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Region 4

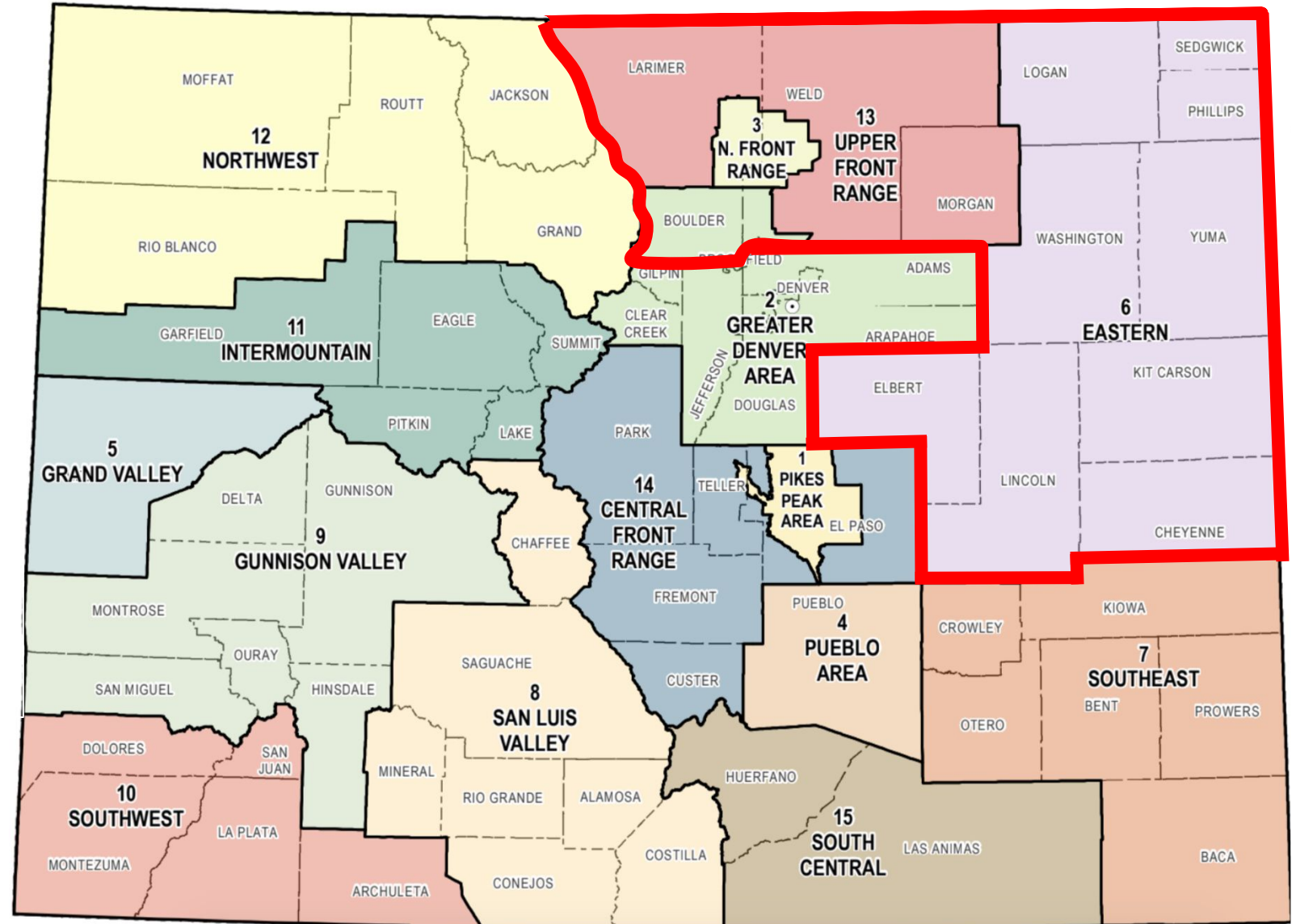
What We Heard - NFR Project Priority Programming Process (4P) Meetings

May - June 2023



Region 4

- Thirteen Counties
- Four Planning Regions
 - MPOs
 - DRCOG
 - NFR
 - Rural TPRs
 - UFR
 - ETPR





What are the 4P Meetings?

Purpose of the 4Ps:

To gain a common understanding of the transportation needs from varying stakeholder perspectives.

Goals of the 4Ps:

- Discuss CDOT Region 4's funding picture so there is a better understanding on the **how** and **why** behind the decisions we make.
- Review various CDOT grant opportunities.
- Learn about CDOT Region 4's asset programs: Traffic & Safety, Surface Treatment, and Bridge.
- Hear from our stakeholders and gain their feedback related to our highways/interstates.



Region 4's Approach

- ✓ Solicit input (before the 4P meetings) through an online survey to hear what stakeholders wanted to discuss to ensure the discussion was beneficial for all participants.
- ✓ Develop a process that allows information to be collected and presented in a transparent, thoughtful manner.
- ✓ Showcase how Region 4 is using the feedback collected to take action and inform future transportation investments.



Outreach Efforts

- Partnered with county representatives to coordinate date/time/location of each meeting. County staff were **vital** in spreading the word about these meetings.
- Collaborated with DRCOG MPO, NFR MPO, and RTD (*for applicable county meetings*) to ensure participants were informed holistically on regional efforts.
- Participants included:
 - Elected Officials
 - Emergency Services
 - School Districts
 - Cities/Towns/Counties
 - MPO Staff
 - RTD
 - Local Citizens



We asked participants to share...

- Safety concerns
- Pavement condition concerns
- Accessibility concerns (ADA ramps, transit, bike/ped, etc.)
- Main street or school access concerns
- Emergency services needs
- Or anything else related to CDOT/transportation needs in their areas

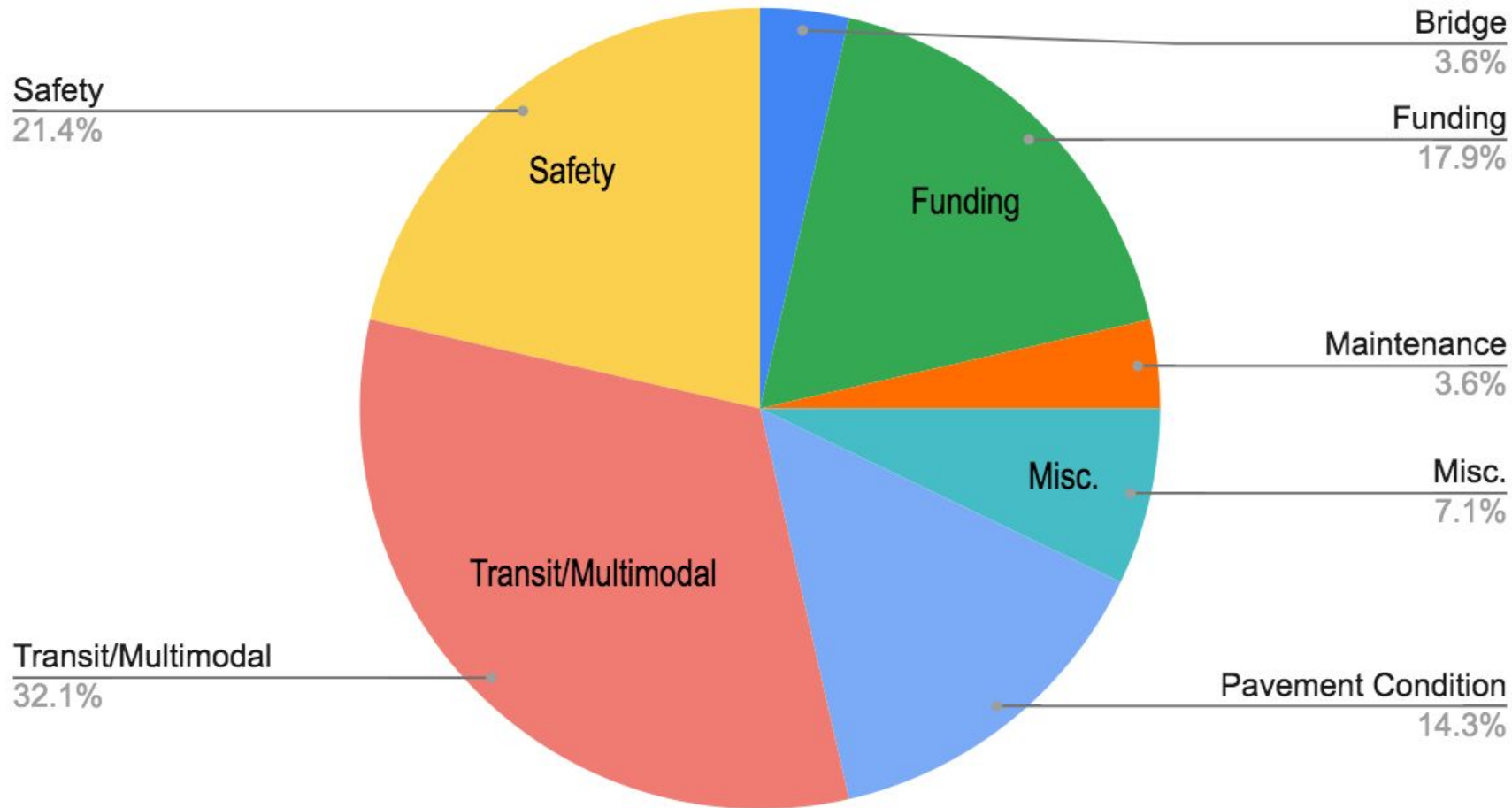
In an effort to ensure equitable participation, Region 4 created an online survey that was open from May to August 31, 2023. The online survey received 83 responses. The comments from the survey were combined with the comments collected at the county meetings.

In total, Region 4 collected 331 comments during the 2023 4P meeting cycle.



NFR MPO Comments by Category

NFR Comments by Category



28
Comments
Received

Top 3 Areas of Concern

- 1) Transit/Multimodal
- 2) Safety
- 3) Funding



NFR MPO Comments Heard

- Transit and Multimodal Improvements were top of mind for the NFR area.
 - I-25 and Kechter Bridge: Approaches are not ideal for cyclists.
 - CO 392 (west of I-25) has narrow shoulders which is creating safety concerns for cyclists.
 - Snowstang route desired from Fort Collins to Steamboat
 - US 34 transit service is needed from Greeley - to Loveland - to Estes Park - to Rocky Mountain National Park.
 - *NFR Update: In January 2024, The City of Greeley was awarded CMAQ dollars to fund approximately two years of transit operations for a transit service from UNC to Centerra.*
 - “We need to partner with Cheyenne for a Fort Collins to Cheyenne service (with a stop in Wellington)”
 - *CDOT Update: Cheyenne MPO, WYDOT and CDOT’s DTR completed a [feasibility study](#) for transit service. The recommended alignment goes from the Fort Collins Downtown Transit Center, with an optional stop in Wellington, to the Cheyenne Transfer Station. The proposed service plan calls for 12 round trips during weekdays and 8 round trips on Saturdays/Sundays.*



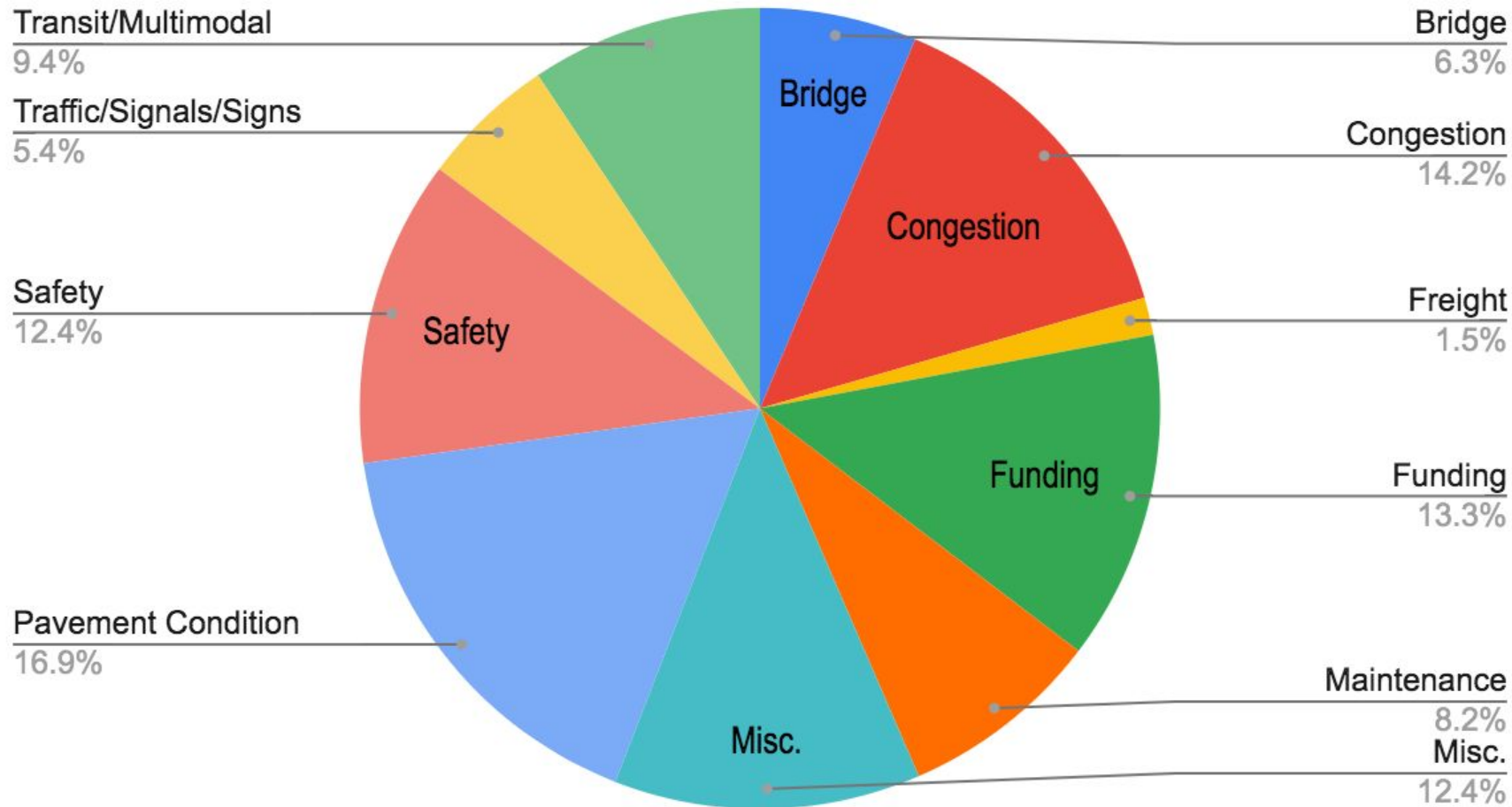
NFR MPO Comments Heard

- Safety concerns on our highways were heard with special attention to
 - CO 14 (and CR 5) with the new high school coming in.
 - *CDOT Update: Funds have been identified for a signalized intersection at CO 14/CR 5. Design is ongoing with an anticipated advertisement in summer 2024.*
 - *CDOT Update: CDOT Region 4 is kicking off a safety study for the Highway 14 Corridor from CR 5 to Ault.*
 - “US 34 has dangerous intersections at 35th Ave. and 47th Ave.”
 - *Greeley Update: The City of Greeley has grant applications into USDOT to fund MERGE project.*
 - The intersection at CO 392 and CR 21 in Windsor was noted to be dangerous.
 - *CDOT Update: CDOT Region 4’s Traffic team met with the Town of Windsor to talk about the desire for a signal at this location. Conversations are ongoing with the town to discuss funding and a potential plan for the signal.*



Region 4 Comments by Category

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331
Total
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Top 3 Areas of Concern

- 1) Pavement Condition
- 2) Congestion
- 3) Funding



Lessons Learned

- Solicit feedback from participants after 4P meeting conclude to gain insight and ideas for future 4P meetings. *What went well? Where did we miss the mark?*
- Collaborate with county staff to generate invite lists for outreach efforts.
- Spend more time understanding community demographics so we can better plan for meaningful public involvement.
- Address barriers when selecting meeting sites to ensure accessibility (ADA ramps, bathrooms, accessible by various modes of transportation - transit, bike/ped, etc.). Make sure meeting sites can accommodate a virtual option for individuals who cannot travel or lack travel options. If meeting sites cannot accommodate a virtual option (due to lack of technology), consider adding a separate virtual-only meeting option.



Updating CDOT's 2050 Statewide/Regional Plans:

- CDOT will begin the 2050 Statewide and Regional Transportation Plans Update in 2024.
- Per the Code of Federal Regulations, CDOT has until August 2025 to adopt the 2050 Statewide and Regional Transportation Plans.

Your voice matters!

The feedback we heard at the 2023 4P meetings will be a driving force behind the recommendations we will propose for the upcoming plan updates.



Thank You

Informational Links:

- Link to Presentations from the Region 4 2023 4P Meetings
<https://we.tl/t-2EXqMYYQjS>
- CDOT 10-Year Plan
<https://www.codot.gov/programs/yourtransportationpriorities/your-transportation-plan/assets/cdot10yearplan.pdf>
- CDOT Grant Opportunities
<https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/grants>
- CDOT Statewide Transportation Plan
<https://www.codot.gov/programs/yourtransportationpriorities/statewide-plan>
- CDOT Regional Transportation Plans
<https://www.codot.gov/programs/yourtransportationpriorities/regional-transportation-plans>



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What is a Walk Audit?

North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization

A Walk/Bike Audit is an assessment of the pedestrian/bicyclist safety, accessibility, and comfort of a particular area

Walk Audits

This slide is divided into four quadrants by a central text block. The top-left quadrant is a solid green rectangle. The top-right quadrant contains the NFRMPO logo and the title 'What is a Walk Audit?'. The bottom-left quadrant shows three people in high-visibility vests walking on a paved path. The bottom-right quadrant shows a person in a wheelchair being accompanied by two people in high-visibility vests on a street. The bottom-center quadrant shows a group of people with bicycles gathered around a construction site. The bottom-right quadrant shows a group of people in high-visibility vests standing on a concrete ramp or walkway.

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Benefits of Walk Audits



- **Data collection**
- **Community engagement**
- **Gain political support for projects**
- **Identify future projects**
- **Gather outside perspectives**
- **Collaboration**



Walk Audits

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Walk Audits in the NFRMPO



- **Berthoud Walk Audit**
- **Windsor Wayfinding Bike & Walk Audit**
- **Foothills Mall & Midtown Walk Audit (Fort Collins)**
- **Severance Walk Audit**
- **Poudre River Trail Walk Audit (Timnath)**
- **Eaton Walk Audit**



Walk Audits

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Berthoud Walk Audit



- **October 2019**
- **Facilitated by NoCo Bike & Ped**
- **21 Participants**
- **Common Themes**
 - **Insufficient Sidewalk Infrastructure**
 - **Lack of crosswalks/crosswalks difficult to see**
 - **Wayfinding**



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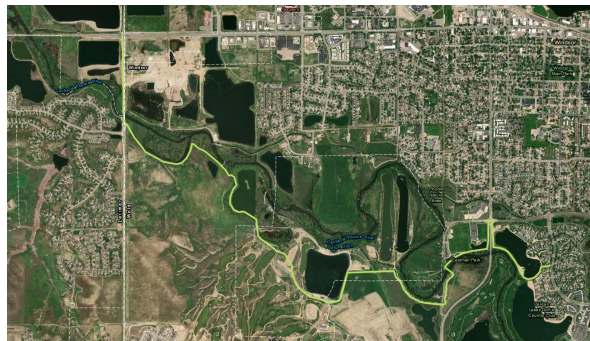
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Windsor Wayfinding Walk Audit



- **June 2021**
- **Facilitated by NoCo Bike & Ped**
- **Focused on Wayfinding along Poudre River Trail**
- **Poudre Trail Wayfinding Project**
 - **Received TA funding in 2021 Call for Projects**



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Walk Audits

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Foothills Mall Walk Audit



- July 2022
- Facilitated by the Partnership for Age Friendly Communities' Mobility and Access Priority Group
- Over 20 participants
- Six different routes
- Themes
 - Safety
 - Wayfinding
 - Crossing College Ave



Walk Audits

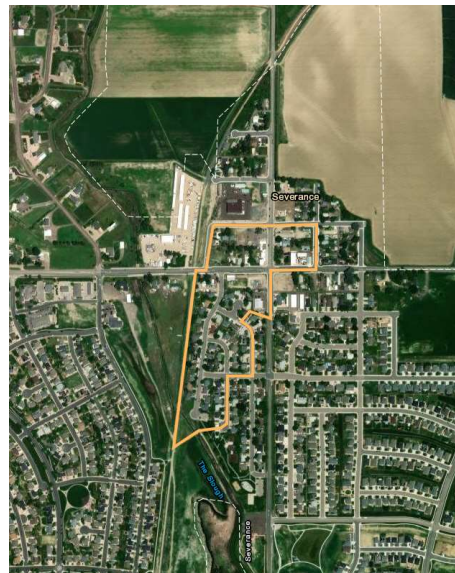
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Severance Walk Audit



- August 2022
- Facilitated by NoCo Bike & Ped
- More than 20 participants
- Themes
 - Safe Trail Crossings
 - Sidewalk Accessibility
 - Great Western Trail Accessibility
 - Lack of Shade
 - Insufficient Sidewalks



Walk Audits

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Poudre River Trail Walk Audit



- **August 2023**
- **Facilitated by NoCo Bike & Ped**
- **More than 15 participants**
- **Themes**
 - **Poudre River Trail on Harmony Road**
 - **Trail Obstructions**
 - **Trail Visibility**
 - **Wayfinding**



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Eaton Walk Audit



- **September 2023**
- **Facilitated by NoCo Bike & Ped**
- **~10 participants**
- **Themes**
 - **Sidewalk Quality**
 - **Wayfinding**



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Walk Audits

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Walk Audit Story Maps and Resources



- <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/364037108079444ba062eb5780bf478c>
- <https://nfrmpo.org/bike-ped/audits/>



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Walk Audits

Questions?



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Walk Audits

MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

From: Becky Karasko

Date: March 20, 2024

Re: FY2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY2025 Tasks

Background

The NFRMPO staff has drafted the Tasks and Products for FY2025 the *FY2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)*. The Finance Committee will review the FY2025 Budget on April 18, and it is anticipated they will recommend Planning Council approval at the May 2, 2024 meeting. The Updated FY2024-2025 UPWP and FY2025 Budget will go to Planning Council for their approval at their May 2, 2024 meeting to allow CDOT and FHWA approval prior to October 1, 2024.

The modified FY2025 UPWP Tasks, which updated since the FY2024-2025 UPWP was adopted on May 4, 2023, are:

- ***Task 5.3: Transportation Demand Management (TDM)***
- ***Appendix B: Local Agency Tasks***
 - ***Transfort Passenger Intercept and Mail Surveys***
 - ***Transfort/FC Moves Innovation Zones & Mobility Hubs Study Optimization Study***

These Tasks are also attached to this Memo. All comments are requested by **Monday, March 25, 2024**.

Action

NFRMPO staff requests TAC review the FY2025 UPWP Tasks and provide comments to Becky Karasko at bkarasko@nfrmpo.org by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024**.

5.3 Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

Objective:

This Work Task supports the development, implementation, and support of a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program in the MPO region. The 2022 TDM Action Plan will be implemented by working with stakeholders identified in the Plan. The TDM Program will develop and expand regional resources, strategies, and partnerships to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips and address air quality issues, greenhouse gas, and ozone emissions reductions.

Method:

The NFRMPO developed a TDM Action Plan through the work of the TDM Work Group in FFY2022 and FY2023, which identifies goals and vision to develop the regional TDM Program. The Work Group will continue to guide the implementation of the program. The NFRMPO's TDM Program builds upon the work of RideNoCo by adding a business/employee component to the project and act as an educational resource for businesses. In addition, the NFRMPO will support the development of a Transportation Management Association/Organization (TMA/O) through staff support, salary for a TDM Manager position housed within the TMO, and indirect/program costs.

Overall Impact/Intent:

The intent of the TDM Program is to develop strategies to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips, address air quality issues through greenhouse gas emissions reductions, ozone emission reductions and provide additional transportation opportunities for residents and visitors in the region. This program will be a partnership of the NFRMPO and other stakeholders throughout the region.

FY2024 Products:

1. Implement TDM Action Plan (*On-going*)
2. TDM Work Group meetings (*On-going*)
3. Develop TDM content for RideNoCo and NFRMPO websites (*On-going*)
4. Contract with new TMO (*1st Quarter 2024*)
5. Staff support for TMO (*On-going*)
6. Community outreach (*On-going*)

FY2025 Products:

1. Implement TDM Action Plan (*On-going*)
2. TDM Work Group meetings (*On-going*)
3. Develop TDM content for RideNoCo and NFRMPO websites (*On-going*)
4. Launch US34 TMO (*2nd Quarter 2025*)
5. Community Outreach (*On-going*)

Transfort Passenger Intercept and Mail Surveys

Objective:

This Work Task will Conduct a system-wide onboard survey for Transfort to collect passenger data. Design and format survey instructions; translate to Spanish language; train and oversee surveyors; develop quality control measures; promote and conduct survey in-person and by mail for paratransit; collect statistically significant sampling; review and enter completed forms; provide a draft and final report.

Method:

This Task will be managed by City of Fort Collins Transfort staff and will hire qualified consultants to complete study utilizing previously completed studies as well as extensive public outreach and engagement to design a statistically sound method of obtaining passenger data counts for Transfort transit ridership.

Overall Impact/Intent:

The Surveys will help to better understand how to optimize Transfort's service to the community based on changes in ridership, recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, passenger/customer perceptions of transit service, and other relevant factors in the absence of fare collection data while Transfort is fare-free.

Transfort/FC Moves Innovation Zones & Mobility Hubs Study Optimization Study

Objective:

This Work Task will create a Work Plan and Public Involvement Plan to detail the study tasks, goals, objectives, and deliverables for this plan. Literature review and best practices related to microtransit service will be identified and evaluated specific to Fort Collins. The boundary zone where microtransit services will be offered will be evaluated compared to the Transit Master Plan and provide refinements. Service design and fleet assessment will be provided with respect to feasibility for microtransit service. Next, the plan will evaluate benefits and costs to implementing a Mobility as a Service (MaaS) application, which would be used to plan/book trips using an application for microtransit service and other mobility offerings. Mobility services that could be considered for integration into a single MaaS trip planning app includes fixed-route service like Transfort or regional RTD service; microtransit; micromobility (Spin bikes or scooters) and transportation network companies (Lyft, Uber). Next, the plan will include an Implementation Plan and final recommendations to appropriate boards and commissions, which will lead to presenting the plan to City Council for review and adoption.

Method:

This Task will be managed by City of Fort Collins Transfort staff and will hire qualified consultants to complete study utilizing previously completed studies as well as extensive public outreach and engagement to receive community input.

Overall Impact/Intent:

The Optimization Study will help to better understand how to optimize Transfort's service to the community based on known constraints, such as existing options, fleet analysis, partnerships, level of service, etc .

MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

From: Brooke Bettolo

Date: March 20, 2024

Re: Mobility Program Update

Background:

Per the direction of the Technical Advisory Committee, NFRMPO staff give updates to the Committee on matters related to transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Updates:

- The NFRMPO Mobility Team hosted a travel training on February 6th for 23 older adult members of the Partnership for Age Friendly Communities' Solo Agers group in Fort Collins. The group was interested in learning more about transportation to and from medical appointments in Fort Collins, Loveland, and Denver, wheelchair-accessible transportation, as well as in-person training for riding the bus.
- Local Veterans' transportation provider, Qualified Listeners, has recently acquired a wheelchair-accessible vehicle, expanding the service area for community members in need of transportation to VA appointments across Colorado and Wyoming.
- The Mobility Program continues to work on the RideNoCo Phase 3: Transactional Data Specifications (TDS) Project. This project will allow cross-platform communication for RideNoCo and three local transportation providers. Ultimately, this project will allow staff to directly schedule rides at any of the four agencies for community members in Larimer and Weld Counties. In the most recent meeting, staff from 60+ Ride, SAINT, and RAFT kicked off the initiation of the cross-scheduling software capabilities for a brief period of testing before fully launching. Staff are very excited about this innovative way of streamlining the registration process for transportation in Larimer and Weld Counties.
- The Mobility Team is partnering with Aspen Club to host Community Sign-Up Fairs for older adults and people with disabilities for the communities of Fort Collins, Loveland, and Greeley where community members can get registered in-person for Transportation providers in the region. The events will be held in Early September.



- Via Mobility Services' expanded transportation service area in Weld County has seen significant increases in ridership. From August of 2023 to present, a total of 952 trips occurred. Of those trips, 73%, or 619 rides, took place within participating NFRMPO communities in Weld County. Via Ridership within the NFRMPO service area has increased by an average of 18% each month the service has been available.

Action:

NFRMPO staff is providing an update to the TAC. No action is required. More information about the above items can be found in the Mobility Committee Meeting Minutes in the TAC Packet