

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
March 20, 2024
1:04 – 2:24 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Jason Elkins – Johnstown
Nicole Hahn, Vice Chair – Loveland
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Bhooshan Karnik – Greeley
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath
Tom Moore – RAQC
Evan Pinkham – Weld County
Shani Porter – Severance
Josie Thomas – CDOT
Eric Tracy – Larimer County

NFRMPO STAFF:

AnnaRose Cunningham
Becky Karasko
Suzette Mallette
Jerome Rouser
Michael Saunders
Cory Schmitt

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Oberschmidt, Chair - Evans
Emma Belmont – FTA
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Town of Garden City
Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cassie Archuleta – Fort Collins
Brad Buckman- Fort Collins
Alex Donaldson – Loveland
Candice Folkers – COLT
Michelle Johnson- Greeley
Joshua Ma – Fort Collins
Deanna McIntosh – CDOT Region 4
Justin Stone – Timnath
Phil von Hake – CDOT
Dillon Willett- Fort Collins

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Hahn called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 17, 2024 TAC MINUTES

Hornkohl moved to approve the January 17, 2024 TAC Minutes. Pinkham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Moore noted there is a monthly control strategy meeting and was held this morning. The meeting had a lot of good information on where RAQC is in the SIP planning process. The link will be shared for TAC members interested in nonattainment area SIP planning work. RAQC is

working on the SIP for the 70 ppb standard, which is due to EPA in early 2026. There is a detailed work schedule and Moore will report back to TAC on progress towards that plan.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA

Consent Agenda

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

No items this month.

PRESENTATIONS

CDOT Region 4 2023 4P Meetings Feedback – Josie Thomas, CDOT Region 4, noted CDOT R4 held the Project Priority Programming Process (4P) meetings in May and June of 2023. CDOT R4 encompasses 13 counties and for transportation planning regions (TPRs). The purpose of the 4P meetings is to understand the transportation needs from the Region’s varying stakeholders. The goals for these meetings include discussing CDOT R4’s funding picture to get a better understanding, review various CDOT grant opportunities, learn about CDOT R4’s asset programs, and to get feedback from stakeholders on highways and Interstates in the Region. Participants included elected officials, emergency services, school districts, city/town/counties, MPO and TPR staff, transit agencies, and local citizens. R4 collected 331 comments during the 2023 4P meeting cycle. R4 received 83 responses from the survey. NFRMPO only had 23 comments and the top three areas of concern were transit/multimodal, safety, and funding. Thomas outlined the comments received, including I-25 intersections, more transit, and safety concerns. Thomas noted lessons learned included soliciting feedback immediately after 4P meetings, collaborating with county staff for invite lists, spending more time understanding community demographics, and meetings having a virtual option. Next steps include updating CDOT’s 2050 Statewide and Regional Transportation Plans which will need to be updated by August 2025. Hahn noted Loveland will send their comments to R4 staff. Mallette asked how the 4P work aligns with the Statewide Transportation Plan. Thomas noted the Statewide Plan consists of the MPOs’ plans and TPRs’ plans, so the results of these meetings will be indirectly incorporated into the Plan.

NFRMPO Walk Audits – Rouser defined what a walk audit is and noted the benefits of conducting a walk audit include improved data collection, community engagement, identifying future projects, gaining political support for projects, and gathering outside perspectives through collaboration. Rouser noted the NFRMPO has hosted or partnered with outside agencies on six walk audits between 2019 and 2023: the Berthoud Walk Audit, Windsor Wayfinding Walk Audit, Foothills Mall Walk Audit, Severance Walk Audit, Poudre River Trail Walk Audit, and the Eaton Walk Audit. Rouser outlined each walk audit and discussed the main themes. Overall, the main themes are wayfinding, sidewalk/trail quality, and safety. Rouser showcased the Poudre River Trail Walk Audit StoryMap and noted what things would be included in future walk audit StoryMaps. Rouser noted these StoryMaps will also include recommendations to improve the corridor. TAC members asked questions regarding the planning process for walk audits. Rouser stated there would be one meeting where a route and date is determined. After that, NFRMPO

staff will create a flyer and begin doing promotion through the Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative. NFRMPO staff will also complete a StoryMap that outlines the findings from the walk audit.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

US287 Intersection Improvements Scope Change – Dillon Willett, City of Fort Collins, noted the city is proposing a scope change to their *US287 Intersection Improvements* project. It was originally awarded a STBG grant of \$879,816 in 2020. The project's original scope was for three intersections. The project was delayed due to COVID, and the project's cost increased due to inflation. Due to increased costs, the City of Fort Collins is looking to remove one of the intersections from the project's scope and complete that intersection signal in a different project. Willett asked if this constitutes a major or minor scope change. Cunningham noted if TAC decides this is a minor scope change it can be done administratively via a TIP modification. If it is a major scope change it will need to be approved by Planning Council. TAC determined this constitutes a minor scope change.

NFRMPO Open Data Portal – Cunningham noted the NFRMPO has been working on updating the process for accessing publicly-available. The NFRMPO has launched an Open Data Portal to be used instead of having shapefiles only available for download on the NFRMPO website. In the Portal, the data is split out into categories. These categories include transportation, equity, safety, boundaries, air quality, 2050 RTP, active transportation, and transit. This portal also includes links to data portals for State and local agencies.. Cunninham requested TAC members let her know if any additional data files should be added to the catalog. Stone asked where the NFRMPO gets the crash data. Cunningham stated the NFRMPO receives crash data from CDOT.

FY2024-2025 UPWP FY2025 Tasks – Karasko stated NFRMPO staff has drafted the Tasks and Products for FY2025 for the *FY2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)*. There are four updated tasks for FY2025. These four tasks are Task 5.3: Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Transfort Passenger Intercept and Mail Surveys, Transfort/FC Moves Innovation Zones & Mobility Hubs Study Optimization Study, and Greeley Mobility Development Plan. The Finance Committee will review the FY2025 Budget at their April meeting with anticipated Planning Council approval at the May Planning Council meeting. Karasko requested TAC members to provide any comments they may have by March 25th.

OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative – Written report provided.

Regional Transit Agencies – No reports were provided.

Mobility Updates – Written report provided.

REPORTS

February & March Planning Council Meeting Summary Drafts – Written report provided.

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

Mobility Committee Updates – Written report provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Willett noted Fort Collins is building the final gap on the Power Trail. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2025.

Donaldson recommended those interested in keeping up with the Front Range Passenger Rail District to attend the district's Executive Committee meeting on the third Tuesday of each month.

Pinkham noted Weld County is rebuilding a bridge on WCR54.

Stone introduced Kim Koivuniemi, who will be the TAC representative for Timnath. Koivuniemi stated Timnath is working towards a SS4A Action Plan Grant and is looking for letters of support from County partners.

Rouser noted the 2025 Active Transportation Plan Survey is complete and has begun being distributed. The survey will be open until September 27th. The Great Western Trail is having a Grand Opening event on April 20th. Rouser stated there is a webinar on the new Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) on April 9th.

Cunningham noted the NFRMPO will now be posting links to recordings of TAC meetings on the Meeting Materials webpage.

Thomas stated there will be three stakeholder meetings for the SH14 Safety Study. Thomas requested TAC members to let her know if interested in attending these meetings.

Karnik noted Greeley plans to apply for the SS4A Planning and Demonstration Grant. Greeley is launching a pilot micromobility project in June or July, which will cover the UNC area. Greeley is working on their Mobility Development Plan.

Karasko requested TAC members to provide comments on the urban area boundaries by March 25th.

Hahn noted there is one more project on US34 that will be going to bid soon. Loveland is hiring a senior civil engineer.

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 2:24PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Jerome Rouser, NFRMPO Staff

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