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### December 2023 Report from the Air Pollution Control Division to the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council Thursday, December 7, 2023

### Air Pollution Control Division (Division) Updates:

- The Division will begin a toxic air contaminants monitoring program by January 1, 2024. The division is seeking input and feedback to help inform the location of the final three of six monitoring sites. This is the second of two virtual meetings for the second phase of site selection through the <u>Public Protections from Toxic Air Contaminants Act</u>. The virtual event is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m. 12 p.m. <u>Register to join the December 8</u> meeting virtually.
- The Division is seeking comments on the <u>draft 2023 Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GHG)</u> through December 17, 2023. Written comments may be submitted using <u>this form</u>. Attachments can be emailed to <u>climatechange@state.co.us</u>. Additional information about the inventory, including recent presentation slides, is available at the <u>Division's GHG Inventory website</u>.
- The Division is hosting a <u>Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Verification Intensity Protocol</u> public meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 1-2:30 p.m. The virtual event will include a Division presentation on the final intensity verification protocol, a question and answer session, and opportunity for public comment. <u>Register to join the January 10 meeting</u>.

# Air Quality Control Commission (Commission) Updates:

### November 16, 2023 Commission Meeting

- Representatives from the Colorado Energy Office and the Division discussed updates to the Colorado GHG Emission Reduction Roadmap and progress made towards the Commission's sector based emissions targets established in the GHG Reduction Strategy Contingency Process Resolution.
- The Division provided an update to the Commission on the development of GHG reduction plans for O&G midstream fuel combustion equipment by the Midstream Steering Committee under the program established by Regulation Number 7, Part B, Section VII. The Division also provided an overview of information to be included in the biennial report to the General Assembly on progress towards GHG targets and goals.
- The Division provided the Commission with an overview regarding the Title V permitting issues as well as community topics such as: releases, recent shutdown, fenceline monitoring and cumulative air impacts.
- The Commission was briefed on nuclear energy by Michael Fox from the Department of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences at Colorado State University, Jim Grice from the Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division, and Will Toor from the Colorado Energy Office.



## December 12-15, 2023 Commission Meeting

- The Commission will consider revisions addressing the Clean Air Act (CAA) Ozone Nonattainment requirements for the 2008 and/or 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) along with proposed revisions to associated regulations to reduce the emissions of ozone forming pollutants.
- The Commission will consider establishing a new Regulation Number 29 to consider use restrictions for lawn and garden equipment within the Denver Metro North Front Range ozone nonattainment area.





Subject: Air Quality Related Activities Report to NFRMPO Council

Date: 12/4/23

### Introduction:

Two Roads Environmental LLC (TRE) is providing a monthly report of air quality related activities to the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) Council for their December 7, 2023 Council Meeting.

### Summary:

In November, the NFRMPO received a response to its October 11, 2023 letter to EPA Administrator Regan, and separately met with EPA Region 8 Administrator Becker and staff. Updated 2023 modeling data was presented at the November Air and Waste Management Association conference, affirming 2021 ozone source contributions used in the NFRMPO's letter.

The Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) was briefed on several GHG topics, nuclear energy and Suncor at their November meeting. The RAQC discussed the status of the Ozone SIP and associated Regulations Rulemaking Hearing before the AQCC and the separate Regulation 29 Lawn and Garden Equipment Rulemaking Hearing scheduled in December 2023. Review of the hearing record indicates that the more significant issues relate to the breadth of whom the regulation may apply, compliance timing, and whether or not a ban on the sales of equipment should be adopted. The NFRMPO submitted a November 3, 2023 comment letter on both rulemaking hearings to the AQCC.

The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) held a separate Control Strategies Meeting, where additional control strategies for considerations as part of the 2015 Ozone NAAQS Serious SIP were discussed. These strategies relate to pneumatic devices, venting and blowdowns used in the oil and gas sector.

Additionally, the Interim Legislative Committee on Ozone met on 11/8/23. Materials for this meeting can be found <u>here</u>. It is anticipated that there will be a number of ozone related bills in the 2024 Legislative Session.

### Highlights of Ozone Related Efforts:

### Background and Non-locally Controllable Emissions

The November 15, 2023 meeting with EPA Region 8 was positive. Region 8 recognized that the intermountain west experiences higher background ozone levels and that emissions levels in the intermountain west have been exacerbated by wildfires in recent years. During that conversation, Region 8 referenced a <u>2016 conference</u> on background ozone levels, and referenced existing CAA provisions relating to Exceptional Events, International Contributions, and their 2023 Good Neighbor Rule (admitting that benefits from Good Neighbor Rule in the intermountain west would likely be delayed, as implementation had been stayed by the court). However, Region 8 made no new recommendations beyond use of these existing CAA provisions to address concerns raised by the NFRMPO.



Separately, NFRMPO staff engaged with regional transportation management organizations on background ozone and non-locally controllable emissions. Several other intermountain west transportation management organizations sent letters similar to the NFRMPO's letter to EPA Administrator Regan, including from organizations in Arizona and Idaho. More organizations are also considering drafting similar letters to EPA. Region 8 was interested in what other organizations shared similar concerns with the NFRMPO.

Ralph Morris, with Ramboll confirmed during a November 2, 2023 Air and Waste Management Conference that 2023 modeling data products for the Denver Metropolitan North Front Range indicated similar results to those 2021 data products in terms of source contributions at ozone monitors.

### Lawn and Garden Rulemaking - Reg 29 (AQCC materials can be found here)

Recall that there are two proposals being considered - one put forth by the Air Pollution Control Division (APCD), and an alternative proposal put forth by the RAQC. The APCD and the RAQC both made revisions to their proposals in terms of to whom the proposals applied. The APCD broadened their applicability going beyond "municipality and county governments" to apply to "local governments"; which includes municipal governments, county governments, city and county governments, special districts, and public school districts in addition to state governments.

The RAQC added clarity to their proposal by specifying that lawn and garden maintenance at places including golf courses, parks, cemeteries, office parks, homes, buildings and roadways are subject to their proposal. The RAQC also provided an exemption from the initial 6/1/25 compliance schedule for existing contracts held by commercial entities providing lawn and garden maintenance to public entities in the nonattainment area. Those entities become subject instead to the 6/1/26 compliance schedule. The RAQC also revised their recordkeeping retention requirements to go beyond the proposed 5 years, and clarified that public entities were responsible to maintain required records for their contractors. The RAQC recognizes that 100% compliance according to specified compliance schedules may not be feasible, and revised reporting requirements of use of hand-held, gasoline powered equipment during summer months beginning in 2025.

Ozone SIP and Associated Regulations Rulemaking (AQCC materials can be found here) The APCD's proposal related to NOx emissions from engines and turbines has been the most controversial element of this proposal. The proposal includes a NOx Intensity proposal, to ensure meeting the Governor's directive of reducing 30 % NOx from upstream oil and gas operations by 2025 and 50% by 2030. The NOx Intensity proposal includes both in-use restrictions for drilling and fracking operations during the summer months (i.e. use low emitting diesel fired equipment or natural gas fired equipment) in the nonattainment area (including all of Weld County), and more stringent requirements to use grid-powered equipment or non-fossil fuel-fired equipment in Cumulatively Impacted Communities. The APCD's proposal also sets state-wide engine and turbine NOx emission standards that phase in in 2027 and 2029. Modeling suggests that a 30% reduction in NOx in 2025 from upstream oil and gas operations may translate to a reduction of 0.8-1.9 ppb ozone at Fort Collins West ozone monitor.

In light of EPA's reconsideration and stay of EPA's disapproval of current reporting provisions, the APCD withdrew revisions specific to reporting to the AQCC Oil and Gas Operations (Reg 7)



Consumer Products/Coatings VOC Content (Reg 21), Surface Coating (Reg 25) and Major Source Requirements (Reg 26).

### Next Steps:

TRE intends to listen to the December AQCC meeting and will report back to Council.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- 12/8/23 Colorado Legislative Interim Committee on Air Quality
- 12/12-15/23 AQCC December Monthly Meeting
  - Ozone SIP and Associated Regulations Rulemaking Hearing
  - Lawn and Garden Equipment (Reg 29) Rulemaking Hearing
- 1/5/24 RAQC Board Meeting



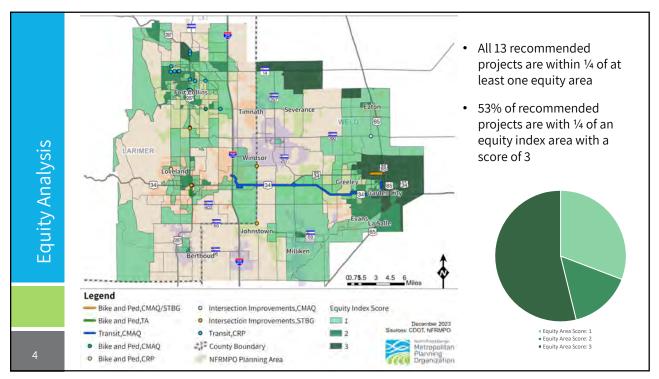
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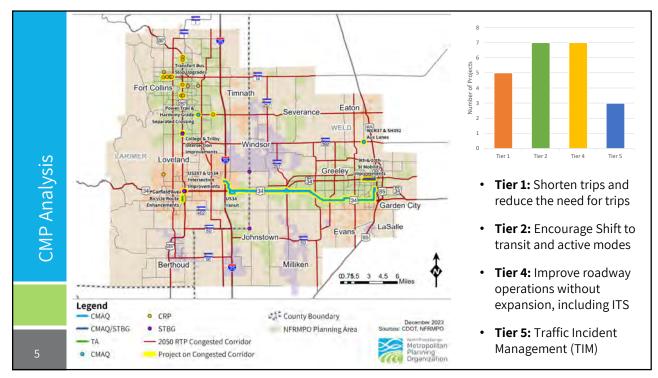
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CMAQ	\$0	\$5,419,439	\$5,538,667	\$10,958,106
STBG	\$1,581,247	\$4,503,210	\$4,652,924	\$10,737,381
ТА	\$0	\$497,753	\$468,377	\$966,130
CRP	\$800,597	\$721,802	\$739,882	\$2,262,282
TOTAL				\$24,044,594

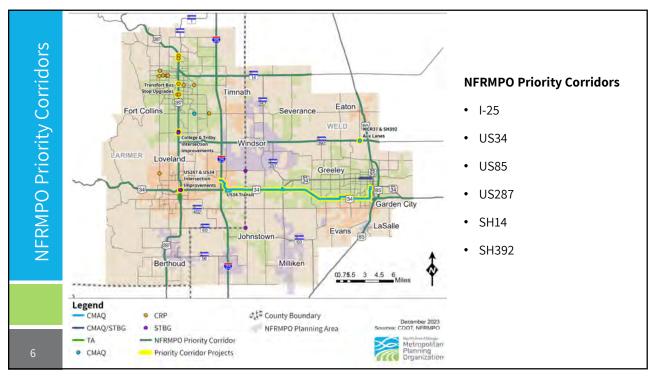
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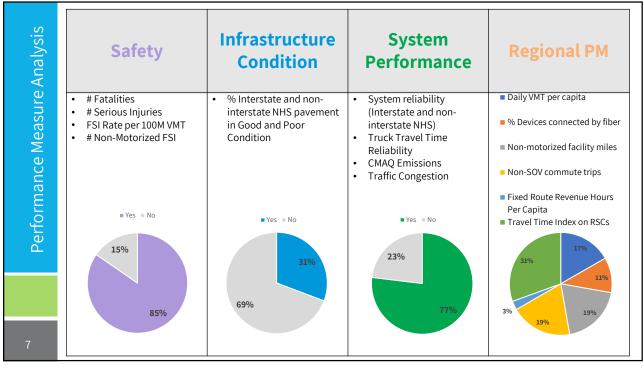
Program	Rolled	FY2026	FY2027	Total Available	Total Requests	Difference
CMAQ	\$-	\$5,419,439	\$5,538,667	\$10,958,106	\$24,607,502	\$(13,649,396)
STBG	\$1,581,247	\$4,503,210	\$4,652,924	\$10,737,381	\$17,203,535	\$(6,466,154)
TA	\$-	\$497,753	\$468,377	\$966,130	\$1,722,104	\$(755,974)
CRP	\$800,597	\$721,802	\$739,882	\$2,262,282	\$6,248,460	\$(3,986,178)
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Project Name	Rank	Score	Funding Request	Scoring Committee Recommendation
College & Trilby Intersection Improvements	1	82.11	\$1,655,800	\$1,655,800
US34 & US287 Intersection Improvements	2	69.57	\$3,168,000	\$3,168,000
9th & 10th St Mobility Improvements	3	65.29	\$3,168,343	\$3,168,343
WCR13 & WCR 50 Intersection Realignment	4	58.21	\$1,632,177	\$1,632,177
Crossroads & Colorado Intersection Improvements	5	49.64	\$1,632,177	\$1,113,061
35th Ave Intersection	6	49.14	\$1,303,943	Waitlisted
CR19 (Taft Hill Rd) Improvements - Horsetooth to Harmony	7	48.42	\$3,143,095	Waitlisted
HWY 60 & WCR 19 Signal Installation	8	30.07	\$1,500,000	Waitlisted

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# College & Trilby Intersection Improvements

Project Sponsor	Fort Collins
RSC(s)	US34
Rank / Score	STBG – 1 / 82.11
Funding Recommendation	STBG - \$1,655,800
Total Project Cost	\$16,585,706

**Project Description**:

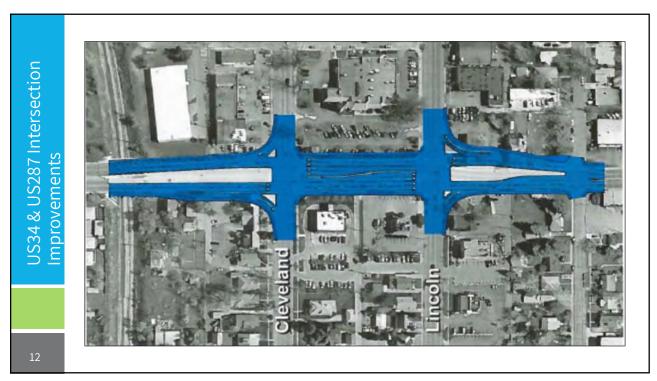
This project will construct a second north and southbound left-turn lane and channelize the existing north and southbound right turn lanes by constructing channelizing islands on College, receiving lanes on Trilby Road, and sidewalks within project extent.

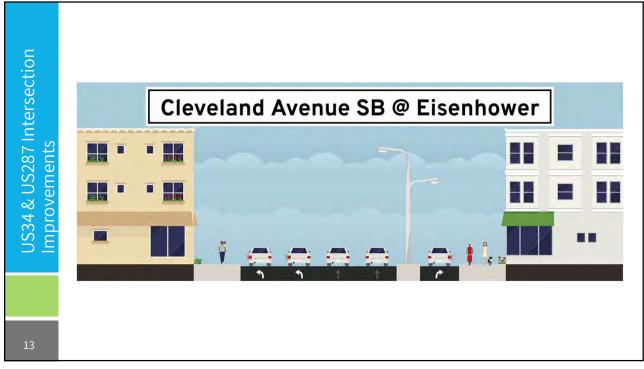
**Additional Details:** 

• Construction is set to begin in Q1 of 2024, to be executed in three different construction packages.



	US34 & US287 In	tersection Improvements North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization
Project Sponsor	Loveland	Project Description:
RSC(s)	US287 & US34	Operational improvements at the intersection of US 34 & US 287 to improve capacity, reduce delay, and enhance safety in light of projected
Rank / Score	STBG – 2 / 69.57	future demand increases. Additional Details:
Funding Recommendation	STBG - \$3,168,000 CMAQ - Waitlisted	<ul> <li>Project received one of two requested grants and will proceed in phases under current funding arrangement</li> </ul>
Total Project Cost	\$12,308,868	
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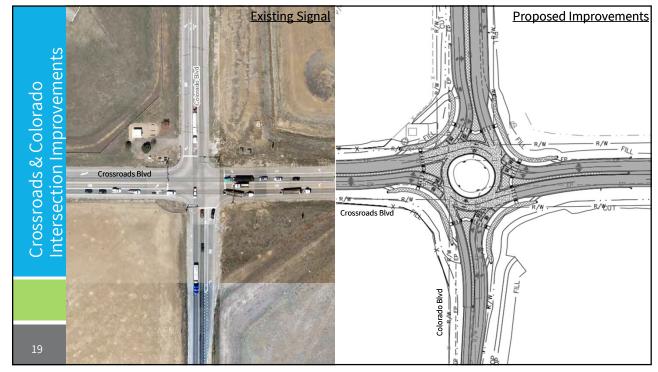
	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Street M	Iobility Improvements
Project Sponsor	Greeley	<ul> <li>Project Description:</li> <li>Community-based redesign and reconstruction of this often overlooked</li> </ul>
RSC(s)	US34 Business (9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> St)	<ul><li>and unique corridor to become a signature corridor in the City of Greeley.</li><li>Proposed work includes improving multimodal options and traffic</li></ul>
Rank / Score	CMAQ – 4 / 71.61 STBG – 3 / 65.29 CRP – 4 / 61.00	<ul> <li>calming by replacing one lane on both streets with widened sidewalks, separated bike lanes, interconnected signalized intersections and roundabouts.</li> <li>Improved landscaping, placemaking, public art and stormwater quality management.</li> </ul>
Funding Recommendation	CMAQ - \$4,279,053 STBG - \$3,168,343 CRP – Waitlist	<ul> <li>This work will foster context sensitive design and enable future public and private investment and provides for improved safety and equitable mobility within the overall neighborhood.</li> </ul>
Total Project Cost	\$21,000,000	Additional Details: Aligns with Greeley-on-the-Go TMP and City Council Priorities of Business Growth, Community Vitality, Infrastructure and Mobility and, Quality of Life Amenities.

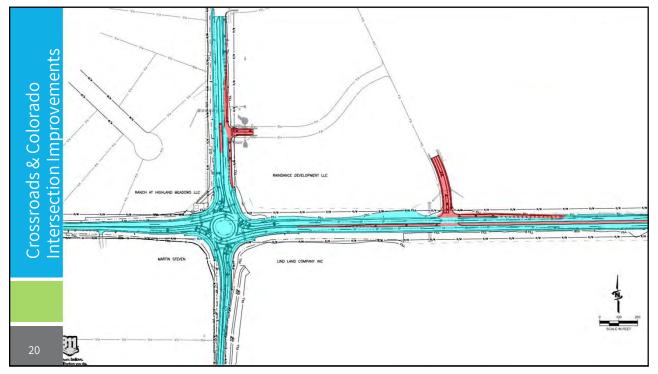


	WCR13 & WCR50	Intersection Realignment				
Project Sponsor	Weld County	Project Description:				
RSC(s)	WCR13/Colorado Blvd	WCR 13 and WCR 50 intersection is currently offset by approx. 600 ft. This project will align WCR 13 south of the intersection to WCR 13 on the				
Rank / Score	STBG – 4 / 58.21	north side of the intersection by moving the eastern intersection to the west approx. 600 ft. Improvements to the intersection will include aux. lanes.				
Funding Recommendation	STBG - \$1,632,177	Additional Details: Weld County has partnered with the Town of				
Total Project Cost	\$4,190,480	Johnstown and Larimer County on this intersection project.				
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	Crossroads & Col Improvements	orado Intersection		
Project Sponsor	Greeley	Project Description:		
RSC(s)	Colorado Blvd & Crossroads Blvd	This is an intersection improvement project that would improve safety and operations by converting the existing signalized intersection to a multi-lane		
Rank / Score	STBG – 5 / 49.64 CMAQ – 7 / 50.29	roundabout. Proposed improvements would also include the widening of Colorado Blvd and Crossroads Blvd to a four-lane arterial on the north and east legs of the intersection.		
Funding Recommendation	STBG - \$1,113,061 CMAQ - Waitlisted	Additional Details: Town of Windsor is partnering with adjacent		
Total Project Cost	\$6,500,000	developer for a partial cost sharing opportunity per an established Development Agreement.		
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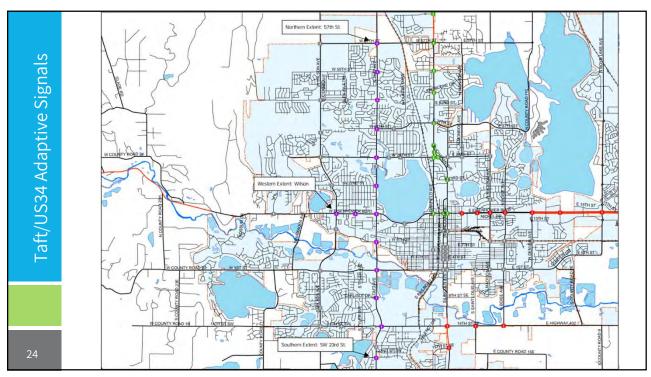
Project Sponsor / Name	Rank	Score	Funding Request	Description
<b>Evans</b> - 35th Ave Intersection	6	49.14	\$1,303,943	Construction of N/S Left turn lanes on 35th Ave and WB right turn lane on 37th St
Fort Collins & Larimer County – CR19 (Taft Hill Rd) Improvements - Horsetooth to Harmony	7	48.42	\$3,143,095	Construction additional through lanes, auxiliary turn lanes, intersection improvements, curb and gutter, raised protected side path for pedestrian & bicycle lanes, median, and storm sewer.
Johnstown - HWY 60 & WCR 19 Signal Installation	8	30.07	\$1,500,000	Installation of traffic signal at Hwy 60 & CR 19

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Project Name	Rank	Score	Funding Request	Scoring Committee Recommendation
Taft/US34 Adaptive Signals	1	75.68	\$620,925	\$620,925
Bus Stop Upgrades	2	65.39	\$538,447	\$538,447
Wilson Ave Multiuse Path and Crossing	3	63.89	\$1,080,000	\$1,080,000
9th & 10th St Mobility Improvements	4	61	\$2,552,675	Waitlisted
Taft Hill Crossing	5	32.68	\$1,456,413	

	Taft/US34 Adapt	ive Signals	
Project Sponsor	Loveland	Project Description:	
RSC(s)	US34 & Taft Ave	Install adaptive signal control on Taft between SW 23rd St. and 57th St. Also install similar equipment on US34 between Taft and Wilson.	
Rank / Score	CRP – 1 / 75.68	<ul> <li>Additional Details:</li> <li>Project will establish the 4th adaptive signal</li> </ul>	
Funding Recommendation	CRP - \$620,925	<ul> <li>corridor in Loveland.</li> <li>New adaptive corridor will reduce delay and allow for more sophisticated handling of</li> </ul>	
Total Project Cost	\$750,000	traffic volumes that are associated with events.	
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# Wilson Ave Multiuse Path and Crossing



Project Sponsor	Loveland
RSC(s)	RATC – North Loveland/Windsor
Rank / Score	CRP – 3 / 75.68
Funding Recommendation	CRP - \$1,080,000
Total Project Cost	\$1,304,506
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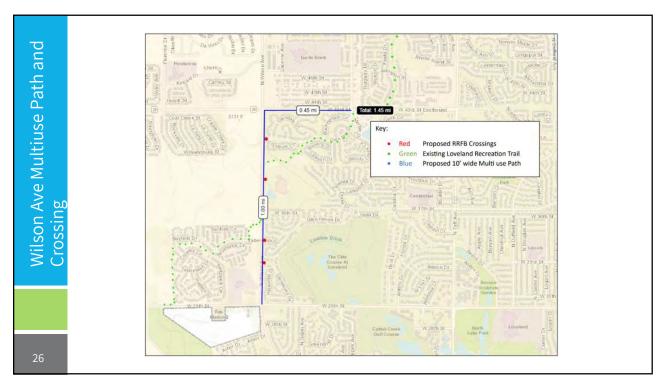
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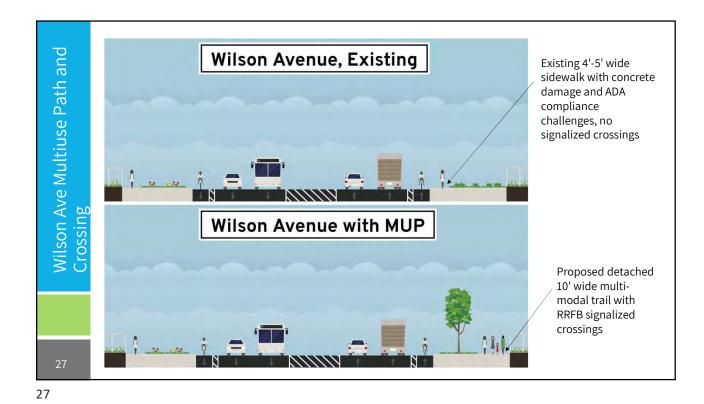
Construction of a 7,685-foot-long detached multimodal trail along Wilson Avenue from 29<sup>th</sup> Street to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, then east to Glen Isle Dr. The crossing connects the existing trail at Emerald Glen Natural Area and Glen Isle Drive and connect to the west side of Wilson Avenue via crossings at 43<sup>rd</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> streets.

Additional Details:

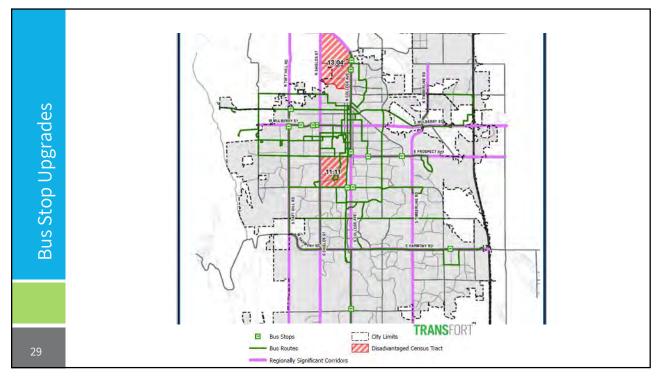
• Project will improve pedestrian and bicycle safety along a stretch of Wilson Ave and 43rd Street with three recent pedestrian fatality accidents.







	Bus Stop Upgrad	des North Front Range Metropolitar Planning Organization
Project Sponsor	Fort Collins	Project Description:
RSC(s)	Multiple	<ul> <li>This project will upgrade bus stops to be fully ADA compliant, in a state of good repair, and accessible and equitable for all. Upgrades to bus</li> </ul>
Rank / Score	CRP – 2 / 65.39	stops will include updates to, and addition, repair, and replacement of infrastructure and amenities including concrete pads, shelters, bike racks, benches, and trash cans.
Funding Recommendation	CRP - \$538,447	
Total Project Cost	\$650,337	



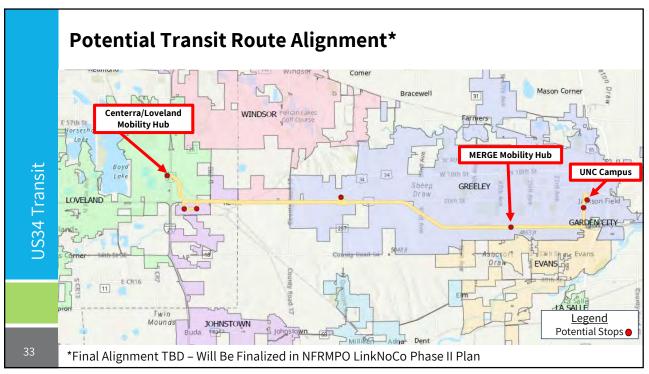
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Project Sponsor / Name	Rank	Score	Funding Request	Description
9th & 10th St Mobility Improvements	4	61	\$2,552,675	Improving multimodal options and traffic calming by replacing one lan on both streets with widened sidewalks, separated bike lanes, interconnected signalized intersections and roundabouts.
Taft Hill Crossing Improvements	5	32.68	\$1,456,413	Design and construct bike & ped crossing improvements at S. Taft Hill Rd. at Imperial Dr. and Brixton Rd and construction of two-way side path from Imperial to Michigan

# Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)



Project Name	Rank	Score	Funding Request	Scoring Committee Recommendation
US34 Transit	1	86.5	\$1,394,184	\$1,394,184
Power Trail Grade Separated Crossing	2	78.39	\$3,239,300	\$3,239,300
WCR37 & SH392 Aux Lane Improvements	3	77.79	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
9th & 10th St Mobility Improvements	4	71.61	\$4,279,053	\$4,279,053
Purchase of 2 Battery Electric Buses	5	64.07	\$2,239,751	Waitlisted
US34 & US287 Intersection Improvements	6	50.32	\$2,000,000	Waitlisted
Crossroads and Colorado Intersection				
Improvements	7	50.29	\$2,000,000	Waitlisted
Intersection of Colorado Blvd & Roosevelt				
Blvd	8	41.43	\$2,000,000	Waitlisted
COLT Bus Expansion	9	39.93	\$1,834,289	Waitlisted
Intersection Improvements HWY60 &				
Colorado Blvd	10	33.68	\$3,000,000	Waitlisted

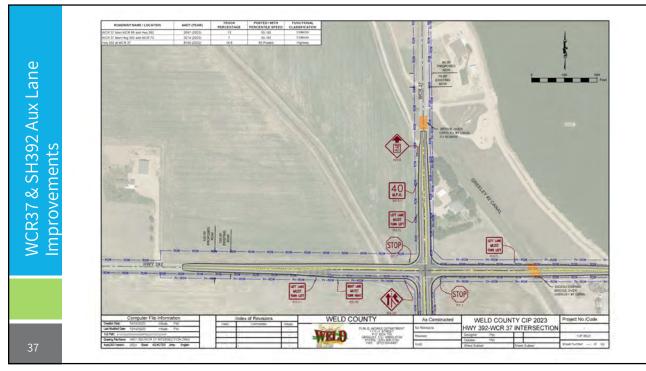
	US34 Transit	North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization	
Project Sponsor	Greeley	Project Description:	
RSC(s)	US34	<ul> <li>This application would provide funding to begin a transit operation along US34 from UNC's Campus to the Centerra/Loveland Mobility Hub. This would include</li> </ul>	
Rank / Score	CMAQ – 1 / 86.5	<ul> <li>operational funds for the service over two years.</li> <li>Additional Details:</li> <li>Improved mobility and access between economic</li> </ul>	
Funding Recommendatio n	CMAQ - \$1,394,184	<ul> <li>Aligns with NFRMPO Regional Transit and LinkNoCO</li> </ul>	
Total Project Cost	\$1,684,000	Plans, Greeley-on-the-Go TMP and City Council Priorities of Business Growth, Community Vitality,	
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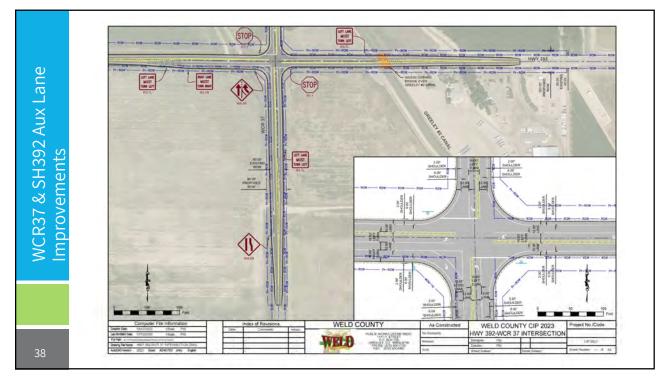


	Power Trail Grade Separated Crossing		
Project Sponsor	Fort Collins	Project Description:	
RSC(s)	RSC – Harmony Road RACT – Front Range Trail West	The project will design, acquire any necessary right-of-way for, and construct a trail underpass for the Power Trail crossing at Harmony Road. A separate project will construct trail connections	
Rank / Score	CMAQ – 2 / 78.39	north and south of Harmony Road to connect the underpass.	
Funding Recommendation	CMAQ - \$3,239,300	Construction is projected to begin in 2025.	
Total Project Cost	\$11,212,670		
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	WCR37 & SH392 Aux Lane Improvements		
Project Sponsor	Weld County	Project Description:	
RSC(s)	SH 392	Construct left turn lanes on all four legs of the intersection. Construct deceleration lane for eastbound traffic that is turning south. Construct	
Rank / Score	CMAQ – 3 / 77.79	<ul> <li>deceleration lane for westbound traffic that is turning north.</li> <li>Additional Details:</li> <li>This project will allow for a future traffic signal at the intersection when the signal becomes warranted.</li> </ul>	
Funding Recommendation	CMAQ - \$2,000,000		
Total Project Cost	\$4,059,220		





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Project Sponsor	Greeley	Project Description:     Community-based redesign and reconstruction of this often overlooker			
RSC(s)	US34 Business (9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> St)	<ul><li>and unique corridor to become a signature corridor in the City of Greeley.</li><li>Proposed work includes improving multimodal options and traffic</li></ul>			
Rank / Score	CMAQ – 4 / 71.61 STBG – 3 / 65.29 CRP – 4 / 61.00	<ul> <li>calming by replacing one lane on both streets with widened sidewalks, separated bike lanes, interconnected signalized intersections and roundabouts.</li> <li>Improved landscaping, placemaking, public art and stormwater quality management</li> </ul>			
Funding Recommendation	CMAQ - \$4,279,053 STBG - \$3,168,343 CRP – Waitlist	<ul> <li>management.</li> <li>This work will foster context sensitive design and enable future public and private investment and provides for improved safety and equitable mobility within the overall neighborhood.</li> </ul>			
Total Project Cost	\$21,000,000	Additional Details:			
39		Aligns with Greeley-on-the-Go TMP and City Council Priorities of Business Growth, Community Vitality, Infrastructure and Mobility and, Quality of Life Amenities.			



	Project Sponsor / Name	Rank	Score	Funding Request	Description
	<b>Fort Collins</b> - Purchase of 2 Battery Electric Buses	5	64.07	\$2,239,751	Purchase of 2 BEB to replace CNG buses exceeding useful life
	Loveland - US34 & US287 Intersection Improvements	6	50.32	\$2,000,000	Operational improvements to improve capacity, reduce delay, and enhance safety
Waitlisted CMAQ	<b>Windsor</b> - Crossroads and Colorado Intersection Improvements	7	50.29	\$2,000,000	Convert existing signalized intersection to a multi-lane roundabout.
	<b>Johnstown</b> - Intersection of Colorado Blvd & Roosevelt Blvd	8	41.43	\$2,000,000	Construction of roundabout & crosswalks at Colorado Blvd & Roosevelt Pkwy
	Loveland - COLT Bus Expansion	9	39.93	\$1,834,289	Purchase of 3-35' diesel hybrid buses
	<b>Johnstown</b> - Intersection Improvements HWY60 & Colorado Blvd	10	33.68	\$3,000,000	Intersection to be widened to allow better traffic flow and accommodate larger signal poles

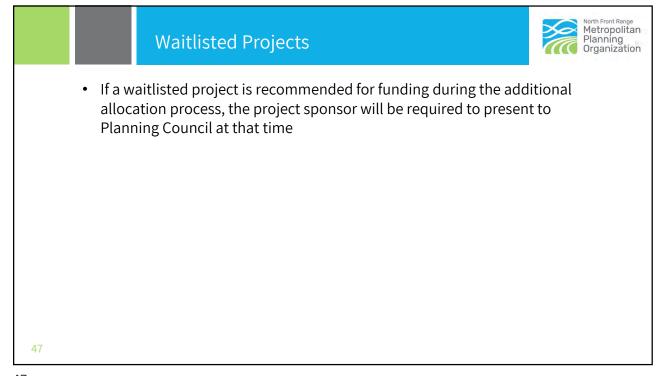
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	Project Name	Rank	Score	Request	Recommendation
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Garfield Bik		2	71.00	\$822,104	Waitlisted

	Garfield Bike Rou	Ite Enhancements
Project Sponsor	Loveland	Project Description:
RSC(s)	RATC – North Loveland/Windsor	Roadway modifications within existing right-of- way to allow the creation of a 1.5 mile on-street buffered bicycle route.
Rank / Score	TA – 1/ 89.67	<ul><li>Additional Details:</li><li>Project establishes on-street bicycle route</li></ul>
Funding Recommendation	TA- \$900,000	<ul> <li>connecting downtown Loveland to the regional trail network via 1<sup>st</sup> Street</li> <li>Project will feature additional bicycle crossing</li> </ul>
Total Project Cost	\$1,351,654	amenities where the route crosses US 34.
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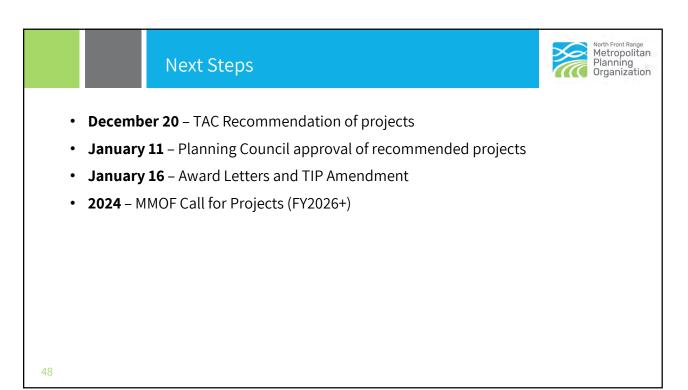


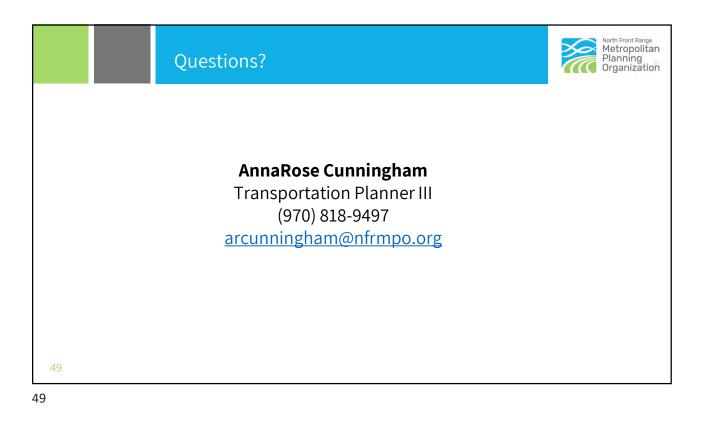


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Project Sponsor / Name	Rank	Score	Funding Request	Description
<b>Fort Collins</b> - Mason Trail Crossings	2	71.00	\$822,104	Design, acquire any necessary right-of- way for, and construct improvements to existing at-grade crossings of the Mason Trail and W. Prospect Rd., Spring Creek Trail, W. Harmony Rd., and SE Frontage Rd.











Northern Colorado Mobility Committee —MINUTES November 28, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## 1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

In Person:

- Cory Schmitt, NFRMPO
- Brooke Bettolo, NFRMPO
- Lisa Deaton, NFRMPO
- Ashley Patterson, Via Mobility Services
- Angela Woodall, Foothills Gateway
- Ari Edgley, Foothills Gateway
- Celeste Ewert, Envision
- Nichole Seward, Weld County AAA

### Virtual:

- Hanna Johnson, City of Greeley
- Alex Gordon, NFRMPO
- Marge Martinez, United Way Weld
- Dana Klein, Town of Estes Park
- Connie Nelson-Cleverly SAINT
- Cynthia "Lou" Louis, Transfort

- Aaron Oberndorf, CO Division of Vocational Rehab
- Steve Teets, WAND
- Adriana Torres, Via Mobility Services
- Dena Boutwell, Via Mobility Services
- Ernest Cienfuegos-Baca, United Way-Weld
- Olga Gonzalez, Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment
- Leiton Powell, City of Greeley
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip
- Katlyn Kelly, Transfort
- Jacque Penfold, Citizen
- Lorye McCloud, Partnership for Age Friendly Communities Larimer County

### 2. Group Introductions, Review of Agenda

Both virtual and in person attendees introduced themselves and their organizations.

### **Presentations & Activity**

### 1) US34 TMO Update – Gordon

Gordon gave a presentation and updates on the US34 TMO project, which will establish a Transportation Management Organization (TMO) along the US34 Corridor that would connect Estes Park, Loveland and Kersey. Slides and the fact sheet can be found <u>here</u>. Gordon gave an overview of what the TMO's purpose is, where the funding comes from, why the US34 Corridor was prioritized, and the next steps. The NFRMPO will be hiring a consultant in January 2024 to help start up the TMO to address the priorities and reach out to stakeholders for their input.



Teets asked if there will be connectivity to the new Loveland Transit Center since the corridor only goes East to West along US34. Schmitt said that the US34 map shows the general geography of the corridor but that this doesn't indicate anything about transit service specifically, Gordon said that the aforementioned area lines up with in the LinkNoCo phase 2. Questions were asked if there is a plan to make people aware of the TMO and if there can be presentations or meetings in other communities. Schmitt asked if anyone would be interested in inviting the consultant to NCMC talk with groups and there was a lot of interest.

# 2) zTrip Safety Overview- "Ensuring Safety in Every Ride" – Kaliczak

Kaliczak gave a brief overview of zTrip locally and nationally, slides can be found<u>here</u>. Their organization participates in monthly safety calls, weekly driver safety symposiums, and bi-weekly staff meetings to discuss passenger, driver, vehicle, and facility safety. Safety practices are constantly changing to prevent people from hearing and reading the same message all the time. Cameras are in each vehicle for passenger and driver safety and can track and monitor the driver's performance. Feedback and scoring are available to the drivers along with safety tips personalized to each driver's performance.

Teets asked about school cab services for students in Greeley School District RE6. Kaliczak said that she has reached out in the past to several school districts about the services that zTrip has to offer and she would be happy to reach out again if contact information was provided. Teets provided a contact. Teets asked about troubles getting medical rides or not getting picked up. Kaliczak said that Intelliride is the broker for zTrip and not all referrals from Intelliride go to zTrip.

# 3) Safety Roundtable Activity - Bettolo

Bettolo lead the groups into the Safety Roundtable activity, where each participant was able to provide comments on safety practices occurring and/or desired in their agencies. The activity focused on safety for riders, drivers, vehicles on the road, and organizations. Participants not affiliated with the provision of transportation services were encouraged to comment on what they think the ideal safety precautions should look like. Results of the activity will be shared with this group at the next meeting.

In the reflection portion of the activity, members discussed that the safety topics are all connected, and you cannot isolate the needs of the driver, rider, vehicle, or organization without impacting safety in the other categories. Oberndorf mentioned that there have been issues in the Trans community between passengers and drivers who did not feel safe riding with a particular gender. It had been suggested that passengers could request the gender of the driver, but this idea could lead to predatory behaviors and do more harm than good. Kaliczak said that zTrip was also considering gender selection but decided that it would not be a supportive solution for drivers and passengers. A safety solution was suggested to have real-time video and a panic button in the vehicles.



### Wrap Up + Next Steps

Powell shared that COLT is adding route 7 to connect with the Poudre Express. COLT and GET use the same ticket system and transfers will be accepted between the two agencies.

Teets discussed the bus system in Western Nebraska and how they have a route from Kimball to the Denver Airport. Hoping in the future they will go to Fort Collins, Loveland, and Cheyenne, WY.

Via gave an update that the Weld County service is doing great, surpassing the ridership registration totals from the 2021/2022 pilot. As of 11/22/2023 Via has provided 130 trips and has registered 8 new riders in the month of November.

# **Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) Meeting: January 23, 2024
- b. Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (NCMC) Meeting: February 27, 2024
- c. Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) Meeting: March 26, 2024