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NFRMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)—AGENDA November 15, 2023 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, and Introductions
- 2. Public Comment (2 minutes each)
- 3. Approval of October 18, 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) November 2023 TIP Amendment (Page 6)

Cunningham

PRESENTATION

2) RideNoCo Implementation Update (Page 10)

Schmitt

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3) 2025 Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Kick-Off (Page 17)
 4) 2025 Freight Northern Colorado (FNC) Plan Kick-Off (Page 27)
 5) 2023 Call for Projects Discussion (Page 32)
 Cunningham

OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS

6) NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

Handout

7) Regional Transit Agencies

8) Mobility Updates Schmitt

REPORTS

9) November Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft (Page 36)
 10) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Summary
 11) Mobility Committee Updates (Page 37)
 12) Roundtable

Written Report
All

4. Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)

- 5. Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
- 6. Next TAC Meeting: December 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 October 18, 2023

1:00 - 2:08 p.m.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County Mark Oberschmidt, Vice Chair – Evans

Brad Buckman – Fort Collins

Aaron Bustow - FHWA

Eric Fuhrman – Timnath

Nicole Hahn - Loveland

Omar Herrera - Windsor

Tawn Hillenbrand - Berthoud

Bhooshan Karnik – Greeley

Pepper McClenahan – Milliken

Tom Moore - RAQC

Elizabeth Relford - Weld County

Shani Porter - Severance

Josie Thomas - CDOT

NFRMPO STAFF:

Brooke Bettolo

AnnaRose Cunningham

Alex Gordon

Becky Karasko

Suzette Mallette

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 SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 TAC MINUTES

Oberschmidt moved to approve the September 20, 2023 TAC Minutes. Buckman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emma Belmont – FTA
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Jason Elkins – Johnstown
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton
Town of Garden City
Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alex Donaldson – Loveland Caleb Feaver – Fox Tuttle Candice Folkers – COLT Myron Hora - Uliteg Tamara Keefe – FHU Will Keenan – FHWA Joshua Ma – Fort Collins Dee McIntosh – CDOT Justin Stone – Timnath

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Moore reviewed the results of the 2023 ozone season, stating 2023 was a moderate season with 27 action alert days, 10 of which exceeded the 75ppb standard, and 17 of which exceeded the 70 ppb standard. Karasko stated FHWA provided a conformity determination for the 2050 RTP on October 11, 2023. The Conformity Determination for the FY2024-2027 TIP is expected to be provided in the following weeks.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

FY2023 TIP Delay Review – Cunningham reviewed the FY2023 TIP Delay Review. Relford approved the FY2023 TIP Delay review, granting a first extension to the 14 projects requesting a first extension, and recommending Planning Council approve a second extension for the three projects experiencing a second delay. Oberschmidt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

October 2023 Off-Cycle TIP Amendment – Cunningham reviewed the October Off-Cycle Amendment to the <u>FY2023-2026 TIP</u> requested by CDOT which included adding one new project to the TIP. Public comment opened on October 3, 2023, and will close on November 2, 2023. Relford recommended Planning Council approve the September 2023 TIP Amendment to the <u>FY2023-2026 TIP</u>. Buckman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

2023 Ozone Season - Moore presented during the Air Quality Report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

William Neal/Ziegler Intersection Improvements Scope Change – Cunningham reviewed the process for TIP project scope changes, requesting the TAC determine if the scope change was minor or major. Buckman stated the William Neal/Ziegler Intersection Improvements project was awarded FY2024-2025 Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds in early 2023. The project scope included local overmatch to build a connection to the Poudre River Trail. Fort Collins is requesting the removal of the trail connection and associated local overmatch to be completed as part of a separate developer project. Due to the project continuing to meet the parameters of the federal funding program and the request to remove overmatch not impacting federal requirements, Tracy suggested that the request should be considered minor .Buckman reiterated the full original scope of the project will be completed, but separating the project would help with efficiency of utilizing the federal funds. TAC discussed and determined the scope change was minor and may be completed by NFRMPO staff through an Administrative Modification to the TIP.

Transportation Projects Lessons Learned – Oberschmidt reviewed several lessons learned in completing transportation projects at the municipal level including planning, funding, engineering, construction, scheduling, and coordination. Relford provided insight on when contractors underdeliver, noted acting sooner rather than later is recommended, and noted CDOT provides resources on contractors. Relford asked CDOT if they have utilized progressive design build in any recent projects, and Thomas noted she and her team were not aware of any. TAC members provided input on lessons learned from various local agencies and requested lessons learned discussions be part of future TAC agendas. Karasko noted Bryce Reeves with CDOT Region 4 will be presenting at the November TAC meeting about the update to their Local Agency Handbook.

2023 Fare Free Summer – Karasko presented an overview of the outcomes of the 2023 fare free summer initiative for the three regional transit providers, noting all three agencies experienced an increase in ridership over the summer. CASTA provided a statewide update which showed the trend was seen across the state. Donaldson asked if the funding program will be continued in future years. Karasko stated the funding will continue to be available annually.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative – Written report provided.

Regional Transit Updates – None this month.

Mobility Updates – Bettolo stated RideNoCo is continuing the process on TDS Transactional Data Specifications (TDS) will assist in scheduling across transportation service providers.

REPORTS

October Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft – Written report provided.

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

Mobility Committee Updates – Written report provided.

Q3 2023 TIP Modifications - Written report provided.

CDOT Inactives Report - Written report provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Rouser stated the Safe Routes to School survey has been sent to various stakeholders across the region including TAC and school district contacts. Rouser encouraged the survey be forwarded to any other interested parties.

Gordon stated HDR has been hired for LinkNoCo Phase 2, and the RFP was released for the US34 TMO project and will be open through December 1.

Hahn stated the <u>Connect Loveland</u> project is set to be approved by the Planning Commission on Monday, October 23 and that Loveland is hiring engineers.

Porter introduced herself as the new TAC representative for the town of Severance.

Cunningham reminded TAC final scores for the Call for Projects are due on October 31, and the Scoring Committee will be held on November 1 at the Windsor Recreation Center.

Furhman stated Timnath is finalizing their <u>Transportation Master Plan</u> and will hold an open house on November 2.

Buckman stated the Fort Collins Land Use Code was adopted and will allow for more housing diversification.

Karasko outlined a data request the NFRMPO received from HDR on behalf of the Front Range Passenger Rail District for planned or proposed rail-related projects and requested TAC send any relevant projects to her by Friday, October 27.

Relford provided an update on the Via project which has had 21 new registered riders and highest utilization in Johnstown. Weld County has hired WW Clyde as the new contractor on the WCR 74 and WCR 33 Roundabout project and will be returning the STBG funds to the NFRMPO for the project. Relford noted Desiree Moore from the Save Energy Coalition is assisting local agencies on developing community EJ plans and assisting with EJ planning. Weld County has been contacted by USDOT for questions about the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) grant which indicated the application is moving forward.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – None this month.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 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
November 15, 2023	November 2023 TIP Amendment	AnnaRose Cunningham
Objective/Request Act	ion	
	g Council approval of the November 2023 Transportation (TIP) Amendment to the FY2024-FY2027 TIP.	□ Report□ Work Session□ Discussion✓ Action

Key Points

The November 2023 TIP Amendment includes one revision:

• Removing the Weld County Roundabout at WCR 74 and WCR 33 from TIP and returning Federal funds to NFRMPO STBG pool.

The attached November 2023 Policy Amendment Form provides additional information on this request.

Committee Discussion

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

Supporting Information

The 30-day Public Comment period for the November 2023 TIP Amendment began on November 8, 2023 and concludes on December 7, 2023.

Funding Types and Uses

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.

Advantages

• TAC recommending approval by the NFRMPO Planning Council will ensure available funds are assigned to projects in a timely manner and the FY2024-2027 TIP remains fiscally constrained.

Disadvantages

None noted.

Analysis/Recommendation

Staff supports adding the November 2023 TIP Amendment to the FY2024-2027 TIP.

Attachments

- November 2023 Policy Amendment Form
- Weld Board of County Commissioners Resolution 2023-3074

NFRMPO FY 2024 - FY 2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) Policy Amendment #2023-A11

Submitted to: TAC and Planning Council Prepared by: AnnaRose Cunningham DATE: 11/8/2023

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)

PREVIOUS ENTRY

Title:	Roundabout at WCR 74 and WCR 33	Funding Source	Funding Program	Previous Funding	FY24 Rolled	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 24-27 TOTAL	Future Funding
Sponsor:	Weld County, Eaton	Federal	STBG	1,092	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
STIP ID:	SNF5788.049	Local	L	227	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
TIP ID:	2023-003	Local	LOM	6,294	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Type:	Intersection Improvements		Total	7,613	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Air Quality:	Exampt from conformity analysis			•	<u>-</u> '					· <u>-</u>	

Air Quality: Exempt from conformity analysis

Description: Single lane roundabout.

Revision: Removing project from TIP, returning FY2023 STBG funds (Previous funding) to NFRMPO pool based on Weld Board of County Commissioners resolution.

RESOLUTION

RE: RETURN FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) FUNDS FROM COUNTY ROADS 74 AND 33 INTERSECTION ROUNDABOUT PROJECT BACK TO NORTH FRONT RANGE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (NFRMPO), AND AUTHORIZE CLERK TO THE BOARD TO SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado statute and the Weld County Home Rule Charter, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Weld County, Colorado, and

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 8, 2019, the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) awarded Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2023 for the County Roads 74 and 33 Intersection Roundabout Project, to the County of Weld, State of Colorado, by and through the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, in the amount of \$1,091,818.00, and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) vetted said Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds and contracted as STIP ID Number: SNF5788.049, and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2022, by Resolution #2022-1668, the Board of Weld County Commissioners approved an Intergovernmental Agreement for Contribution for Roadway Improvements for the County Roads 74 and 33 Intersection Roundabout Project between County of Weld, State of Colorado, by and through the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, and the Town of Eaton, for the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) local match funds in the amount of \$22,696.00 towards the completion of the project, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Eaton agrees to satisfy terms of said Intergovernmental Agreement by contributing their local match funds towards the Project regardless of the return of said Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds, and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2022, the Board of Weld County Commissioners approved Bid #B2200139, for Construction Services of the County Roads 74 and 33 Intersection Roundabout Project, and awarded funds to Lawson Construction Company, in the amount of \$9,210,800.00, and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2023, the Board of Weld County Commissioners approved an Agreement for Construction Services for the County Roads 74 and 33 Intersection Roundabout Project between the County of Weld, State of Colorado, by and through the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, and Lawson Construction Company, and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2023, the Department of Public Works deemed it necessary to provide Written Notice of Termination of the Agreement for Construction Services for the County Roads 74 and 33 Intersection Roundabout Project, due to material breaches of various terms and conditions of said contract by Lawson Construction Company, and

2023-3074 EG0081 RETURN FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) FUNDS FROM COUNTY ROADS 74 AND 33 INTERSECTION ROUNDABOUT PROJECT BACK TO NORTH FRONT RANGE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (NFRMPO) PAGE 2

WHEREAS, the Board has been presented with the request for Return of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds for the County Roads 74 and 33 Intersection Roundabout Project from the County of Weld, State of Colorado, by and through the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, to the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO), and

WHEREAS, after review, the Board deems it advisable to return said funds in the amount of \$1,091,818.00, to the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO), and

WHEREAS, the Clerk to the Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, Colorado, that the Return Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds, in the amount of \$1,091,818.00, from the County Roads 74 and 33 Intersection Roundabout Project Back to the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO), be, and hereby is, approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that Esther Gesick, Clerk to the Board, be, and hereby is, authorized to electronically submit said Resolution.

The above and foregoing Resolution was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted by the following vote on the 16th day of October, A.D., 2023.

ATTEST: Sthe S. Steick
Weld County Clerk to the Board

Weld County Clerk to the Board

Deputy Clerk to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Date of signature:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

Mike Freeman, Chair

Perry L. Buck, Pro-Tem

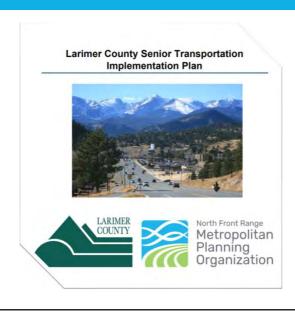
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RideNoCo Background





- 2013-2018 Larimer County Strategic Plan set a goal to evaluate the transportation needs and challenges for seniors across the County.
- Assessments and pilots set stage for One Call/One Click Center identified in <u>Larimer County Senior Transportation</u> <u>Implementation Plan</u>.
- Learn more at about the road to RideNoCo at: www.nfrmpo.org/mobility/ococ-project/

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Connecting You & Northern Colorado



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embodies the two overarching goals of the program:

- Improving individual mobility, particularly for older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and people who do not speak English as a first language.
- 2. Improving **regional mobility** through enhanced coordination and collaboration among regional public and private transportation providers, especially in rural areas of Larimer & Weld counties.



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Connecting You & Northern Colorado



RideNoCo is a system that:



Is **simple** for anyone to easily find information about available transportation options

The vision of RideNoCo is to develop a coordinated system that schedules rides across multiple providers with seamless and accessible options for users.



Has <u>robust financial capabilities</u> related to trip costs, trip payment, invoicing, and eligibility



Provides and shares accurate information to allow for <u>data-driven decisions</u>



Empowers and enables providers to share trips to make the best use of vehicles and provide more rides

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NOCO **Phased Roll Out** Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3 2021 2023 2022 Website + Call Center **Trip Discovery Trip Scheduling** Introduction of RideNoCo • Ability to find and plan trips • Long-term vision to find, plan, Central hub to identify on public transit and human and book ride in one place transportation options service providers in region across multiple providers across region and beyond Utilizing GTFS-Flex · Laying foundation for technology coordination as region grows by adopting Transactional Data Specifications (TDS) 5

Phase 1: Transportation Assistance Call Center



(970) 514-3636

Monday – Friday 8 am to 5 pm

Callback within one business day



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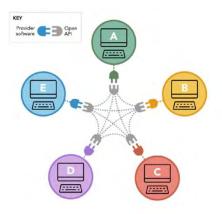
Phase 2: Trip Discovery Tool NOCO Utilizes GTFS-Flex to incorporate "demand-response" providers into trip planner **Providers in Planner:** C City of Loveland Transit Transfort (COLT) Greeley-Evans Transit Berthoud Area (GET) **Transportation System** (BATS)* **Estes Transit** Bustang SAINT* RAFT* 60+ Ride* Via Mobility SPIN e-scooters/e-bikes Rocky Mountain National Park Shuttles *GTFS-Flex Databases created by Trillium as part 8 of Trip Discovery project

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Phase 3: Trip Scheduling



RideNoCo Interoperability using Transactional Data Specifications (TDS)



- A: RideNoCo
 - RideSheet
- B: North 40 Mountain Alliance
 - RideSheet
- C: 60+ Ride
 - RideScheduler
- D: Berthoud RAFT
 - Spedsta
- E: SAINT
 - Spedsta

Source: AARP Public Policy Institute, "Modernizing Demand-Responsive Transportation for the Age of New Mobility"

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Phase 3: Trip Scheduling



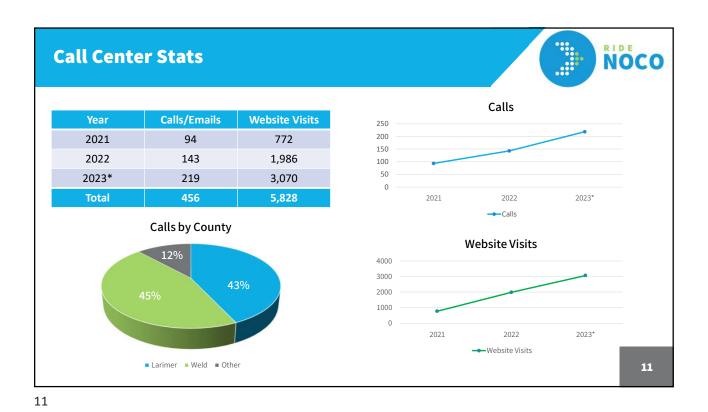
Upon completion in early 2024, RideNoCo will be able to conduct initial intake on behalf of volunteer providers and seamlessly share client info with and among providers; volunteer providers able to exchange riders and trips to facilitate cross-county and jurisdictional trips



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Common Transportation Gaps Heard



As RideNoCo approaches the 3-year mark, the following transportation gaps are frequently expressed:

- Transportation between communities in the region:
 - Between Loveland & Fort Collins
 - Windsor into Greeley, Fort Collins, Loveland
- Transportation to medical appointments in Metro Denver:
 - Particularly Anschutz Campus in Aurora
- Availability and affordability in rural areas
 - Via Mobility Weld County service addressing these needs
- Affordable and reliable wheelchair accessible transportation

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Connect with the RideNoCo Team



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Lisa Deaton

Mobility Specialist ldeaton@nfrmpo.org (970) 300-1076

RideNoCo

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MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

From: Jerome Rouser

Date: November 15, 2023

Re: 2025 Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Kickoff

Background

The NFRMPO is early in the development of the 2025 Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The ATP is an update to the 2013 Regional Bicycle Plan, 2016 Non-Motorized Plan, and the 2021 Regional Active Transportation Plan. The 2025 ATP will fulfill the federal requirement for the NFRMPO to address bicycle and pedestrian planning as part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The 2025 ATP will update and expand on many components in these three existing plans, including:

- Consolidated summary of the existing active transportation conditions, programs, policies, and data;
- Tools, analysis, and guidance supporting local and regional planning and funding efforts;
- Recommendations for improving local and regional active transportation planning efforts; and
- Segment-by-segment analysis of each Regional Active Transportation Corridor (RATC), including identification of infrastructure standards, critical gaps, important local connections, necessary partnerships, and priority segments.

The 2025 ATP has four phases:

- 1. Goals and Problem Statement
- 2. Existing Conditions/Active Transportation Facilities Data Update
- 3. RATC Visioning
- 4. Closing the Feedback Loop/ Adoption



The anticipated timeline can be found below:

Dhasa	2023		20	24		2025
Phase	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Goals and						
Problem						
Statement						
Existing						
Condition/Active						
Transportation						
Facilities Data						
Update						
RATC Visioning						
Closing the						
Feedback						
Loop/Adoption						

NFRMPO staff plan to engage local staff in individual community meetings, various local advisory boards, and the public through a survey and other strategies consistent with the *2025 ATP* Outreach Strategy which is linked below.

2025 ATP Outreach Strategy: https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-ATP-Outreach-Strategy.pdf

Action

Staff request TAC members provide feedback on the direction of the 2025 ATP and what components would be particularly helpful to local active transportation planning efforts.



What is Active Transportation?



Human-powered* and human-scaled modes of transportation pedestrian (walk or roll), bicycle, scooter, skateboard, etc.









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What is the Active Transportation Plan (ATP)?



- An update to our shared regional vision for improved active transportation within and between communities
- A guide to active transportation planning in the region



2025 <u>Active</u> <u>Transportation Plan</u> <u>Kickoff</u>

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Background



• 2013 Regional Bicycle Plan

- Consolidated summary of the existing bicycle infrastructure, data, and design standards
- Socioeconomic analysis of access to bike facilities
- Identification of 12 Regional Bicycle Corridors and important local connections and enhancements
- Tools to support local bicycle planning and accommodation initiatives
- Guidance to help the region pursue state, federal, and other funding opportunities

2016 Non-Motorized Plan

- Updated and expanded on the 2013 Regional Bicycle Plan
- Expanded the focus to include pedestrian travel





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Background



2021 Active Transportation Plan

 Updated and expanded on the <u>2013 Regional Bicycle Plan</u> and the 2016 Non-Motorized Plan



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Outreach Strategy



Four Phases:

• Goals and Problem Statement

- Set specific active transportation related goals
- Identify the priorities of communities, elected officials, and stakeholders
- Explain the purpose of the <u>2025 ATP</u> and the planning process

• Existing Condition/ Active Transportation Facilities Update

- Identify the infrastructural problems elated to Active Transportation in the Region
- Update the NFRMPO's Active Transportation facilities data

Regional Active Transportation Corridor (RATC) Visioning

- Discuss and identify potential projects along or impacting RATCs
- Create vision plans for RATC corridors based on potential projects and existing plans

Closing the Feedback Loop

- Follow up with participants with the Draft 2025 ATP
- Evaluate the final plans to expectations at beginning

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Timeline



Anticipated adoption: Early 2025

Bloom	2023			2024		2025
Phase	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Goals and Problem Statement						
Existing Condition/Active Transportation Facilities Data Update						
RATC Visioning						
Closing the Feedback Loop/Adoption						

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Stakeholders



- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative (NoCo Bike & Ped)
- Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)/Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)/ Norther Colorado Mobility Committee (NCMC)
- Local transportation advisory boards
- Chambers of Commerce
- Areas Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- Environmental Agencies
- Universities
- Youth Advisory Boards
- Local Bicycle Advisory Boards

8 Question: Are there any groups missing from this list?

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Outreach Strategies



- Project Website
- Active Transportation Survey
- Partner Presentations, including video recordings
- Social Media
- Community Conversations
- · Discussion at Outreach Events

Question: Are there any additional strategies the NFRMPO should consider?

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Ideas for 2025 ATP



- Regional Low Stress Network
- Expanded Bikeshare/Micromobility
- Information on Sidewalk Gap Construction Programs
- Expanded Economic Benefits Section
- Expanded E-bike Section

Question: Are there any other ideas for things to include in the 2025 ATP?

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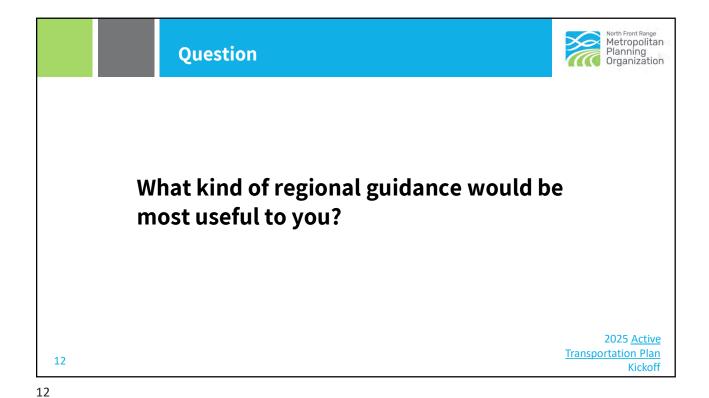
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Questions



What do you see as the largest barrier(s) to safer and more reliable biking or walking in your community?

How can this plan address them?

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Steering Committee



- Goal: Meet at least once per phase
- Hybrid or Virtual
- Representative of the region
 - Mix of large community representation, small community representation, and other key stakeholders

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Next Steps



- Begin community meetings
- Create survey
- Launch project website
- Begin analyzing existing data
- Compile existing resources
 - Local plans, policies, programs, and standards
 - Crash data
 - Count data
- Engage with NoCo Bike & Ped

2025 <u>Active</u> <u>Transportation Plan</u> <u>Kickoff</u>

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MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

From: Michael Saunders

Date: November 15, 2023

Re: 2025 Freight Plan Kickoff

Background

The NFRMPO is beginning to develop the 2025 Freight Plan. The first freight plan was adopted in 2019 and is linked below. Although the freight plan is in the very early stages of development, beginning the conversation now will help the NFRMPO to develop a plan that is as accurate and useful as possible to best serve the region. The development of the Plan will occur in five phases.

- Development of a Purpose Statement and Vision
- Data Collection
- Outreach
- Plan Drafting
- Review and Submittal

Plan timeline:



2019 Freight Plan: 2019 Freight Northern Colorado

Action

NFRMPO Staff request that TAC members provide feedback on how the new freight plan can best serve their communities and what content should be included and emphasized within the Plan.



Background



The NFRMPO adopted its first Freight Plan in 2019. It is a comprehensive plan that describes existing conditions and provides a resource for freight data to stakeholders and the general public.

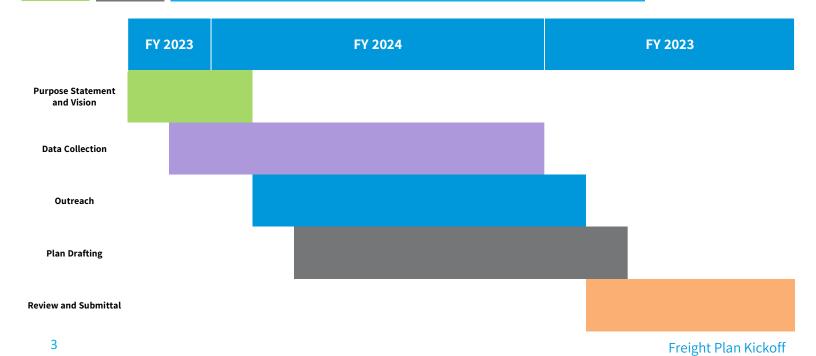
The new freight plan will seek to update freight statistics and information accurately. It will also include a greater emphasis on the current issues facing freight and possible solutions at a regional, state and national level.



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Timeline





Stakeholders





Stakeholders for the 2025 Freight Plan Include:

- CDOT
- Colorado State Patrol
- Local Municipalities
- Local Airports
- BNSF, UP and Great Western Railways
- Trucking Companies and Drivers
- Oil and Gas Companies
- Private Sector Companies with Freight Concerns
- Residents Residing in the Region and State

TAC Input



The overarching goal of the 2025 Freight Plan is to provide a resource that is as accurate and useful as possible. As the plan timeline begins, the MPO is seeking input.

- What concerns do you and your community have regarding freight?
- How does the movement of freight impact transportation in your community?
- Is there new development in your community that will require greater freight infrastructure and efficiency?
- How can the 2025 Freight Plan be most useful to your community?

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Freight Plan Kickoff



MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

From: AnnaRose Cunningham

Date: November 15, 2023

Re: 2023 Call for Projects - Scoring Committee Recommendations

Background

The 2023 Call for Projects closed on October 6, 2023. The NFRMPO received applications for 26 projects from nine local agencies. A summary of the total federal funding requested and federal funding available (per the most recent federal funding estimates per program) is provided in **Table 1**.

The Scoring Committee for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) programs was held on November 10. The outcomes of the scoring committee meeting for each funding program are presented in **Table 2**. The scoring committee recommended fully funding 11 requests, partially funding one request, and waitlisting twelve requests.

NFRMPO staff recommends TAC consider removing the scoring requests from the waitlist for the CMAQ and CRP program. The intention of the two programs is to reduce transportation emissions as is reflected in the scoring criteria for the two programs. The lowest scoring projects within these programs only demonstrate a minimal emissions reduction. To ensure projects receiving funding through these programs show the maximum benefit to the region, the NFRMPO staff is recommending removing the lowest scoring projects from the waitlist.

The scoring committee for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program was held on November 8 during the NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative Meeting and recommended fully funding one project and waitlisting the second project. The recommendation is presented in **Table 3**.

Action

Staff requests TAC members review the recommendations from the scoring committee meetings and discuss the NFRMPO staff recommendation for removing the lowest scoring waitlisted projects from the CMAQ and CRP lists.

Attachments

Table 1: Federal Funding Availability and Requests

Table 2: CMAQ, STBG, and CRP Scoring Committee Recommendations



Table 3: TA Scoring Committee Recommendations

Table 1: MMOF Applications

Program	Rolled	FY2026	FY2027	Total Available	Total Requests	Difference
CMAQ	\$0	\$5,419,439	\$5,538,667	\$10,958,106	\$24,607,502	-\$13,649,396
STBG	\$1,581,247	\$4,503,210	\$4,652,924	\$10,737,381	\$17,203,535	-\$6,466,154
TA	\$0	\$497,753	\$468,377	\$966,130	\$1,722,104	-\$755,974
CRP	\$800,597	\$721,802	\$739,882	\$2,262,282	\$6,248,460	-\$3,986,178
				\$24,923,899	\$49,781,601	-\$24,857,702



Table 2: Category A Scoring Committee Recommendations

Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)						
Project Name	Rank	Funding Request	Scoring Committee Recommendation			
Taft/US34 Adaptive Signals	1	\$620,925	\$620,925			
Bus Stop Upgrades	2	\$538,447	\$538,447			
Wilson Ave Multiuse Path and Crossing	3	\$1,080,000	\$1,080,000			
9th & 10th St Mobility Improvements	4	\$2,552,675	Waitlisted			
Taft Hill Crossing	5	\$1,456,413	Waitlisted			

Cngestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)						
Project Name	Rank	Funding Request	Scoring Committee Recommendation			
9th & 10th St Mobility Improvements	1	\$ 4,279,053	\$6,679,053			
Power Trail Grade Separated Crossing	2	\$3,239,300	\$3,439,753			
US34 Transit	3	\$1,394,184	\$2,045,569			
WCR37 & SH392 Aux Lane Improvements	5	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000			
Purchase of 2 Battery Electric Buses	6	\$2,239,751	Waitlisted			
US34 & US287 Intersection Improvements	7	\$2,000,000	Waitlisted			
Crossroads and Colorado Intersection Improvements	8	\$2,000,000	Waitlisted			
Intersection of Colorado Blvd & Roosevelt Blvd	9	\$2,000,000	Waitlisted			
COLT Bus Expansion	10	\$1,834,289	Waitlisted			
Intersection Improvements HWY60 & Colorado Blvd	11	\$3,000,000	Waitlisted			
Taft/US34 Adaptive Signals	4	\$ -	Withdrawn			

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)						
Project Name	Rank	Funding Request	Scoring Committee Recommendation			
College & Trilby Intersection Improvements	1	\$1,655,800	\$9,081,581			
US34 & US287 Intersection Improvements	2	\$3,168,000	\$ 5,913,581			
9th & 10th St Mobility Improvements	3	\$3,168,343	\$2,745,238			
WCR13 & WCR 50 Intersection Realignment	4	\$1,632,177	\$1,113,061			
Crossroads & Colorado Intersection Improvements	5	\$1,632,177	\$1,113,061			
35th Ave Intersection	6	\$1,303,943	Waitlisted			
CR19 (Taft Hill Rd) Improvements - Horsetooth to Harmony	7	\$3,143,095	Waitlisted			
HWY 60 & WCR 19 Signal Installation	8	\$1,500,000	Waitlisted			



Table 3: TA Scoring Committee Recommendations

Transportation Alternatives (TA)						
Project Name	Rank	Funding Request	Scoring Committee Recommendation			
Garfield Bike Route	1	\$900,000	\$900,000			
Mason Trail Crossings	2	\$822,104	Waitlisted			

EXECTUTIVE SUMMARY of the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council November 2, 2023

Agenda and Minutes

Olson **moved** to *APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2, 2023, MEETING AGENDA.* The motion was **seconded** by Baszler and **passed** unanimously.

Olson **moved** to *APPROVE THE OCTOBER 5, 2023, MEETING MINUTES.* The motion was **seconded** by Heid and **passed** unanimously.

Public Comment

Rick Casey expressed concern that the NFRMPO and local agencies are not doing enough with the ozone pollution program given the downgrade of the non-attainment area from serious to severe. Casey noted he would follow up with NFRMPO staff on how the organization plans for ozone mitigation.

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

Reports

<u>Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)</u> – Mike Silverstein, Executive Director of the RAQC, reviewed lawn and garden equipment electrification incentives and regulatory proposal.

<u>NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates</u> – Wojtach reviewed the components of the draft letter to the AQCC related to the Ozone SIP rulemaking and the related Lawn and Garden Equipment rulemaking hearing. Chair James noted support for signing the letter and the Planning Council concurred.

Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) Agenda

Executive Director Report:

Mallette noted the LinkNoCo Phase II RFP was awarded to HDR, the US34 TMO and TDM RFP has been released and will close on December 2, and the NFRMPO is looking for a community to host the June 2024 Planning Council meeting.

Presentation:

Paul DesRosher, Director of the Division of Transit and Rail at CDOT, presented the status of the Bustang program, addressing concerns about the cancellation of trips on the North Line, the driver shortage, and communication issues related to cancelled trips.

Action Item:

<u>CODT Boundary Letter of Support</u> – Mallette reviewed the outcomes of the Boundary Study from HB 23-1101 and the proposed resolution of support. James recommended removing the statement regarding the TPR boundary changes and the Planning Council concurred.

Olson **moved** to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2023-19 *SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HB23-1101* with the noted revision. The motion was **seconded** by Heid and **passed** unanimously.

October Off-Cycle 2023 TIP Amendment – Cunningham reviewed the one revision request included in the October 2023 Off-Cycle TIP Amendment.

Olson **moved** to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20 *APPROVING THE OCTOBER 2023 OFF-CYCLE AMENDMENT TO THE FY2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP).* The motion was **seconded** by Heid and **passed** unanimously.

<u>FY2023 TIP Delay Review</u> – Cunningham stated TAC approved 14 first extensions and recommended Planning Council approval of the three second extensions.

Olson **moved** to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21 *APPROVING THE FY2023 TIP Delay Review.* The motion was **seconded** by Canonico and **passed** unanimously.



Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)—MINUTES October 24, 2023 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

- Connie Nelson-Cleverley, SAINT
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip
- Nicole Limoges, Larimer County Office on Aging
- Ari Edgely, Foothills Gateway
- Jacque Penfold, Member of the Public
- Steve Conaway, RAFT
- Bridie Smith, COLT
- Katlyn Kelly, Transfort
- Vanessa Solesbee, Town of Estes Park

- Kimberly Baker, Larimer County Department of Health and Environment
- Anais Campbell, ARC of Larimer County
- Aaron Oberndorf, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Cynthia Louis, Transfort
- Sarah Thorne, Colorado Energy Office
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services

NFRMPO staff: Cory Schmitt & Brooke Bettolo

- 2. Review of Agenda
- 3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)
- 4. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Kaliczak motioned to approve the July minutes. Oberndorf seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

INTRODUCTION + ICEBREAKER

The group introduced themselves and shared who taught them to ride a bike.

PRESENTATION

1) Colorado Ebike Rebate Program – Thorne

Thorne shared a presentation about the <u>Colorado Ebike Rebate Program</u>. Campbell asked if the staff are able to support applicants with disabilities, and they can upon request over the phone. English and Spanish flyers were shared with the group following the meeting. Oberndorf asked about resources for learning how to ride a bike. The City of Fort Collins has a <u>Bike Buddy program</u> and <u>upcoming classes</u> to support new riders. In the chat, Louis pointed out that ebikes can only ride outside the bus, but many do not fit due to the size of the tires, and that there is an issue of theft.



DISCUSSION ITEMS

2) Ebike follow up discussion- All

Conaway pointed out that poor infrastructure can still be a barrier for cycling. Kaliczak mentioned that while ebikes might not be ideal for older adults, people in rural areas, or people with disabilities, they might be a good solution for younger folks to improve mobility as they age. Kelly mentioned that the City of Fort Collins works to ensure bus stops are clear of snow, and Louis mentioned that community members can report blocked bus stops and bike lanes to her staff, and/or fill out an Access Fort Collins request. Smith stated that Loveland residents can call the main COLT number for snow removal in bike lanes and bus stops.

Thorne mentioned a grant opportunity where they are looking for projects to give ebikes to a target population. More information can be found here. Campbell shared an interest in a toolkit of resources for agencies and organizations who want to support clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities, perhaps based off the travel training curriculum already created with Transfort. Schmitt suggested that Campbell attend NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative for support.

3) Mobility Case Studies- Bettolo

Case study #1-Bettolo went over a mobility case study involving a 70-year-old man who needs ongoing rides from his home in Loveland to PVH in Fort Collins He is not comfortable using public transportation because he walks with a cane and feels unstable.

Kelly stated that he could take Loveland paratransit then utilize a Dial-a-Taxi voucher or get him to the take FLEX in between Loveland and Fort Collins, then finish the trip with Fort Collins Dial-a- Ride. Smith recommended the same idea, that he may be able to start his ride using the Loveland paratransit, then use a Dial a Taxi voucher or take the FLEX in between. If he has Dial-a-Ride eligibility in both Loveland and Fort Collins, he may be able to bridge the gap with a Dial-a-Taxi voucher. According to Kelly, paratransit does not matter where you live, but if you can get within the service area, you can use the service as a "visitor." Campbell shared that Disabled Resources helps people get connected with public benefits and the Arc of Larimer County can assist with Medicaid and SSI.

Case Study #2- Bettolo discussed a 60+ year old man in a wheelchair that would like to get rides to a friend's house to north Fort Collins from the Lemay Avenue Health and Rehab Facility after 6pm.

Oberndorf said he has talked with the director of the Lemay Avenue Health and Rehab center, and he said that Columbine and the Lemay facility have reduced most leisure trip services due to budgetary restrictions. Kelly stated that if the caller qualifies for Dial-a-Ride, he can use that service depending on how far north he is going, otherwise he can use Dial-a-Taxi. Kaliczak clarified that if he has Medicaid coverage for non-medical trips, he will not be able to use Dial-a-Taxi because they have a non-medical transportation service at the facility, even though the service is no longer being provided for leisure trips. Limoges mentioned that an ombudsman is already involved with this situation and will update the group as more information becomes available.



Schmitt gave an update Trip Scheduling project & 2024 Calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Schmitt announced that there will be a Safety Roundtable at the November NCMC to talk about safety in the form of compliance, keeping drivers, passengers, and vehicles safe. The discussion will focus on what providers are doing to ensure safety and how safety can be improved as a whole.

COLT AND TRANSFORT NEWS & UPDATES

Kelly said that Transfort is still on reduced service, except for the MAX which has been extended by two hours on Friday and Saturday nights until 10pm. Transfort has been operating with an interim director and several management positions for some time, the director position has been posted and they hope to have a new director by the end of the year. The FLEX survey open house is Thursday 10/26/23 at the South Transit Center as well as an <u>online survey</u> that closes 10/31/2023. The on-board passenger survey has been completed; results will be made available soon.

Smith discussed the new route 7 that will be added in January 2024. There will be changes to route 3 and a new north transfer point like the Food Bank located at 37th and Garfield. A new bus is expected in December.

LCMC MEMBER UPDATES

Conway announced that Ruth Fletcher-Carter is retiring in January and the board asked him to take her place as the executive director. They are looking for a replacement for his position as Operation Assistant, which will be posted on their website.

Bitzer said that VIA is doing great in Weld County and surpassed 100 trips this month. People are still registering for rides. Via is also looking to hire a new volunteer coordinator for the volunteer driver program.

Limoges contacted the Ombudsman during this meeting to inquire about the gentleman from the case study at the Lemay Facility, they are aware of his situation and are working on this issue.

Final Public Comment: (2 minutes each)

None

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions:

None

Motion to Adjourn the meeting:

Kaliczak motioned to adjourn the meeting. Oberndorf seconded the motion.

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Northern Colorado Mobility Committee: Nov 28, 2023
- b. LCMC Meeting: Jan 23, 2024