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| NFRMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)—AGENDA | | | | | |
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| January 17, 2024 | | | | | |
| 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | | | | | |

| 2. | Public Comment (2 minutes each) | | | | | | | | |
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| AIR | AIR QUALITY AGENDA | | | | | | | | |
| | 1) | Regional Air Quality Updates | Tom Moore, RAQC Karasko | | | | | | |
| ME | TRC | POLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA | | | | | | | |
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| No | Item | is this Month. | | | | | | | |
| ACT | | ITEMS | | | | | | | |
| | 1) 2) 3) | FFY2024 Program of Projects (POP) (Page 6) January 2024 TIP Amendment (Handouts) 2020-2024 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures (Handouts) | Joshua Ma, Transfort Cunningham Cunningham | | | | | | |
| PRE | SEN | TATION | | | | | | | |
| | 4) | Via Mobility Weld County Service (Handouts) | Adriana Torres, Via | | | | | | |
| DIS | cus | SION ITEMS | | | | | | | |
| | 5) 6) 7) | 2023 Call for Projects Follow-Up <i>(Handouts)</i> FHWA Adjusted Urban Area (UA) Discussion <i>(Page 11)</i> 2024 Outreach <i>(Page 12)</i> | Cunningham Gordon Cunningham | | | | | | |
| <u>0U</u> | TSID | E PARTNER REPORTS | | | | | | | |
| | 9) | NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative Regional Transit Agencies Mobility Updates | <i>Handout</i> Bettolo | | | | | | |
| REP | PORT | | bettolo | | | | | | |
| | 12) 13) 14) | January Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft (Handouts) Q4 2023 TIP Modifications (Page 13) CDOT Inactives Report (Page 14) Annual Report (Page 16) Roundtable | Written Report Written Report Written Report Written Report All | | | | | | |
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- 4. Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)
- 5. Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
- 6. Next TAC Meeting: February 21, 2024

MEETING MINUTES of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council Hybrid Meeting December 20, 2023 1:00 – 2:59 p.m.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Buckman – Fort Collins Aaron Bustow – FHWA Jason Elkins – Johnstown Nicole Hahn – Loveland Omar Herrera – Windsor Bhooshan Karnik – Greeley Tom Moore – RAQC Elizabeth Relford – Weld County Josie Thomas – CDOT

NFRMPO STAFF:

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

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eric Tracy, Chair – Larimer County Mark Oberschmidt, Vice Chair – Evans Emma Belmont – FTA Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD Eric Fuhrman – Timnath Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton Pepper McClenahan – Milliken Shani Porter – Severance Town of Garden City Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bethany Clark - Loveland Alex Donaldson – Loveland Candice Folkers - COLT Phil von Hake – CDOT Marilyn Hilgenberg – Loveland Tom Jones - Great Western Trail Authority Tamara Keefe – FHU Will Keenan – FHWA Joshua Ma – Fort Collins Deanna McIntosh - CDOT Region 4 Jerry Neville – Wilson & Company Evan Pinkham – Weld County Bryce Reeves - CDOT Region 4 Karen Scopel – Greeley Justin Stone - Timnath Julia Wcislo – FTA

CALL TO ORDER

Karasko called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2023 TAC MINUTES

Hahn moved to approve the November 15, 2023 TAC Minutes. Buckman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Moore stated the AQCC approved the SIP as presented. Moore described the attainment demonstration contained in Chapter Five of the SIP, which modeled attainment of the 2008 Ozone Standard of 75ppb within the nonattainment area by 2027. Moore noted an increase of 2-3ppb in the 2026 projected design value concentrations, citing a more conservative and realistic approach to AQCC modeling. Moore explained the hybrid approach for reducing gas powered lawn and garden equipment emissions that AQCC approved. The hybrid approach stipulates that all state entities and their private contractors must transition to electric equipment, whereas local entities and their private contractors will only be required to transition to electric equipment if they are within the nonattainment area. Moore noted that these requirements will likely come into effect by 2025.

Moore explained that ozone levels will continue to be monitored from 2024 to 2026 to demonstrate attainment.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA

<u>Consent Agenda</u>

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

TAC Chair and Vice Chair Election – Relford nominated Oberschmidt for 2024 TAC Chair. Oberschmidt was elected via acclimation.

Buckman nominated Hahn as the 2024 TAC Vice Chair. Hahn was elected via unanimous consent.

2023 Call for Projects – Cunningham stated CDOT's federal reconciliation resulted in approximately \$630K reduction across all four federal funding programs for FY2023. Due to the reduction in federal funding available, the Greeley *9th & 10th St Mobility Improvements* project within the CMAQ program and the Loveland *Wilson Ave Multiuse Path and Crossing* project within the CRP program will become partially funded with the remaining funding waitlisted.

Buckman moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the recommended funding for the four federal funding programs in the 2023 Call for Projects. Hahn seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2020 – 2024 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures – Cunningham stated targets for the safety performance measures are set annually by DOTs and MPOs. Cunningham noted that MPOs can either support the State's target or set regionally specific targets. Though the NFRMPO has previously set targets by supporting the CDOT targets, Cunningham explained it may make sense for the MPO to set regional targets now due to statewide targets trending upwards in recent years. Cunningham presented the CDOT statewide targets for 2020-2024, of which increased in each measured category with significant

increases in statewide targets for fatalities and serious injuries. Fatalities within the NFRMPO region have decreased and serious injuries and non-motorized serious injuries and fatalities have increased since 2020. TAC indicated support for setting regional targets. The Planning Council will discuss the targets at the January Planning Council meeting. The safety targets will be approved at the February Planning Council meeting. Targets are due to CDOT at the end of February.

PRESENTATIONS

Great Western Trail – Tom Jones, Chair of the Great Western Trail Authority, stated the Great Western Trail was completed in the summer of 2023 after 17 years and now spans 10.5 miles in length, connecting Windsor and Eaton via Severance. Jones presented a video to the committee, which explained the history of the trail from its beginnings as a railroad track owned and operated by the Great Western Railway before eventually being donated to the Great Western Trail Authority to be transformed into a recreational trail in 2006. Jones outlined the trail's funding, including Federal and State grants, local funding and individual donations Jones concluded the presentation by discussing plans for expansion of the trail and integration with other regional trails. Jones stated an opening celebration of the completed trail will be held in April 2024.

Centerra Trail – Bethany Clark, Parks and Recreation Planner with the City of Loveland, informed the committee the Centerra Trail had recently finished construction and is now a 1.3 mile long, ten-foot-wide concrete trail. Clark discussed the trails budget, which was funded by TA and MMOF grants and local funds. Clark stated construction of the trail exceeded the original 75 working day timeline due to weather delays and vandalism, with construction beginning on October 17, 2022, and concluding May 2, 2023.

Greeley #3 Canal Trail – Karen Scopel, Environmental Planner with the City of Greeley Natural Areas and Trails, provided updates on the construction timeline of the Greeley #3 Canal Trail, beginning with Phase 1 in 2012 which completed a ¾-mile segment of the trail using \$450K in federal funds. Phases 2 and 3 were designed at that time but were delayed due to lack of funding until an MMOF grant award from the NFRMPO in 2020 allowed for further construction. Scopel stated trail construction concluded in November 2023, and explained details regarding construction challenges, trail design, and future connections.

CDOT Local Agency Handbook Updates – Bryce Reeves, CDOT Region 4 Local Agency Engineer discussed major changes to the CDOT Local Agency Handbook, including updating references, requirements to match other documents, adding funding programs, and changing language to add clarity. Reeves welcomed members of the committee to contact him if they find errors in the document or sections in need of additional updates. Reeves went on to discuss upcoming training opportunities, including a local agency training on environmental and right of way requirements to take place in spring of 2024.

Relford asked how local agency staff can become right-of-way certified, Reeves stated he was unsure but would find out and follow up with TAC.

OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative – Written report provided.

Regional Transit Agencies – There were no Regional Transit Agency updates.

Mobility Updates – Bettolo stated materials were being translated into Spanish to improve language access within the program. Bettolo added RideNoCo has entered its third phase of facilitating trip scheduling crossover, which will eventually allow eligible participants to be referred to other local programs through RideNoCo.

REPORTS

December Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft – Written report provided.

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

Mobility Committee Updates – Written report provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Karasko stated information regarding the 2024 local match increases and decreases would be included in an email following the meeting. Karasko also stated TAC meetings in 2024 would be held in the Pine Room at the Windsor Recreation Center.

Pinkham stated the WCR74 and WCR33 roundabout project would likely be completed in two months. Pinkham stated Weld County had received a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) planning grant, which will kick off in 2024.

Rouser stated the Safe Routes to School Conference would take place in Fort Collins in October of 2024 and NFRMPO staff would be involved. Rouser added the Active Transportation Plan Steering Committee held its first meeting on Monday, December 18th and requested committee members inform him of organizations and groups that may be interested in the development of the <u>Active Transportation Plan</u>. Rouser concluded by reporting the Safe Routes to School Subcommittee would be meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month beginning in January.

Hahn stated the new Loveland Transit Center would be opening in January.

Buckman stated Fort Collins had collaborated with CDOT on an urban design project on Prospect Road.

Cunningham requested that TAC members send photos of projects to the Google Drive link that was sent to committee members. Rouser noted Bike and Pedestrian pictures would be helpful for the <u>Active Transportation Plan</u>.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions: There were no agenda topic suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Michael Saunders, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, as a hybrid meeting.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY (AIS)



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

| Meeting Date | Agenda Item | Submitted By |
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| January 17, 2024 | FFY 2024 Program of Projects | Joshua Ma City of Fort Collins |
| bjective/Request Act | tion | |
| ederal Fiscal Year (FFY | of TIP amendments for the Program of Projects (POP) for 2) 2024 FTA sections 5307, 5310, and 5339 apportionments for prtation Management Area (TMA). | Report Work Session Discussion Action |
| (ey Points | | |
| Administration (FTA) S Management Area (TM funds. Once final appo identified projects wil 5307, 5310 & 5339 fun | s/Transfort has planned the following Program of Projects for F Sections 5307, 5310 & 5339 apportionments for the Fort Collins (A). Beginning in FY20, City of Loveland became a Direct Recipio prtionments have been announced by the FTA, final dollar amo I remain the same. The City of Fort Collins is the Designated Re- ding for the Fort Collins TMA. Section 5307 & 5339 funds are use es and projects, and Section 5310 funding is used for the Enhan Disabilities. | Transportation ent for 5307 and 5339 unts may change, but cipient of FTA Section ed for public |
| Fort Collins works wit projects to be funded | h other TMA members to develop a distribution of available fur | nds and identify the |
| A public mee on December published in An online not feedback. There have b City of Lovela Full FY24 app using FY23 fu Funding Exch | n the FFY 2024 funding: ting was held from 11:00am - 12:00 pm at the Downtown Transi r 12, 2023, a virtual attendance option was offered. Public notic the primary Fort Collins newspaper. tice was on the Transfort website for two weeks with contact in een no question or concerns on the program to date. and Transit (COLT) will be coming in for FTA funds as a direct re portionments have not yet been released, program funding and Il apportionments, minus COLT's share. ange will remain in effect for Berthoud, NFRMPO and COLT 531 | e of the meeting was formation to provide cipient. punts were estimated |
| Committee Discussior | | |
| This is the first time Tapproval. | AC has discussed the FFY 2024 TMA POP for recommendation to | o Planning Council for |
| Supporting Information | on | |
| 5310, and 5339 fundin POP is a project list pr area's 5307, 5310, and | quirement under 49 USC Chapter 53 for designated recipients of g to develop a POP for inclusion in the Transportation Improve oposed by the Designated Recipient in cooperation with the M 5339 apportionments. ief project description, including any sub-allocation among pu | ment Program (TIP). <i>P</i> PO using the urbanize |
| providers, total projec | ct costs, and the federal share for each project. | |
| Allocate the r local needs a | the Designated Recipient are as follows: relevant apportionment among recipients in the urbanized area nd arrangements, and in coordination with the MPO(s). select the projects that the MPO will include in a Metropolitan T | |

• Identify and select the projects that the MPO will include in a Metropolitan Transportation plan, TIP, long range statewide transportation plan, statewide transportation improvement program (STIP), and/or unified planning work program (UPWP).

Supporting Information Continued

- Submit a grant application for the applicable Section POP and/or authorize other eligible applicants to apply for all or part of the apportionment and notify FTA of such authorizations.
- Ensure the annual POP complies with the requirements that at least one percent is used for public transportation security projects unless all security needs are certified to have been met.
- Each Designated Recipient must verify that appropriate documentation of designation is on file with FTA and, if not, provide such documentation.

The City of Fort Collins, with the assistance of the TMA members, developed a POP for each Section's funding. Fort Collins is submitting the POP for TAC approval. This item will be presented at the February 1, 2024, Planning Council meeting for approval and subsequent inclusion in the FY2024-2027 TIP and STIP. Advantages

Complies with the public participation process as determined by 49 USC Chapter 35 and prepares or authorizes funding use by the various agencies.

Disadvantages

None noted.

Analysis/Recommendation

The City of Fort Collins has done their due diligence in preparing and working with the TMA partners. They have met all federal requirements as the Designated Recipient of these specific FTA funds. This includes posting public notice of the Program of Projects in TMA publications and holding a public meeting for comment.

Attachments

- FFY 2024 Program of Projects
- December 12, 2023 Public Hearing Public Notice
- FTA Factsheets
 - o <u>FTA 5307</u>
 - o <u>FTA 5310</u>
 - o <u>FTA 5339</u>
- FFY23 Full Apportionment Notices
 - o <u>FTA 5307</u>
 - o <u>FTA 5310</u>
 - o <u>FTA 5339</u>

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2024 FTA SECTIONS 5307, 5310 & 5339 - CITY OF FORT COLLINS PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

5307 - Estimated FY24 Apportionment - City of Fort Collins

\$4,897,008

Source of Funds (Federal and Local)

| 5307 Project Description | Project Sponsor | Total Project Cost | Federal | Local | Local Match Requirement |
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| Aqcuire, Maintain, Repair and Replace Assets | Fort Collins | \$1,456,154 | \$1,164,923 | \$291,231 | 20% |
| 1% Security Projects & 0.75% Safety Projects | Fort Collins | \$133,120 | \$106,496 | \$26,624 | 20% |
| Capital Costs of Contracting | Fort Collins | \$841,055 | \$336,422 | \$504,633 | 60% |
| Fixed Route Operating Expenses | Fort Collins | \$5,775,164 | \$2,887,582 | \$2,887,582 | 50% |
| Transit Planning, Design, and Capital | Fort Collins | \$501,981 | \$401,585 | \$100,396 | 20% |
| | Total Project | \$8,707,474 | | | |
| | Total Federal | \$4,897,008 | | | |

| 5339 - Estimated FY24 Apportionment - City of Fort Collins | \$342,906 | | Source of Funds (Federal and Local) | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--|
| 5339 Project Description | Project Sponsor | Total Project Cost | Federal | Local | Local Match Requirement | |
| Acquire/Repair/Replace/Enhance projects related to Rolling Stock, Facilities and Technology | Fort Collins | \$ 428,632.50 | \$ 342,906.00 | \$ 85,726.50 | 20% | |
| | Total Project Total Federal | \$ 428,632.50 \$ 342,906.00 | | | | |

| 5310 - Estimated FY24 Apportionment - City of Fort Collins | \$372,232 | Source of Funds (Federal and Local) | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|--|
| 5310 Project Description | Project Sponsor | Total Project Cost | Federal | Local | Local Match Requirement | |
| Goods and Services for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities | Fort Collins | \$ 465,290.00 | \$ 372,232.00 | \$ 93,058.00 | 20% | |
| | Total Project Total Federal | \$ 465,290.00 \$ 372,232.00 | | | | |



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NOTICE

The City of Fort Collins/Transfort has planned the following Program of Projects for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5307, 5310 & 5339 apportionment for the Fort Collins Transportation Management Area (TMA). Once final apportionments have been announced by the FTA, final dollar amounts may change, but identified projects will remain the same. The City of Fort Collins is the Designated Recipient of FTA Section 5307, 5310 & 5339 funding for the Fort Collins TMA. Beginning in FY20, City of Loveland became a Direct Recipient for 5307 and 5339 funds. Section 5307 & 5339 funds are used for public transportation facilities and projects, and Section 5310 funding is used for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities.

- FY24 Section 5307 approximate available funding: \$4,897,008
- FY24 Section 5310 approximate available funding: \$372,232
- FY24 Section 5339 approximate available funding: \$342,906

The Proposed Program of Projects (POP) includes:

5307 Program

- Acquire, Maintain, Repair and Replace Assets \$1,164,923 Federal, \$291,231 Local Match
- Safety & Security Projects \$106,496 Federal, \$26,624 Local Match
- Capital Costs of Contracting \$336,422 Federal, \$504,633 Local Match
- Fixed Route Operating Expenses \$2,887,582 Federal, \$2,887,582 Local Match
- Transit Planning, Design and Capital \$401,585 Federal, \$101,396 Local Match

5310 Program

 Goods and Services for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - \$372,232 Federal, \$93,058 Local Match

5339 Program

• Acquire/Repair/Replace/Enhance projects related to Rolling Stock, Facilities & Technology - \$342,906 Federal, \$85,727 Local Match

Total Project Costs - \$9,601,397 Total Federal Costs - \$5,612,146 Total Local Costs - \$3,989,251



Detailed information on the aforementioned projects may be obtained by contacting Annabelle Phillips at Transfort / Dial A Ride (970) 224-6173 / <u>aphillips@fcgov.com</u>. Public comment is encouraged and if warranted, the Program of Projects may be amended prior to publication of the final Program of Projects. The public is invited to comment on the POP and other amendments to the FY2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO). A public meeting will be held with a virtual attendance option on Thursday, December 12, 2023 from 11:00am – 12:00 pm to allow for questions and comments. If attending in person, the meeting will be located at the Downtown Transit Center at 250 N. Mason Street, Fort Collins. To register for the virtual public meeting option, please email <u>aphillips@fcgov.com</u> by December 6th, 2023 and virtual meeting information will be provided.

Comments can also be submitted via the Transfort website (ridetransfort.com) under Plans and Projects, Program of Projects. All members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide comments at this open public hearing.

Pending no amendments after the public hearing, this proposed FFY2024 Program of Projects will be considered the final Program of Projects and will be forwarded to the Transportation Advisory Council and NFRMPO Planning Council for initial review. This public notice and time established for public review and comments on the TIP will satisfy the FTA Program of Projects requirements for the Urbanized Area Formula Program. This notice will serve as the final POP unless projects contained within are amended.



MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee

From: Alex Gordon

Date: January 17, 2024

Re: FHWA Adjusted Urban Area (UA) Discussion

After each decennial Census, the US Census Bureau draws new urban areas based on their definition of urban areas. These Urban Areas (UA) consider things like job and housing density, which may not account for roadways, municipal boundaries, or other considerations. To address this, FHWA approves Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries. These Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries are adjusted (expanded) by a State DOT and approved by FHWA to include additional territory. CDOT released proposed Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries in December 2023, and is requesting all edits by February 16, 2024. To give the NFRMPO staff time to combine all edits, please submit any proposed changes by February 5, 2024.

Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries impact the federal classification of roadways. Once approved, Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries are used to declare a road urban for the federal Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS). Any road within or on the adjusted boundary is considered urban, while any road outside an adjusted boundary is considered a rural road for state and federal transportation purposes. The main purpose of this exercise is to flatten or improve irregular boundaries, which may cause roads to switch between rural and urban status many times along their length.

CDOT has drafted a map to show the Census Urban Areas and their proposed Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries. Comments should be submitted to the NFRMPO to ensure CDOT receives the region's edits in one set. The web map is available at this link: <u>Urban Area Boundary Adjustment (2023-2024) web app</u>.



MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee

From: AnnaRose Cunningham

Date: January 17, 2024

Re: 2024 Outreach

Background

In 2024, NFRMPO staff will attend community events throughout the region. Historically, the NFRMPO has attended the following events in the following communities and intends on attending in 2024:

- Transportation Projects Fair (Fort Collins)
- CSU Earth Day
- Timnath Safety Fair
- Berthoud Day
- Johnstown BBQ Day
- Open Streets (Fort Collins)
- Greeley Stampede

- Bike to Work Day
- Eaton Days
- LaSalle Day
- Milliken Beef 'N Bean Day
- Severance Days
- Corn Roast Festival (Loveland)
- Windsor Harvest Festival
- Evans Heritage Day

NFRMPO staff continues to seek out additional opportunities to connect with people who live and work in the region. NFRMPO staff requests:

- TAC provide additional recommendations for community events the NFRMPO may attend;
- TAC members invite the NFRMPO to Open Houses or transportation related community outreach events hosted by local agencies in 2024; and
- Provide photos to the NFRMPO: <u>Google Drive for Local Agency Photos.</u>

Action

Staff requests TAC be prepared to discuss and provide input on the 2024 Outreach season.



MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee

From: AnnaRose Cunningham

Date: January 17, 2024

Re: Q4 2023 TIP Modifications

In the fourth quarter of 2023 (October-December), the NFRMPO processed two Administrative Modifications to the FY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and two Administrative Modifications to the FY2024-2027 TIP. The modifications are listed and linked below.

- October 2023 TIP Modification- <u>https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-m10-tip-modification.pdf</u>
- 2nd October 2023 TIP Modification <u>https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-m10.2-tip-modification.pdf</u>
- November 2023 TIP Modification <u>https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-m11-tip-modification.pdf</u>
- December 2023 TIP Modification <u>https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-m12-tip-modification.pdf</u>

The most recent TIP tables including all Policy Amendments and Administrative Modifications can be found at <u>www.nfrmpo.org/tip</u>.

For any questions about the Q4 TIP Modifications please contact AnnaRose Cunningham at <u>arcunningham@nfrmpo.org</u>.

| Project | Number | Description | Budget | Expend | Encumbered | Balance | FHWA End Date | Activity Status |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---|
| 22461 | FSA M455-126 | College & Troutman Signal Upgrades | \$250,000.00 | \$26,677.75 | \$223,322.25 | \$0.00 | No Federal Funds | 1-WARNING, Greater Than A Year Since Activity |
| 23945 | MTF M570-062 | Greeley No.3 Canal Trail 2020 | \$350,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$350,000.00 | \$0.00 | No Federal Funds | 1-WARNING, Greater Than A Year Since Activity |
| | 10111 101370-002 | | \$330,000.00 | Ş0.00 | | \$0.00 | Norederarrands | 1-WARNING, Greater man A real Since Activity |
| 23927 | MTF M830-103 | US287 West Sidewalk Gap | \$117,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$117,500.00 | \$0.00 | No Federal Funds | 1-WARNING, Greater Than A Year Since Activity |
| 23949 | MTF M830-104 | Centerra Trail | \$459,476.00 | \$66,963.00 | \$392,513.00 | \$0.00 | No Federal Funds | 1-WARNING, Greater Than A Year Since Activity |
| 23631 | TAP M830-102 | Centerra Trail | \$764,306.00 | \$113,823.00 | \$650,483.00 | \$0.00 | 12/31/2025 | 1-WARNING, Greater Than A Year Since Activity |
| 23944 | MTF M070-909 | Berthoud Pkwy Trail Gap Elimination | \$200,000.00 | \$176,806.31 | \$23,193.69 | \$0.00 | No Federal Funds | 2-ALERT, Greater Than 9 Months Since Activity |
| 23926 | MTF M377-010 | 7th St MMOF Transportation Study | \$150,000.00 | \$83,925.05 | \$66,074.95 | \$0.00 | No Federal Funds | 2-ALERT, Greater Than 9 Months Since Activity |
| 21993 | TAP C060-088 | North LCR 17 Expansion: Willox to US287 | \$2,162,795.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,162,795.00 | \$0.00 | 3/31/2026 | 2-ALERT, Greater Than 9 Months Since Activity |
| 23934 | MTF M455-138 | West Elizabeth Corridor in Fort Collins | \$750,000.00 | \$619,221.19 | \$130,778.81 | \$0.00 | No Federal Funds | 3-Caution, Greater Than 6 Months Since Activity |
| 23881 | SHO M455-136 | Timberline Rd & Carpenter (SH392) Rndabt | \$696,285.00 | \$0.00 | \$197,120.00 | \$499,165.00 | 1/31/2025 | 3-Caution, Greater Than 6 Months Since Activity |
| 23044 | STU C030-078 | WCR 74/WCR 33 Roundabout | \$1,318,780.00 | \$611,068.50 | \$707,711.50 | \$0.00 | 4/30/2026 | 3-Caution, Greater Than 6 Months Since Activity |
| 20389 | AQC M570-048 | 10th Street in Greeley: Phase II | \$2,631,261.00 | \$2,631,260.46 | \$0.00 | \$0.54 | 10/31/2023 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23045 | AQC M570-054 | Phase III Fiber 2022 | \$1,848,273.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,848,273.00 | \$0.00 | 9/30/2024 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23048 | AQC M570-055 | Citywide Signal Timing 2022 | \$283,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$283,000.00 | \$0.00 | 3/30/2026 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 24983 | AQC M830-108 | US287 Signal Coordination Improvements | \$750,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$750,000.00 | \$0.00 | 12/31/2024 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 24890 | BRO M775-001 | Main St./Union Ditch Crossing | \$846,000.00 | \$94,000.00 | \$752,000.00 | \$0.00 | 11/30/2025 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23491 | BRO M830-100 | Loveland 1st St Irrigation Canal Bridge | \$625,000.00 | \$237,325.62 | \$387,674.38 | \$0.00 | 6/30/2025 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 25013 | FSA 3921-021 | CO 392 and WCR 23 Signalization | \$750,000.00 | \$565,654.77 | \$184,345.23 | \$0.00 | No Federal Funds | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23932 | MTF C060-092 | Poudre River Trail Connector 2020 | \$399,417.00 | \$0.00 | \$399,417.00 | \$0.00 | No Federal Funds | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23948 | MTF M192-003 | WCR23/Great Western Trail Connection | \$75,000.00 | \$74,997.26 | \$2.24 | \$0.50 | No Federal Funds | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 25297 | MTF M377-015 | 11th St Multimodal Improvements | \$800,760.00 | \$0.00 | \$800,760.00 | \$0.00 | 12/31/2025 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 25298 | MTF M455-147 | Phemsiter Bridge and Trail | \$46,853.00 | \$0.00 | \$46,853.00 | \$0.00 | No Federal Funds | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 26006 | MTF M455-158 | West Elizabeth Corridor in Fort Collins | \$1,232,248.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,232,248.00 | \$0.00 | No Federal Funds | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 25296 | MTF M690-002 | CO 60 & Carlson Blvd - Intersection Imp. | \$250,000.00 | \$151,539.83 | \$98,460.17 | \$0.00 | No Federal Funds | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23025 | SAR M455-127 | Hampshire Bikeway Arterial Crossing | \$619,814.00 | \$517,466.04 | \$0.00 | \$102,347.96 | 10/31/2023 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 25704 | SAR M455-149 | Bike/Ped Crossings Zach Elementary SRTS | \$119,160.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$119,160.00 | 3/30/2025 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 21966 | SHO M455-124 | US 287 & Trilby Road Intersection | \$2,737,274.00 | \$515,897.30 | \$409,100.70 | \$1,812,276.00 | 3/31/2026 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23879 | SHO M455-135 | Lemay Ave & Drake Rd Inters. Imprv. | \$182,400.00 | \$0.00 | \$182,400.00 | \$0.00 | 5/31/2025 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23896 | SHO M455-137 | Timberline Rd/Lincoln Ave/Mulberry | \$104,188.00 | \$0.00 | \$104,188.00 | \$0.00 | 11/30/2025 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23897 | SHO M570-059 | US34 & WCR17 Traff. Sig. Upgrades | \$32,310.00 | \$0.00 | \$18,000.00 | \$14,310.00 | 1/31/2025 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 24513 | SHO M830-105 | Backplate & Dilemma Zone Detections | \$73,612.00 | \$0.00 | \$73,612.00 | \$0.00 | 12/31/2025 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 24105 | STU 2873-215 | US 287 Intersection Improvements | \$232,784.00 | \$163,543.32 | \$69,240.68 | \$0.00 | 3/31/2024 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 25555 | STU M192-004 | Harmony Rd/WCR19 Intersection Imp. | \$115,815.00 | \$0.00 | \$115,815.00 | \$0.00 | 11/30/2024 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 21995 | STU M377-007 | SH 257 & Eastman Park Intersection Impv | \$4,330,833.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,330,260.00 | \$573.00 | 5/31/2026 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23049 | STU M415-021 | Widening 37th St/47th Ave | \$1,351,087.00 | \$938,312.97 | \$412,774.03 | \$0.00 | 4/30/2024 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 21996 | STU M455-125 | Timberline Road Corridor Improvements | \$2,694,602.00 | \$560,157.52 | \$2,134,444.48 | \$0.00 | 4/30/2025 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23047 | STU M455-129 | LCR19 (Taft Hill) Improvements | \$619,322.00 | \$190,203.05 | \$429,118.94 | \$0.01 | 9/30/2024 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23632 | TAP CO60-090 | Non Motorized Sidewalk 57th St/US287 | \$1,074,262.00 | \$110,458.30 | \$33,291.70 | \$930,512.00 | 3/30/2024 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23639 | TAP M192-002 | WCR 23/Great Western Trail Connection | \$600,000.00 | \$599,978.16 | \$21.84 | \$0.00 | 4/30/2025 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23042 | TAP M377-008 | Poudre River Trail Realignment | \$802,041.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$802,041.00 | No Federal Funds | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 24475 | TAP M377-012 | Great Western Trail Windsor Phase II | \$234,907.00 | \$110,328.39 | \$124,578.61 | \$0.00 | 10/31/2024 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 23630 | TAP M455-133 | LaPorte Ave Fishback to Sunset Sidewalks | \$1,437,500.00 | \$289,363.94 | \$1,148,136.06 | \$0.00 | 7/31/2025 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |

CDOT Region 4 Inactive Projects Report - NFRMPO - January 2024

| Project | Number | Description | Budget | Expend | Encumbered | Balance | FHWA End Date | Activity Status |
|---------|--------------|--|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 25890 | TAP M455-155 | Laporte Avenue Fishback to Sunset CP1 | \$1,187,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,187,500.00 | \$0.00 | 2/28/2024 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 21992 | TAP M690-001 | Little Thompson River Trail Phase 1a | \$312,500.00 | \$154,102.10 | \$158,397.90 | \$0.00 | 4/30/2024 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |
| 21886 | TAP M830-090 | Namaqua Ave Trail Underpass - Loveland | \$750,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$750,000.00 | 7/31/2025 | 4-Good, Activity in the last 6 Months |

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Red indicates expired FHWA End Date

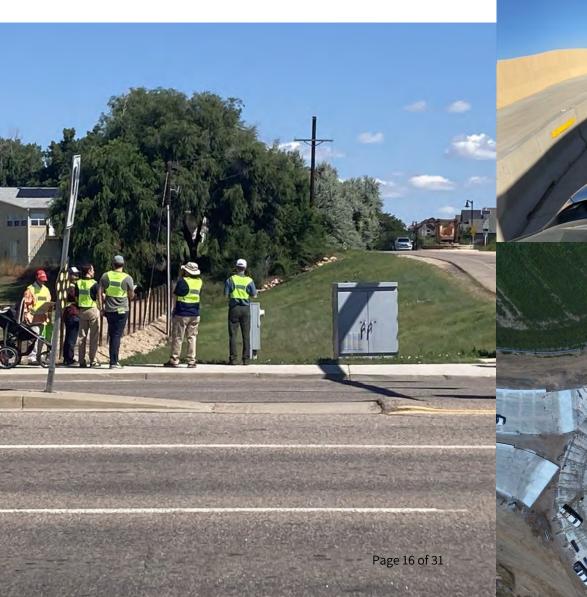
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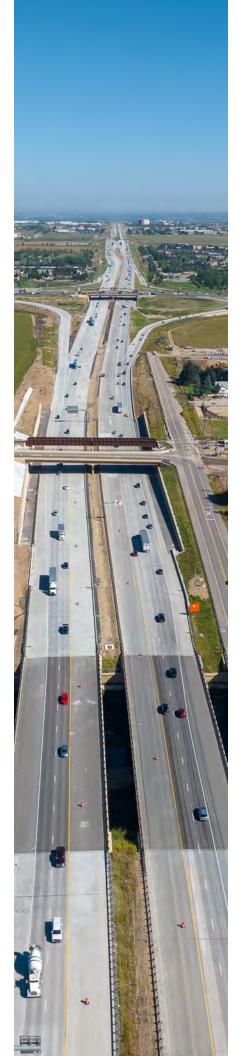
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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

To the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization communities and residents:



Scott James 2023 Planning Council Chair

The <u>North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) staff</u>; the <u>Technical</u> <u>Advisory Committee (TAC)</u>, consisting primarily of engineers and planning staff from local member agencies; and the <u>Planning Council</u>, which is comprised of elected officials from each of the NFRMPO members, had another very productive year. With assistance from the TAC, input from the public and stakeholders, and guidance and approval of the Planning Council during 2023, the NFRMPO completed:

- An annual audit with an unqualified opinion;
- Approved the FY2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and FY2024 Budget;
 - Approved the 2023 Congestion Management Process (CMP);
- Adopted new four-year Federal Performance Measures for PM2: Pavement and Bridge Performance and PM3: System Performance;
- Continued and expanded the NFRMPO's annual summer outreach in-person;
- Approved the <u>2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP);</u>
- Approved the <u>FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);</u>
- Approved the positive conformity determination for both the 2050 RTP and the FY2024-2027 TIP;
- Approved the NFRMPO's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report for the <u>2050 RTP</u> and <u>FY2024-2027 TIP</u> to comply with the Colorado Transportation Commission's GHG Planning Standard;
- Continued progress on the roll out of RideNoCo, a central resource and information hub to discover transportation options in the region as well as developing cross platform communication to ride providers;
- Selected a consultant to lead the creation of the region's first Transportation Management Organization (TMO on US 34); and
- Continued to work cooperatively to ensure the funding for North I-25 Segments 7 & 8 (SH14 to SH402), Segment 6 (SH402 to SH56) and Segment 5 (SH 56 to SH 66) was in place and the projects could remain on schedule, with the ribbon cutting held on December 7, 2023.

These accomplishments continue to keep the NFRMPO eligible to spend federal funding. These documents are explained more fully in this Annual Report and are available on the NFRMPO website at <u>nfrmpo.org</u>.

The VanGo[™] Vanpool Program continued providing safe, reliable, and economical transportation for commuters along the North Front Range and at the close of 2023, operated 20 vehicles, 14 of which were hybrid. An additional nine vehicles were available for use as back-ups or for new route start-ups.

To support and foster regional cooperation, the local communities rotate hosting the Planning Council meetings and dinners, with a virtual option being offered as well. The NFRMPO has also continued to support the I-25, US34, and US85 Coalitions; which has led to increased and continued cooperation and regionalism.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as the NFRMPO Planning Council Chair during this challenging, yet productive year, and I sincerely thank you for the opportunity.

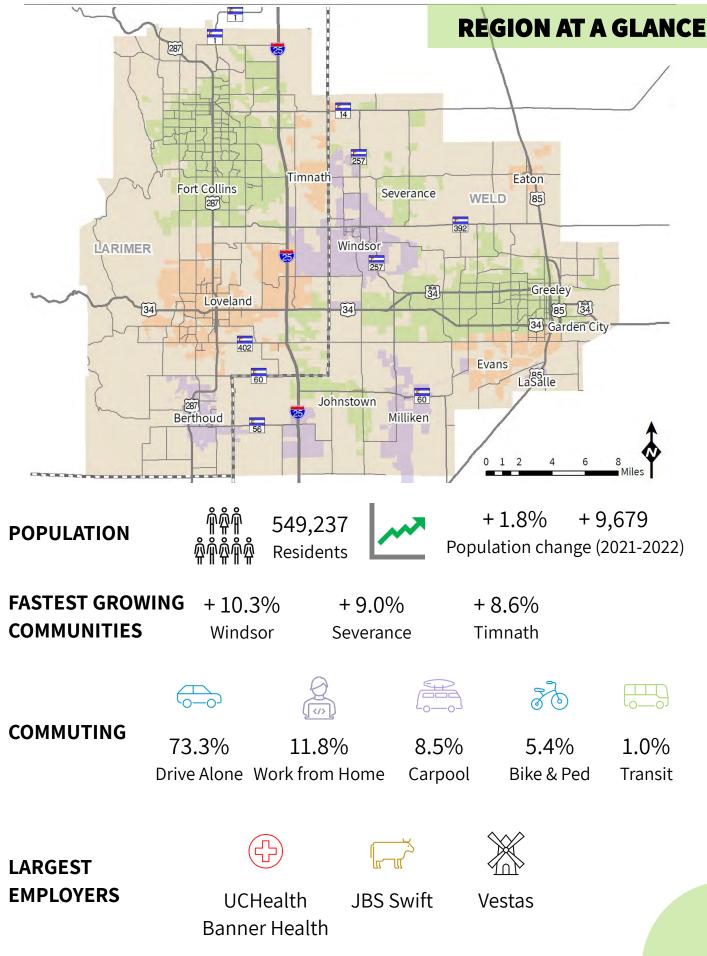
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Commissioner Scott James 2023 Planning Council Chair



The North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (NFRT & AQPC) meets the first Thursday evening of each month. The Planning Council is made up of elected officials and representatives from local communities and state agencies. Several NFRMPO Planning Council members also represent the NFRMPO on other state and regional committees, coalitions, and commissions, including the Colorado Transportation Commission (TC), Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC), Front Range Rail District Board (FRPR), and the Non-Attainment Area Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME).

| Chair | Commissioner Scott James | Weld County | | | |
|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Vice Chair | Councilmember Jon Mallo | Loveland | | | |
| Past Chair | Mayor Will Karspeck | Berthoud | | | |
| | Mayor Pro Tem Liz Heid | Eaton | | | |
| | Mayor Mark Clark | Evans | | | |
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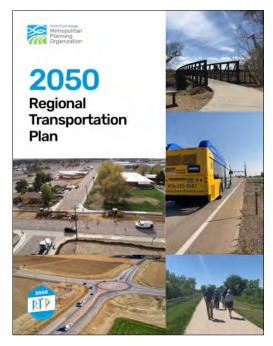


Sources: Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)/State Demography Office (SDO), 2017-2021 5-Year American Community Survey data, Upstate Colorado Page 20 of 31

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The NFRMPO adopted the <u>2050 Regional Transportation Plan</u> (RTP) in September. The culmination of two years of hard word by staff, community members, and stakeholders, the <u>2050 RTP</u> sets the goals, objectives, and priorities to improve mobility in Northern Colorado over the next two-and-a-half decades. Some highlights from the <u>2050 RTP</u> include:

- \$6.5B toward roadway operations and maintenance
- \$787.9M toward intersection improvements
- \$435.4M to Regional Active Transportation Corridors (RATCs)
- \$3.4B to transit operations, maintenance, and expansion
- \$4.3B to capacity projects, including multimodal improvements
- \$91M to greenhouse gas reducing strategies



Land Use and Travel Demand Models Updates The NFRMPO worked with local communities and stakeholders to improve the Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM) and the Land Use Allocation Model (LUAM) to analyze scenarios used in the <u>2050 RTP</u>. These scenarios include:

- No Build
- High Density
- Fiscally Unconstrained
- Fiscally Constrained

Communities and consultants can use these updated model data in their studies and reports.

Congestion Management Process (CMP)

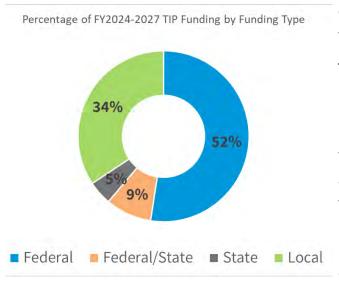
The NFRMPO addresses congestion through a systematic and strategic process documented in the <u>Congestion Management Process</u> (CMP). The CMP includes congestion reduction goals, objectives, performance measures, targets, and strategies.

Overall, the strategies are organized based on their impact to transportation demand or supply. Higher level recommendations include a Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) Analysis Worksheet in the NFRMPO Call for Projects to ensure more multimodal investments in the region.

Story Maps and Interactive Maps

Throughout the <u>2050 RTP</u> development process, NFRMPO staff kept in mind the question "so what?" Transportation can be jargony, complex, and intimidating. To make it easier, the NFRMPO created interactive maps and Story Maps using ArcGIS Online. These maps will be repurposed to an interactive Executive Summary, providing high level overviews of each part of the <u>2050 RTP</u>.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



NFRMPO FY2024-2027 TIP Approved by State and FHWA

On September 7, 2023 the NFRMPO Planning Council approved the <u>Fiscal Years</u> (FY) <u>2024-2027 Transportation Improvement</u> <u>Program</u> (TIP) and related conformity determination. The TIP became effective upon approval by Governor Polis and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and was incorporated into the Statewide TIP.

The TIP identifies the surface transportation projects and activities to be funded in the NFRMPO area over a four-year time period. The TIP includes roadway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements that are federally funded or regionally significant. The <u>FY2024-2027 TIP</u> includes approximately \$620.5M in federal, state, and local funds. The chart (to the left, below) shows the percentage of funding programmed in the FY2024-2027 TIP by funding type.

To learn more about the TIP and to see details about the projects programmed in the TIP, view the <u>TIP Story Map</u> and the <u>TIP webpage</u>.



Funding Sources 2021-2023 2023 2022 2021 \$3,000,000 \$500.000 \$1,000,000 \$1,500,000 \$2,000,000 \$2,500,000 Ś Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) State Planning and Research (SPR) FTA Section 5310 Fort Collins Exchange Funds - FTA 5310 Local Match CDPHE - Air Pollution Control Division Fort Collins Exchaipage 22 of 31nGo VanGo Fares Other Revenues - VanGo Miscellaneous Revenues - VanGo Miscellaneous Revenues

NFRMPO FINANCES

The NFRMPO is predominantly grant funded with local funds used as match, through federal and state programs like:

- <u>Consolidated Planning Grant</u>
- <u>Surface Transportation Block Grant</u>
- FTA Section 5310
- <u>State Planning and Research</u>

The VanGo[™] program is funded through fares, vehicle sales, and funding agreements with local communities.

AIR QUALITY

2023 Ozone Season

Ozone levels exceeded health-based federal standards on 27 days in 2023 in the nine-county Denver Metro/North Front Range (DM/NFR) ozone nonattainment area, an improvement over 2022 when 33 days exceeded the standards. There were 38 <u>Ozone Action Alert Days</u>. The NFRMPO continues to partner with the RAQC and APCD on outreach and strategy development to control ozone.

The fourth highest value at the three State monitors in the NFRMPO region are shown to the right. Fort Collins—CSU and Greeley—Weld County remained under both the 70 and 75 ppb federal standards, while Fort Collins West was slightly above the 70 ppb standard.

Conformity Determination for the FY2024-2027 TIP and 2050 RTP

Regional air quality significant projects must be analyzed for their impacts on the region's air quality. Using the NFRMPO's Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM), outputs like vehicle speeds and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) are submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for analysis using the EPA's Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator (MOVES) model. The NFRMPO must ensure emissions remain below the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBs).

For both the <u>2024-2027 TIP</u> and the <u>2050 RTP</u>, the NFRMPO achieved conformity. Planning Council approved the Conformity Determination at their September 2023 meeting, which was submitted to federal partners.

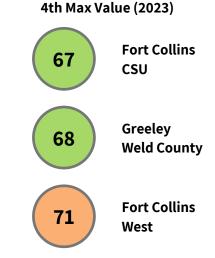
GHG Transportation Report

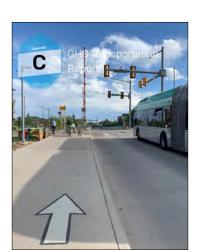
As part of the <u>2050 RTP</u>, the NFRMPO completed a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report in compliance with the GHG Planning Standard. Using the four strategies initially developed for the 2045 RTP 2022 Update, the NFRMPO can achieve GHG emissions reductions at levels meeting or exceeding those required in the future compliance years as compared with the <u>2045 RTP</u> adopted in 2019. The <u>2045 RTP</u> <u>2022 Update</u> includes additional investments in transit, transportation demand management (TDM), operations, and active (i.e. bicycle and pedestrian) transportation to achieve the required GHG reductions. The strategies were better integrated into the overall planning process as compared to the 2022 Update.

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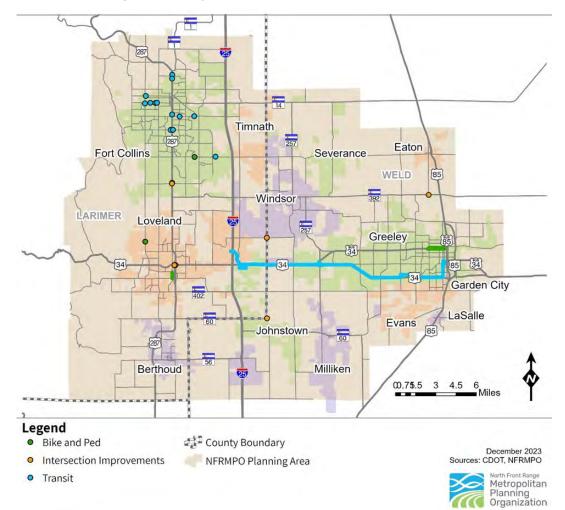




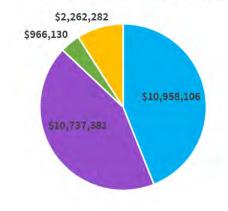
CALL FOR PROJECTS

The NFRMPO 2023 Call for Projects was open between August 4 and October 6, 2023. The 2023 Call for Projects was held to award approximately \$22.4M in federal funding for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended fully funding 11 requests, partially funding one request, and waitlisting 12 requests. The map shows the locations and types of projects recommended for funding.

The NFRMPO Planning Council is scheduled to approve the funding recommendation for the 2023 Call for Projects at their meeting on January 11, 2024. More information about the 2023 Call for Projects process and the funding projects can be found at <u>nfrmpo.org/call-for-projects</u>.



2023 Call for Projects Funding by Source

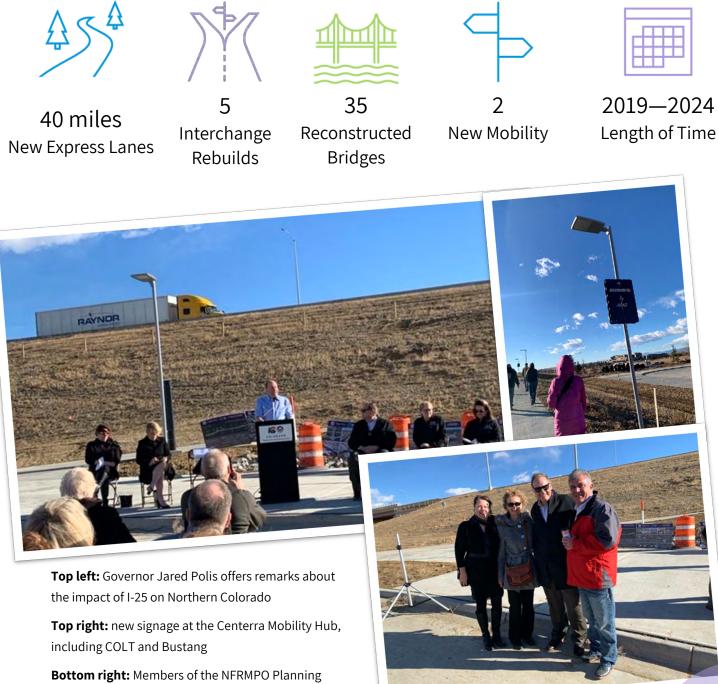


FUNDING SOURCE GUIDE:

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Highway/roadway, bridge, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects demonstrating an emissions reduction benefit Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation sources Transportation Alternatives (TA) On- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities

I-25 RIBBON CUTTING

On December 7, 2023, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the new Centerra Mobility Hub in Loveland. Speakers at the ceremony included Governor Jared Polis, CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew, Larimer County Commissioner and NFRMPO Councilmember Kristin Stephens, and Weld County Commissioner and NFRMPO Planning Council Chair Scott James. Speakers highlighted the partnerships and collaboration which made the project possible, and the benefits of the project to those who live, work, and travel through the region. The express lanes between Berthoud and Fort Collins opened for testing on December 15. The mobility hubs are anticipated to be open to service for Bustang in Spring 2024.



Council posing with Executive Director Mallette

MOBILITY

RideNoCo Website & Trip Scheduling

In 2023, progress was made on the third phase of the rollout of RideNoCo: a trip scheduling coordination project in partnership with regional volunteer transportation providers and their scheduling systems utilizing the Transactional Data Specification (TDS). The TDS technology will allow seamless communication between RideNoCo and volunteer providers such as SAINT, Rural Alternative for Transportation (RAFT), and 60+ Ride of Weld County when the project launches in the second quarter of 2024. When complete, RideNoCo will be able to assist with the intake process for potential clients of volunteer transportation providers, and providers will be able to share clients and trips amongst each other, enhancing coordination and improving service in the region.



Technical Assistance

The NFRMPO's Mobility Program continues to provide FTA §5310 Mobility Management funds to support the transportation services Envision and 60+ Ride, provide for older adults and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.





Mobility Committees

2023 was officially the first year the Weld County Mobility Committee and Larimer County Mobility Committee met quarterly as the Northern Colorado Mobility Committee. The new format will move into 2024 to coordinate outreach, share updates in services, brainstorm solutions to challenges, and enhance coordination of the transportation system across the region. **6** Travel Trainings

46

Community Presentations

215

2023 Mobility Committee Attendance



Outreach

The Mobility Program has also facilitated six Travel Trainings with Health and Human Service providers in Larimer and Weld Counties and 46 presentations about RideNoCo. In 2024, an Outreach Plan will be created to combine the efforts of the <u>2021 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services</u> <u>Transportation Plan</u>, <u>Mobility Action Plan</u>, <u>Transportation Demand</u> <u>Management Action Plan</u>, and other local initiatives to build relationships with the community, reduce community engagement fatigue, and enhance education and service coordination in the region.

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT

The Planning Council adopted the <u>TDM Action Plan</u> in December 2022, which recommended taking certain actions to implement Transportation Demand Management in the region. Throughout 2023, NFRMPO staff have worked on various strategies to develop more regional support for TDM efforts.

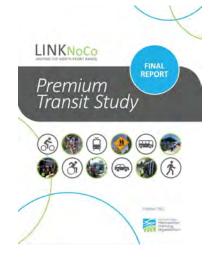








TRANSIT



The **US34 Transportation Management Organization** (TMO) will be the first TMO in Northern Colorado. In partnership with the US34 Coalition, which is made up of elected officials interested in implemented the US34 Planning and Environmental Linkage Study, the US34 TMO will work with stakeholders between Estes Park and Kersey to increase multimodal transportation options, develop and improve capacity for stakeholder outreach and engagement, and work to improve the efficiency of the regional transportation system.

NFRMPO staff applied for and received a **TMO Seed Grant** from CDOT's Office of Innovative Mobility to support the US34 TMO. Local communities will provide local match for this grant, which will be administered by the NFRMPO. These funds will support the administrative functions of the US34 TMO.

The NFRMPO Planning Council committed to setting aside \$100,000 per year in **Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)** funds to support new and existing TMOs in Northern Colorado between 2024 and 2027. The Planning Council has recommended supporting the US34 TMO in its infancy, but the NFRMPO will create criteria and frameworks for new TMOs in the future.

Between June and August 2023, 138 people participated in the **Shift Your Ride Summer Challenge**, logging nearly 11,000 vehicle miles reduced, 1,000 fewer trips, and 4.5 tons of pollution reduced.

Using Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Funds (MMOF) set aside by the Planning Council, the NFRMPO kicked off Phase II of LinkNoCo in December. Phase II will evaluate operating scenarios and capital improvements to help create an efficient, useful, and beneficial transit corridor on US34. HDR has been hired as the consultant, continuing the work they did as part of Phase I. The work is expected to be completed in late 2024.

More information about the project is available at <u>nfrmpo.org/</u> <u>transit/linknoco</u>.

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RIDENOCO

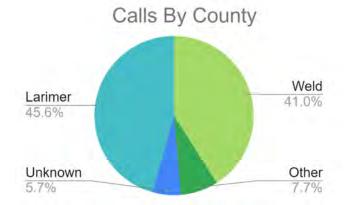
RideNoCo Calls

The RideNoCo Call Center has seen significant increases in 2023 for calls taken, presentations, website clicks, and materials distributed. Calls are taken in English and Spanish, with over-the-phone interpretation available in over 120 languages.

Some of the gaps we heard about this year include:

- Transportation between Larimer and Weld County, and Fort Collins and Loveland
- Transportation from Larimer and Weld counties to the Denver Metro Area for specialty appointments
- Inability to schedule a ride in time given long intake periods to sign up for services
- Needing rides outside of providers' hours (after 4pm)
- Inability to get a ride due to lack of Transportation Provider availability caused by scheduling issues, lack of drivers, and lack of vehicles





VANGOTM

The VanGo[™] program, surviving the pandemic that took many smaller vanpool programs from the roads, remained stable in 2023, adding riders and a new route. The stability, considering increased work-from-home opportunities and many vanpoolers retiring, exemplifies the dedication of the VanGo[™] staff, the strong family that makes up our participants and aids in referring new riders, and the continued support of the NFRMPO, in ensuring the long-term viability of the program.

Shane Armstrong, Operations and Fleet Manager, completed training and received certification (NAFA CAFM--Certified Automotive Fleet Manager—the gold standard certification for people working with any fleet) further strengthening the backbone of the program and ensuring all capital investments are being managed to their maximum potential.

The program continued its resolve to decrease SOV and reduces greenhouses gasses along the Colorado Front Range. And, while supply chain issues have slowed our ability to procure vehicles, we were able to add three more hybrid vans to our fleet. These additions bring our active, on the road fleet, to 70 percent hybrid, with a hope the supply chain issues will ease some in 2024 allowing us to move that percentage to 100.

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261 Calls & Emails

3,835

Website Visits

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND WALK AUDITS



NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

The NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative met monthly throughout the year to discuss ways to improve the regional bicycle and pedestrian network. The group discussed a variety of topics including the Regional Travel Demand Model and Active Transportation, the City of Fort Collins' E-Bike and E-Scooter program, the <u>2050 RTP</u>, the 2023 Call for Projects, the Colorado Energy Office's E-Bike Rebate Program, Regional Active Transportation Corridor (RATC) Visioning, the 2025 Active Transportation Plan (ATP), and scoring the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program funds. The group continued to track the progress of the construction of the RATCs in 2024.

Safe Routes to School Subcommittee

The Safe Routes to School Subcommittee is a subcommittee of NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative whose main goal is to develop a regional Safe Routes to School program. The Safe Routes to School Subcommittee met periodically to develop a survey that went out to key stakeholders, including school administrators, teachers, city/town planners and engineers, and city/town managers. This survey concluded that a lack of resources, staff capacity, and funding are the biggest barriers to implementing Safe Routes to School programs, and there needs to be more education surrounding the program. The Safe Routes to School subcommittee will continue to develop a regional Safe Routes to School program in 2024 and will begin to meet monthly beginning in January 2024.

Walk Audits

In 2023, NFRMPO staff participated in two audit along with various community members and partner agencies. Participants used the NFRMPO's <u>Bike & Ped Safety</u> <u>Report Tool</u> to gather data and report out on recommendations from the audit.

Poudre River Trail Walk Audit

On August 9th, 2023, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative conducted a walk audit along sections of the Poudre River Trail in the Town of Timnath. Participants split into two groups to assess walkability and wayfinding along the Poudre River Trail in Timnath. Each group walked the entirety of the route. One group started the audit on the southside of Harmony Road while the other group stared on the northside of Harmony Road. To view a summary and recommendations from the audit, view the <u>Poudre River Trail Walk Audit Story Map</u>.

Eaton Walk Audit

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative led a Walk Audit through the Town of Eaton on September 14th, 2023. Participants walked the one-mile loop, discussing sidewalk improvements, wayfinding opportunities, pedestrian amenities, and safe crossings of Collins Street. For more information on the audit, including photos and recommendations, view the <u>Eaton Walk Audit Story</u> <u>Map</u>.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Throughout 2023, NFRMPO staff attended events at various locations across the region as outreach for the <u>2050 RTP</u>, RideNoCo, air quality, and general agency outreach. In addition to in-person outreach, and as an implementation of the <u>2022 Public Involvement Plan</u>, the NFRMPO increased the agency's online outreach through social media, newsletters, and the NFRMPO website. The most discussed topics during community engagement efforts in 2023 were the <u>2050 RTP</u>, regional transit and trails, safety, and the RideNoCo program.





