No			
Air, noise, and water pollution and soil contamination	Yes	No			
Destruction or disruption of man-made or natural resources, aesthetic values, or availability of public and private facilities and services	No	No			
Adverse impacts on community cohesion or economic vitality	No	No			
Noise and vibration	No No				
Increased traffic congestion, isolation, exclusion, or separation	Yes	No			

Additional Anticipated Burdens: Please describe any additional anticipated burdens resulting from the project.

N/A

Benefits (Yes/No)	
Decrease in travel time	Yes
Improved air quality	Yes
Expanded access to employment opportunities	Yes
Improved access to transit options and alternative modes of transportation (walking and bicycling)	Yes

Additional Anticipated Benefits: Please describe any additional anticipated benefits resulting from the project.

Additional benefits include mitigating safety issues, reduce traffic congestion, and improved service planning.

Outreach

Please describe any outreach conducted for the selection of the project or any outreach anticipated for the project.

Community outreach was conducted by a third-party contractor, Fehr & Peers. Feedback was received 341 respondents reaching a broad cross-section of current and future stakeholders including employers, employees, residents, visitors, and recreationalists. A copy of the public outreach summary is available upon request.



MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee

From: Jerome Rouser

Date: September 20, 2023

Re: Federal Performance Measures PM2 and PM3 Status Update

Background

Transportation Performance Management (TPM) is a strategic approach using system information to make investment and policy decisions to achieve national performance goals. The NFRMPO must set targets for the National Performance Measures set out in MAP-21 and carried through in the FAST Act and IIJA/BIL. The NFRMPO can set targets either at the MPO level or decide to support the State's targets. The NFRMPO chose to support the State's targets for PM2 and PM3. In supporting the State's targets, the NFRMPO must agree to plan and program projects which contribute toward the accomplishment of adopted targets.

CDOT set statewide targets for Pavement and Bridge condition (PM2) and System Performance (PM2) for the second federal performance period covering the years 2022-2025 on October 1, 2022. The NFRMPO set the PM2 and PM3 targets on February 2, 2023. The 2022 statewide and regional results are outlined in **Tables 1-5**.

Action

NFRMPO staff requests TAC members review the 2022 PM2 and PM3 results.



Table 1: Pavement Condition Results

Pavement Condition	2022 Statewide Results	2022 NFRMPO Results	2025 Target
Percentage of pavements of the Interstate System in Good condition	42.9%	45.7%	47%
Percentage of pavements of the Interstate System in Poor condition	3.2%	1.5%	3.5%
Percentage of pavements of the non-Interstate NHS in Good condition	41.6%	40.7%	43%
Percentage of pavements of the non-Interstate NHS in Poor condition	3.2%	2.5%	3.5%

Table 2: Bridge Condition Results

Bridge Condition	2023 Statewide Results	2023 NFRMPO Results	2025 Target
Percentage of NHS Bridges, by Deck Area, Classified in Good Condition	36%	45.2%	36%
Percentage of NHS Bridges, by Deck Area, Classified in Poor Condition	3.7%	7.6%	4%

¹2023 bridge condition data was published March 2023; therefore 2023 results are shown.

Table 3: System Reliability Results

System Reliability	2022 Statewide Results	2022 NFRMPO Results	2025 Target
Percent of person-miles traveled on the Interstate that are reliable	84.3%	100%	79%
Percent of person-miles traveled on the non-Interstate NHS that are reliable	95%	98.4%	94%
Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index	1.42	1.62	1.46



Table 4: CMAQ Results

CMAQ	2022 Statewide Results	2022 NFRMPO Results	2025 Target
Emissions reduction from CMAQ- funded projects Particulate Matter- 10 microns or less (PM10)-(kg/day)	270	3.3	71
Emissions reduction from CMAQ- funded projects Carbon Monoxide (CO)-(kg/day)	3,543.4	318.2	5,393
Emissions reduction from CMAQ- funded projects Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)-(kg/day)	212.6	16.2	482
Emissions reduction from CMAQ- funded projects Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)-(kg/day)	360.7	40.2	1,086

Table 5: Traffic Congestion Results

Traffic Congestion	2022 NFRMPO Results	2025 Target
Annual Hours of Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED) Per Capita (Fort Collins Urbanized Area)	3	3.7
Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) Travel (Fort Collins Urbanized Area)	29.1%²	25.6%

²Data is provided by the American Community Survey. The 2022 report has not been published. This data represents 2021.

EXECTUTIVE SUMMARY of the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council September 7th, 2023

Agenda and Minutes

Rennemeyer **moved** to *APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023, MEETING AGENDA.* The motion was **seconded** by Mallo and **passed** unanimously.

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

Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) Agenda

Executive Director Report:

Mallette informed the council that a contract had been received for the US34 TMO. Mallette went on to inform the council regarding Shift Your Ride statistics following the program's completion, which had good participation and tracked significant emissions reductions during the program. Mallette concluded the Executive Director Report by discussing the 2023 Call for Projects, giving a timeline with final project presentations scheduled for the December Council Meeting.

Consent Agenda (Air Quality Conformity Determination, 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, and FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Mallo **moved** to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Action Item:

2022 NFRMPO Audit – Edgerly explained the NFRMPO audit, including the reasons for the long timeline on the audit, citing issues between the transaction balances of the NFRMPO and VanGo™. Edgerly explained that moving forward transactions would be balanced monthly, allowing the organization to find and fix transaction balance issues earlier. Dahill informed the council that all audits for the organization had been given a clean opinion, explaining there was one corrective action that was recommended.

Olson moved to APPROVE THE 2022 NFRMPO AUDIT, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

<u>WCR 13 Alignment Project Scope Change</u> – Cunningham and Herrera explained changes to a NFRMPO-funded project, the WCR 13 Alignment whose budget does not cover the total cost of construction. The Council discussed the best course of action moving forward, which was determined to reduce the scope of the project to only include the southern portion. Cunningham noted that this change would be incorporated into the September TIP amendment which would be voted on at the next Council Meeting.

<u>US34 Projects Update</u> – Gordon described three upcoming projects on the US34 corridor, including the Transportation Management Organization (TMO), LinkNoCo Phase II, and piloting transit service.



Northern Colorado Regional Mobility Meeting —MINUTES August 22, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

In Person:

- Cory Schmitt, NFRMPO
- Lisa Deaton, NFRMPO
- Ruth Fletcher-Carter, RAFT
- Janet Bedingfield, 60+ Ride
- Amy Threewitt, 60+ Ride
- Nichole Seward, Weld County AAA
- Steve Teets, WAND
- Kimberly Aguilar-Pauli, Arc of Larimer County
- Aaron Oberndorf, CO Division of Vocational Rehab
- Marge Martinez, United Way of Weld County

- Brian Dubois, Town of Berthoud
- Steve Conaway, RAFT
- Ari Edgley, Foothills Gateway
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services
- Cynthia "Lou" Louis, Transfort
- Katlyn Kelly, Transfort
- Jacque Penfold, Community member

Virtual:

- Brooke Bettolo, NFRMPO
- Alex Gordon, NFRMPO
- Connie Nelson-Cleverly, SAINT
- Kimberly Baker, Larimer County Department of Health and Environment
- Robin Upton, WAND

- Melanie Royalty, Transfort
- Nicole Limoges, Larimer County Office on Aging
- Olga Gonzalez, Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment
- Desiree Sandoval, RE-4 School to Work

2. Group Introductions, Review of Agenda, Minutes Approval

Both virtual and in person attendees introduced themselves and their organizations. The in-person group did a speed networking exercise to get to know one another and learn more about each other's respective organizations and services. The online group did a modified version of the speed networking via the chat.



Presentations & Activity

1) Via Mobility Services - Weld County Service - Bitzer

Bitzer gave a presentation on Via Mobility Services Weld County Expansion. Slides can be found here and an online service area map can be found here.

Bitzer mentioned that applications and ridership have increased, and that Via is on pace for 60-70 trips in the first month of the service. The program has two vehicles, both of which are wheelchair accessible. Pick-ups are 8am-4:30pm M-F. Pick up window is typically around 30-45 minutes, varying depending on travel distance. Clients can book trips 7 days in advance and sometimes on the same day.

Members discussed how to qualify for services, costs, and the service areas. Some Weld County cities have not opted into service, including the Town of Milliken. LaSalle just recently decided to join the service.

2) NFRMPO Updates - Gordon

Gordon gave a presentation on MPO updates, including the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, LinkNoCo Phase II, currently open call for projects, and upcoming walk/bike audits in the region. Slides can be found here.

Gordon discussed the purpose of the Long Range Transportation Plan and then if all goes well, the Planning Council will approve the plan at the next meeting on September 6, 2023. Another project soon to be underway is the next phase of the LinkNoCo Premium Transit Study. Phase One recommended three major corridors for transit investment to connect Loveland to Greeley, Loveland to Windsor, and upgrading Poudre Express from Greeley to Fort Collins, possibly bus rapid transit or rail. LinkNoCo Phase II is looking at operating scenarios and developing a capital improvement list for the Loveland-Greeley corridor along US34. There is a demand for this service and there has been talk with involving Johnstown as they have shown interest. Gordon also discussed the Eaton Walk audit scheduled for September 14th and Berthoud bike/walk audits scheduled for either October or spring 2024. The Active Transportation Plan kicks off in October and Mobility Committee members can join the Steering Team by contacting Jerome Rouser (<u>irouser@nfrmpo.org</u>).

3) RideNoCo Updates and Future of Mobility Committees Discussion - Schmitt

Schmitt shared a brief update on RideNoCo (slides here) that included progress on the Phase 3 of the TDS integration project. A lot of progress has been made and now it has been turned over to the developers to make changes to their platforms to allow communication between providers to happen. This will help RideNoCo to gather intake information from callers and send it to the provider. We are opening access to the MPO's Language Link Interpretation Services to volunteer transportation providers participating in the TDS Coordination Project (60+ Ride, RAFT, SAINT) on a pilot basis beginning Friday.



Mobility Case Study: 87-year-old man who lives on the Larimer side of Windsor that needs transportation for daily infusions at Medical Center of the Rockies/Poudre Valley Hospital (PVH) for 4-6 weeks. Recommended calling insurance, Windsor Senior Rides (via email) zTrip, and Seniors 4 Seniors quoting \$40-80 per hour.

Members discussed how some insurance providers have transportation coverage, but the application processing and approvals take a long time. Another suggestion was to contact the office or hospital where treatment is being given and speak with the transportation planner; some hospitals may provide or pay for transportation. A transit option is GET's Poudre Express that can connect him to Fort Collins then transfer to Transfort that has a route that can drop him off at PVH. It was discussed that counties should evaluate service areas and see if they can "bleed" outside their boundaries. Members also asked if the MPO could work to provide vouchers for urgent access to transportation?

Wrap Up + Next Steps

A special acknowledgement was given to Ruth Fletcher-Carter for her many years of service to mobility in the Berthoud area and across Northern Colorado.

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) Meeting: September 26, 2023
- b. Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) Meeting: October 24, 2023
- c. Northern Colorado Mobility Committee: November 28, 2023