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## NFRMPO Adopts the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan



After two years of hard work by NFRMPO staff, members of the public, and staff from local, state, and federal agencies, the NFRMPO Planning Council adopted the [2050 Regional Transportation Plan](#) (RTP). The 2050 RTP sets out a path for investments in roadway, bicycle and pedestrian, and transit projects to support anticipated job and population growth in Northern Colorado.

Planning Council adopted the 2050 RTP on September 7, 2023, alongside the FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Conformity Determination. The Planning

Council previously adopted the GHG Transportation Report in August 2023. A public hearing was held at the September 7, 2023 Planning Council meeting, building off the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) concurrence from August 28, 2023.

The 2050 RTP sets the following goals, objectives, and performance measures:

				
Safety	Regional Health	Mobility	Multimodal	Operations
Reduce the number of roadway related fatalities and serious injuries within the region	Improve economic development, residents' quality of life, and air quality	Move people and goods safely, efficiently, and reliably on a continuous transportation system	Improve accessibility of and access to transit and alternative modes of transportation	Optimize operations, planning, and funding of transportation facilities
Performance Measures				
<b>Safety</b> <b>Transit Safety</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Total Fatalities</li><li>Fatality Rate</li><li>Total Injuries</li><li>Injury Rate</li><li>Total Safety Events</li><li>Safety Event Rate</li><li>System Reliability/Major Mechanical Failures</li></ul>	<b>System Performance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CMAQ Emissions Reductions</li><li>Non-SOV Travel</li><li>Peak Hour Excessive Delay</li></ul> <b>Regional PM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Percent of Non-SOV Commuter Trips</li><li>Daily VMT per Capita</li></ul>	<b>Infrastructure Condition</b> <b>System Performance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Peak Hour Excessive Delay</li><li>Truck Travel Time Reliability</li></ul> <b>Regional PM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Travel Time Index on RSCs</li></ul>	<b>Regional PM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Population served by paratransit</li><li>Fixed-route Revenue Hours per Capita within Service Areas</li><li>Non-Motorized Facility Miles</li><li>Daily VMT per Capita</li></ul>	<b>TAM System Performance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Travel Time Reliability</li><li>Peak Hour Excessive Delay</li></ul> <b>Regional PM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Projects Requiring more than One Extension</li><li>% of Devices Connected by Fiber on RSCs</li><li>Travel Time Index on RSCs</li></ul>

Learn more about the 2050 RTP, projects, funding, and policies by visiting the [Story Map](#).

## New Move Over Law Now in Effect in Colorado

Beginning on August 7, 2023 a new move over law went into effect across the state. Earlier in 2023, Governor Jared Polis signed into law [HB23-1123](#) requiring drivers to move over a lane or slow down to at least 20 mph below the posted speed limit when approaching a vehicle on a highway with its hazard lights flashing. All 50 states in the US require motorists to move over for emergency vehicles and with this new law, Colorado is one of 19 states providing protection for disabled vehicles. To find out more about the law, [view the article on the CDOT website](#).



## NFRMPO Adopts FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

On September 7, 2023, the NFRMPO Planning Council adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a four-year listing of surface transportation projects within the NFRMPO planning area. The TIP includes roadway, transit, bicycle, and

## FY2024-2027

### Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



pedestrian improvement projects which are federally funded, [regionally significant](#), and/or awarded through the [NFRMPO Call for Projects](#) process. The FY2024-2027 TIP will become effective upon approval by the Governor and the Federal Highway Administration. To find out what projects are included in the TIP, how the TIP is updated, and how to read the TIP tables, view the [TIP Story Map](#).

## Poudre River Trail Walk Audit

The NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative led a Walk Audit along the Poudre River Trail in Timnath on August 9<sup>th</sup>. More than 15 attendees walked the one-mile loop, discussing wayfinding improvements and trail obstructions as they went. A few key themes were discussed:

- Wayfinding, especially along Harmony Road
- Connectivity to Downtown Timnath and other surrounding areas
- Need for shade and other pedestrian amenities along Harmony Road
- Safe crossing of Harmony Road on Larimer County Road 5



The NFRMPO prepared an [ArcMap Storymap](#) to catalog the day, including photos, responses using the Bike & Ped Safety Reporter Tool, and recommendations. Groups interested in setting up walk and bike audits can reach out to [planning@nfrmopo.org](mailto:planning@nfrmopo.org) or [mobility@nfrmopo.org](mailto:mobility@nfrmopo.org).

## NFRMPO Wraps Up Summer Outreach

Between April and September, NFRMPO and RideNoCo staff attended 14 events and co-hosted five Bike to Work Day Stations around the region. During the events, Staff interacted with 3,677 community members across 12 communities. During the events, community members of all ages played Transportation Trivia, learning about transit, air quality, bike and ped trails, mobility options, and transportation safety. Trivia questions spark conversations



allowing NFRMPO staff to learn about transportation needs and concerns in the region, and community members to learn something new about transportation in Northern Colorado.

For more information about the NFRMPO's public outreach, check out the [2022 Public Involvement Plan](#) on the [NFRMPO Public Involvement webpage](#). To see when and where the NFRMPO staff will be, including [community events](#) and public meetings, check out the [NFRMPO Callender](#).

## US34 Projects Update

US34 is a major corridor which bisects the region, carrying commuters, visitors, and freight. To handle the growth on this corridor, the NFRMPO Planning Council has set aside funding for plans and programs. This is in addition to funding set aside by CDOT Region 4 for transit along the corridor.

- **US34 Transportation Management Organization (TMO)** – a standalone organization that will focus on improving multimodal connections and reducing single-occupant vehicle (SOV) trips along the corridor between Estes Park and Kersey. The TMO is funded by Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Funds (MMOF), a grant from CDOT's Office of Innovative Mobility, and funding from local communities.
- **LinkNoCo Phase II** – building off the work of Phase I, Phase II will focus on what the bus service along US34 needs to look like, including operations and capital needs. Phase II will allow for improvements to ensure a competitive, efficient, and useful transit service along the corridor between Loveland and Greeley. Phase II is funded by MMOF and funding from VanGo™ Vanpools.



The NFRMPO will reach out to stakeholders as the projects progress. Questions may be directed to [planning@nfrmpo.org](mailto:planning@nfrmpo.org).

## Shift Your Ride Summer Challenge



Building off the success of the 2022 challenge, the NFRMPO partnered with local communities including Greeley and Fort Collins to promote the 2023 Shift Your Ride Summer Challenge. Based on [the Fort Collins Shift program](#), Shift Your Ride focuses on getting people to reduce single-occupant vehicle (SOV) trips. Local communities and organizations provided giveaways to incentivize the trips. Also new this year was a partnership with the [VanGo™ Vanpools program](#), which supported pledgers to track their trips.

Between June 1 and August 31, 2023, nearly 150 participants pledged to shift their ride during the challenge. About one-third of participants tracked at least one trip, leading to the following statistics:

- 178 carpool trips
- 84 transit trips
- 501 bike trips
- 143 walk trips
- 292 work from home “trips”

By shifting their rides, participants reduced more than 10,000 vehicle miles traveled (VMT), saved more than \$2,500, and did not purchase 430 gallons of gas. Together, these led to a reduction of nitrous oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), two key precursors to ozone, and more than four tons of GHG reduced from the air.

## Welcome Michael Saunders!



Welcome Michael Saunders, the NFRMPO's new Transportation Planner! Michael joins the NFRMPO after graduating from the University of Colorado Denver with an Urban Studies and Planning Major and History Minor. Originally from Broomfield Colorado, Michael currently resides in South Denver.

While pursuing his bachelor's degree, Michael studied abroad with the University of Colorado Denver in France and Singapore, which helped to inspire his interest in improving public transit and walkable infrastructure in the US. At the NFRMPO, Michael's primary responsibilities include Air Quality Planning and Freight Planning, as well as assisting the transportation planning team with long range planning, modeling, and administrative tasks. Michael can be reached by phone at (970)289-8283 during business hours or by email at [msaunders@nfrmfo.org](mailto:msaunders@nfrmfo.org).

## Mobility News in Northern Colorado

### Weld County Announces New Accessible Transportation Service for Residents



Beginning on August 1, 2023, Weld County residents began to have access to a new accessible transportation service designed to enhance mobility for residents, especially older adults and individuals with disabilities. Now, residents can ride with Via Mobility Services to get where they need to go, like grocery stores, healthcare facilities, work locations, social outings, and more. This new program aims to foster independence and community connections. Riders who need additional support when traveling will receive help from trained drivers who not only escort riders with *door-through-door* service but also provide a sense of community on every ride. A testament to the valuable service provided by Via, a satisfied rider says, “The Via driver comes right to my door and then assists me into the waiting room. From daily appointments to errands around town, Via helps me get where I need to go.”

Now, this on-demand transit service is available for residents in Ault, Fort Lupton, Gilcrest, Hudson, Johnstown, Kersey, Keenesburg, Nunn, Platteville, LaSalle, and certain unincorporated portions of Weld County, from Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. To see a service area map, click [here](#). There is no fare for this service. To learn more, including your eligibility to ride, call Via at 303-444-3043.

This transit service aims to address the ever-increasing demand for flexible, accessible, and inclusive transportation solutions within Weld County and is made possible by collaboration with the Weld County Board of County Commissioners, North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization, Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region, and Via Mobility Services. Through the partnership, we aim to foster greater mobility and independence among residents and support the entire community’s well-being.

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## Get Involved

See what's happening at the NFRMPO and join us virtually at one of our upcoming events or meetings. For a comprehensive and up to date calendar of events, visit <https://nfrmfo.org/calendar>, and to download meeting materials, visit <https://nfrmfo.org/meeting-materials>.

Many meetings are being conducted as a hybrid of virtual and in person. Please check our [Events Calendar](#) for the most up to date information.

## Upcoming Events

**October 5, 2023**

Planning Council

**October 24, 2023**

Larimer County Mobility Committee

**November 23 and 24, 2023**

Thanksgiving Holiday  
-NFRMPO Office Closed

**November 28, 2023**

Northern Colorado Mobility Committee

**December 25-26, 2023**

Christmas Holiday  
-NFRMPO Office Closed

## Recurring Meetings

**North I-25 Coalition** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

**NFRMPO Council** meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am.

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

**Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)** meets the third Thursday every other month (October) at 1:30 p.m.

**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)** meets the fourth Tuesday every other month (December) at 1:30 p.m.

**Northern Colorado Mobility Committee** meets quarterly at 1:00 p.m.

**Community Advisory Committee (CAC)** meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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