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**NFRMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)—AGENDA**  
**March 20, 2024**  
**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

1. **Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, and Introductions**
2. **Public Comment (2 minutes each)**
3. **Approval of January 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Page 2)**

**AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

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| 1) Regional Air Quality Updates | Tom Moore, RAQC<br>Karasko |
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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**No Items this Month.**

**ACTION ITEM**

**No Items this Month.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

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| 1) CDOT Region 4 2023 4P Meetings Feedback (Handouts) | Josie Thomas, CDOT R-4 |
| 2) NFRMPO Walk Audits (Handouts)                      | Rouser                 |

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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| 5) US 287 Intersection Improvements Scope Change (Page 6) | Dillon Willett, Fort Collins |
| 6) NFRMPO Open Data Portal (Page 8)                       | Cunningham                   |
| 7) FY2024-2025 UPWP FY2025 Tasks (Handouts)               | Karasko                      |

**OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS**

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| 8) NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative (Page 9) | <b>Written Report</b> |
| 9) Regional Transit Agencies              |                       |
| 10) Mobility Updates                      |                       |

**REPORTS**

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| 11) February & March Planning Council Meetings Summary Drafts (Page 10) | <b>Written Report</b> |
| 12) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Summary (Page 12)                | <b>Written Report</b> |
| 13) Mobility Committee Updates (Page 13)                                | <b>Written Report</b> |
| 14) Roundtable  | All                   |

4. **Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)**
5. **Next Month’s Agenda Topic Suggestions**
6. **Next TAC Meeting: April 17, 2024**

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**MEETING MINUTES of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
Hybrid Meeting  
January 17, 2024  
1:01 – 2:23 p.m.**

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Oberschmidt, Chair - Evans  
Brad Buckman – Fort Collins  
Aaron Bustow – FHWA  
Jason Elkins – Johnstown  
Nicole Hahn – Loveland  
Omar Herrera – Windsor  
Bhooshan Karnik – Greeley  
Tom Moore – RAQC  
Shani Porter – Severance  
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County  
Josie Thomas – CDOT  
Eric Tracy – Larimer County

**NFRMPO STAFF:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Oberschmidt called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2023 TAC MINUTES**

Herrera moved to approve the December 20, 2023 TAC Minutes. Porter seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

**Regional Air Quality Updates** – No report this month.

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Emma Belmont – FTA  
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD  
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath  
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud  
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton  
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken  
Town of Garden City  
Town of LaSalle

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cassie Archuleta – Fort Collins  
Alex Donaldson – Loveland  
Candice Folkers – COLT  
Phil von Hake – CDOT  
Joshua Ma – Fort Collins  
Deanna McIntosh – CDOT Region 4  
Evan Pinkham – Weld County  
Justin Stone – Timnath  
Adriana Torres – Via Mobility  
Liz Young Winne - CDPHE

## **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

### **Consent Agenda**

No items this month.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**FFY2024 Program of Projects (POP)** – Ma stated Transfort held a public meeting advertised on their website, which received no public comment. Tracy moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the FFY2024 Program of Projects (POP). Herrera seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**January 2024 TIP Amendment** – Cunningham stated there were 10 revisions to the *FY2024-2027 TIP* in the January 2024 TIP Amendment, including projects funded through the 2023 Call for Projects. Planning Council approved the Call for Projects at their meeting on January 11, 2024. The public comment period opened on January 16, 2024 and closes February 15, 2024. Pinkham moved to recommend Planning Council approve the January 2024 TIP Amendment. Tracy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**2020-2024 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures** – Cunningham reviewed the discussion about setting regional or adopting statewide targets for the five federally required Safety Performance Measures. Planning Council was in favor of setting regionally specific targets. Cunningham stated targets must be submitted by the end of February 2024. Oberschmidt asked to clarify the difference between the state and regional targets, and Cunningham explained the statewide targets include the regional target. Tracy moved to recommend Planning Council adopt the regionally specific 2020-2024 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures. Hahn seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Via Mobility Weld County Service** – Adriana Torres, Via Mobility Services, explained the paratransit service they provide in Weld County. The service is available to Weld County residents in the service area, providing door-through-door service for adults 60 and over, anyone living with mobility limitations, and people in short-term recovery. Registration is done by calling Via and signing up. Torres explained the pilot project that led to the current service, which operated for seven months. Between August 1 and December 31, 2023, there were 555 trips, 95 registered riders, and two buses in use. New communities can join by paying for a portion of services by contacting Weld County.

Oberschmidt stated Evans may be interested in joining. Oberschmidt asked if two buses are enough, and Torres stated it is enough for now. Porter asked how the service is funded. Pinkham stated the program is funded by MMOF in the NFRMPO region, and MMOF and FTA Section 5311 funds in Upper Front Range (UFR), and local match determined by population. Gordon asked to clarify pick-up and drop-offs within the service area, and Torres explained Via recommends booking a roundtrip. Via will work to make sure nobody is stranded. Porter asked what the operating budget was, and Pinkham stated he will review the budget and share it with TAC. Hahn asked if there was a fare to ride, and Torres said there was not a fare. Pinkham stated the service is geared more toward older adults and people with disabilities, but the UFR TPR service is available to the public in line with FTA Section 5311 requirements.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2023 Call for Projects Follow-Up** – Cunningham stated the 2023 Call for Projects survey received six responses from four communities in the month it was open. Cunningham stated TAC discussions regarding scoring criteria will continue, but the discretionary points will not continue in future Calls. For applications, survey respondents supported having one application for all funding sources as opposed to multiple applications. Data will continue to be reviewed, including how to use local data in the application process and being able to better utilize CDOT crash data. For Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding, the feedback was to better define if presenting projects to NoCo Bike & Ped was optional or required, clarifying wayfinding requirement, funding projects off RATCs, and NoCo reviewing its structure and voting. Hahn asked for clarification about NoCo concerns, and Cunningham explained there was feedback about limited scores and voting members present. Cunningham stated NFRMPO staff would like to see more time for TAC review of CMAQ emissions calculations, the Performance Measure Analysis worksheet, and the possibility of applying for the federal Prioritization Process Pilot Program grant. TAC discussed the positives of the Call for Projects, including using spreadsheets instead of PDFs, providing a better budget context, and giving enough time for the process to work its way through local processes.

**FHWA Adjusted Urban Area (UA) Boundaries Discussions** – Gordon reviewed CDOT’s proposed map of FHWA’s Adjusted Urban Area boundaries, clarifying that these adjusted boundaries do not impact funding or population. Gordon requested feedback by early February to ensure adequate time for staff to combine comments into one submittal to CDOT. Herrera asked if the adjusted boundaries impact access control, and Gordon stated he would follow up with Michael Snow.

**2024 Outreach** – Cunningham reviewed potential events NFRMPO staff could attend in 2024. Hahn stated Loveland plans to host a Transportation Fair in the spring, and Oberschmidt stated Evans plans to have open houses in 2024. Pinkham asked if the NFRMPO attends the County Fairs. Porter recommended reaching out to communities prior to events to coordinate outreach efforts and to raise awareness about local concerns.

## **OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS**

**NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative** – Written report provided.

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

**Mobility Updates** – Bettolo reported the 60+ Ride van has been delivered and is in operation. Bettolo stated the first phase of the Transactional Data Specifications project has been completed, including RideNoCo shifting to using RideSheet.

## **REPORTS**

**January Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft** – Written report provided.

**Q4 2023 TIP Modifications** – Written report provided.

**CDOT Inactives Report** – Written report provided.

**Annual Report** – Written report provided.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Herrera stated Windsor will host an open house for their WCR19 and SH257 project.

Rouser stated the Great Western Trail Authority will host an event to officially open the Great Western Trail between Windsor and Eaton on April 20, 2024.

Cunningham stated she will reach out to communities to discuss shifting project funding years to balance the regional funding correctly based on the most recent federal reconciliation. Cunningham added award letters will be sent out soon.

Thomas reported CDOT has categorized the 331 comments received from their 2023 4P meetings with the 13 counties in Region 4. The results will be discussed at the 4 Chair TPR meeting at the end of January 2024. Thomas offered to present to TAC. Hahn asked about the 10-Year Plan process. Thomas explained the process is done in collaboration with the Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs), starting with internal proposals and getting feedback from local communities.

Pinkham reported the WCR74 and WCR33 roundabout will open February 21, 2024. Pinkham stated Relford is now the Interim Director of Planning, and both she and Pinkham will be moving to the Planning Department. With this change Pinkham will be the new TAC representative for Weld County, with Elizabeth Relford serving as the Alternate.

Oberschmidt stated Evans has a traffic signal on 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in design. Oberschmidt stated Evans will advertise the next phase of the 37<sup>th</sup> Street expansion project and will continue discussions with adjacent development. Evans is focusing on road maintenance and other projects are in design.

Karnik stated Greeley has awarded a contract to WSP for their SS4A grant. Greeley continues to work on other RFQs, including one for the Poudre River Restoration Initiative and design for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets project. Greeley is awaiting a decision on its recent MERGE application for federal funding.

Stone stated Timnath is continuing its transition to in-house engineering, including hiring a new Civil Engineer with plans to hire another.

### **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 2:23 PM.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by:** Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff

**The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 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
March 20, 2024	US 287 Intersection Improvements Scope Change	Dillon Willett, City of Fort Collins
<b>Objective/Request Action</b>		
To determine if the scope change of the <i>US 287 Intersection Improvements</i> Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) project removing work at the intersection of US 287 and Harvard Street is a minor or major scope change.		<input type="checkbox"/> Report <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action
<b>Key Points</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City of Fort Collins was awarded \$876,816 in FY2021 STBG funding by the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFR MPO) with local funding in the amount of \$182,268 (total funding of \$1,059,084) based on an award letter dated May 26, 2020.</li> <li>The STBG application proposed to address traffic signal deficiencies at three intersections along US 287 including Swallow Road, Pitkin Street, and Rutgers Avenue.</li> <li>During the drafting and execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the intersections at Swallow Road and Rutgers Avenue were replaced by Columbia Road and Harvard Street after being identified as higher priorities for CDOT. Pitkin Street remained within the project scope.</li> <li>CDOT has agreed to contribute funding (estimated at \$415,617) towards improvements to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) deficiencies at these intersections that were not originally identified in the grant application.</li> <li>The current estimate to complete the proposed improvements at the three intersections (\$2,517,691) exceeds the available project funding (\$1,474,701). Design and construction inflation during the design effort is the primary cause of the estimated increase.</li> <li>The Harvard Street intersection is within the limits of the proposed Midtown Improvements Project between Drake Road and Swallow Road (currently at the 30% design milestone). This Midtown project would likely require modifications to interim improvements at Harvard Street by the <i>US 287</i> project, resulting in additional or duplicative work.</li> <li>Removing the Harvard Street intersection from the <i>US 287</i> project and including it in the Midtown project will allow the <i>US 287</i> project to move forward. The City proposes to cover the remaining funding gap (\$174,185) with local match if needed.</li> </ul>		
<b>Committee Discussion</b>		
This is the first time TAC has discussed the <i>US 287 Intersection Improvements</i> Scope Change.		
<b>Supporting Information</b>		
<p>The following supporting documents are attached for additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>US 287 Intersection Improvements</i>, NFR MPO award letter, dated May 26, 2020.</li> <li><i>US 287 Intersection Improvements</i>, Intergovernmental Agreement, dated May 4, 2022.</li> <li><i>US 287 Intersection Improvements</i>, Estimated Costs and Proposed Funding Scenarios, dated March 20, 2024</li> <li><i>US 287 Intersection Improvements</i>, Project Area Map, dated March 20, 2024.</li> </ul>		
<b>Advantages</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determining if the proposed change in scope is minor will allow NFR MPO staff to complete the revision to the project with an administrative modification.</li> <li>The proposed scope change would allow for the completion of the improvements at two of the three originally scoped intersections using the currently appropriated STBG funding.</li> <li>Including the improvements at Harvard Street in the Midtown Improvements Project will eliminate the need for any improvements to be redone or removed, minimizing construction disruption.</li> </ul>		

### Disadvantages

- Intersection improvements at Harvard Street will be delayed until the Midtown Improvements Project is fully funded.

### Analysis/Recommendation

Staff recommends TAC review the *US 287 Intersection Improvements Scope Change* and determine if the change is minor, allowing NFR MPO staff to complete the revision as an administrative modification, or if the Scope Change qualifies as major and requires Planning Council approval.

### Attachments

- [Attachments](#)
  - *US 287 Intersection Improvements*, NFR MPO award letter, dated May 26, 2020.
  - *US 287 Intersection Improvements*, Intergovernmental Agreement, dated May 4, 2022.
  - *US 287 Intersection Improvements*, Estimated Costs and Proposed Funding Scenarios, dated March 20, 2024
  - *US 287 Intersection Improvements*, Project Area Map, dated March 20, 2024.

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## MEMORANDUM

**To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee**

**From: AnnaRose Cunningham**

**Date: March 20, 2024**

**Re: NFRMPO Open Data Portal**

### Background

The NFRMPO maintains and creates regional data sets related to transportation and air quality planning. Historically, GIS datasets have been available for download on the NFRMPO [Maps & GIS webpage](#). As NFRMPO staff have worked to keep data up to date and modernize the data delivery process, the NFRMPO has created an ArcGIS [NFRMPO Open Data](#) portal.

The Open Data portal will replace the GIS Data Download section of the current Maps & GIS webpage. Transitioning to an Open Data portal will allow the NFRMPO to ensure available data is up to date and consolidate all GIS data into one location.

Available data currently includes:

- Planning and Air Quality Boundaries
- Safety/Crash Data
- Equity Index Areas
- Regional Corridors
- Active transportation facilities
- Transit and paratransit service areas
- Demographic data

Staff will provide an overview of the website during the meeting.

### Action

Staff requests TAC be prepared to provide feedback on the Open Data portal and provide suggestions on what data should be available and would be the most useful for TAC members.



# **Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative**

**Executive Summary – Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

**GoToMeeting Hybrid Meeting**

## **2023 Call for Projects Evaluation**

Cunningham outlined the results of the 2023 Call for Projects Evaluation Survey. Cunningham noted NFRMPO staff are considering ways to improve the scoring criteria, including better ways to score safety projects and wayfinding. NFRMPO staff are also considering making a separate TA application for the next call. The group discussed if project sponsors should be required to present their project to NoCo Bike & Ped prior to applying for TA funds. The group discussed what projects are eligible for TA funding and discussed if the NFRMPO should allow for TA funding to be used on non-RSC corridors. The group will continue this discussion at a future meeting.

## **CDPHE State Physical Activity and Nutrition Program**

Young Winne and Leonard outlined the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)'s Built Environment team and the work they do. Young Winne discussed the social determinants of health and introduced the State Physical Activity & Nutrition Program (SPAN). The SPAN program is a state program that is supportive of Active People, Healthy Nation. Young Winne and Leonard outlined the Active Communities Tool and the Community Engagement Toolkit Training. Young Winne and Leonard discussed the Demonstration Project funding. CDPHE can fund up to \$10,000 per project for demonstration projects that support long-term goals. This funding is designed for adjustable and reversible projects and is not designed for permanent infrastructure projects.

## **SRTS Conference Proposal Discussion**

Rouser noted the Safe Routes to School Subcommittee discussed potential SRTS National Conference session proposals at their January meeting. The group discussed four proposals: Collaborative Funding, Poudre River Trail, NoCo Bike & Ped: Formation and History, and NoCo Bike & Ped: Regional Collaboration. The group discussed the proposals and determined who will be the point of contact for each proposal.

## **Roundtable**

There was no roundtable this month.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
February 1, 2024**

**Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes**

Rennemeyer **moved** to *APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 1, 2024 MEETING AGENDA*. The motion was **seconded** by Mellon and **passed** unanimously.

Fries stated he attended the January 11, 2024 Planning Council meeting but was not included in the attendance list of the minutes. Rennemeyer **moved** to *APPROVE THE JANUARY 11, 2024 MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS*. The motion was **seconded** by Clark and **passed** unanimously.

**AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Wojtach stated RAQC released its modeling RFP in January 2024. EPA released guidelines and tools for exceptional events, and is streamlining efforts to funding EV charging stations by establishing categorical exemption under NEPA.

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AGENDA**

**REPORTS:**

Report of the Chair

Mallo stated the Executive Committee will be leading the effort for recruitment, resume review, and initial interviews, and the HR Committee will be focusing on updating the job description, manuals, and internal documents.

Executive Director Report

Mallette stated Planning Councilmembers should share ideas for the National Safe Routes to School Conference with Jerome Rouser. Mallette reviewed the Legislative Report provided in the Planning Council handouts.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

NFRMPO Articles of Association Amendment

Clark **moved** to approve *RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02 AMENDING THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION*. The motion was **seconded** by Heid and **passed** unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Resolution Correction: 2023 Call for Projects Revised

James **moved** to approve the *REVISED RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01 ADOPTING THE 2023 CALL FOR PROJECTS*. The motion was **seconded** by Rennemeyer and **passed** unanimously.

Front Range Passenger Rail District Representative

James **moved** to approve *RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 APPROVING NFRMPO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS*. The motion was **seconded** by Rennemeyer and **passed** unanimously.

FFY2024 Transfort Program of Projects (POP)

Rennemeyer **moved** to approve *RESOLUTION 2024-04 REVISING THE FY2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) REGARDING FTA \$5307, \$5310, \$5339 FORT COLLINS/ LOVELAND/BERTHOUD TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA (TMA) PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FFY24*. The motion was **seconded** by Heid and **passed** unanimously.

2020-2024 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures

Clark **moved** to approve *RESOLUTION 2024-05 SETTING REGIONAL TARGETS FOR THE 2020-2024 SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES*. The motion was **seconded** by Mellon and **passed** unanimously.

January TIP Amendment

Rennemeyer **moved** to approve *RESOLUTION 2024-06 APPROVING THE JANUARY 2024 AMENDMENT TO THE FY2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)*. The motion was **seconded** by James and **passed** unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Active Transportation Plan – Rouser reviewed the purpose, history, and status of the 2025 Active Transportation Plan (ATP), asking for Planning Council feedback on barriers and priorities.

US34 TMO Update – Gordon reviewed the progress made on the US34 Transportation Management Organization (TMO). An in-person event will be held in March to introduce Steer to the community.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
March 7, 2024**

**Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes**

Fries **moved** to *APPROVE THE MARCH 7, 2024 MEETING AGENDA*. The motion was **seconded** by Canonico and **passed** unanimously.

Fries **moved** to *APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 1, 2024 MEETING MINUTES*. The motion was **seconded** by Stephens and **passed** unanimously.

**AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)

Ferko reviewed the outcomes of the February Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) meetings and hearings which will be held in the upcoming months which will include updating the definition of Disproportionately Impacted (DI) Communities. Ferko noted the commission will not meet in March and in April will hear briefings on the GHG roadmap and the Division's efforts to enhance outreach.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Wojtach outlined the items detailed in the memo, noting the information about legislation impacting air quality and transportation in the memo. Wojtach provided EPA updates including a workshop on Exceptional events and Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards. Next steps were provided in the memo including actions the NFRMPO Planning Council may consider taking.

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AGENDA**

**REPORTS:**

Executive Director Report

Malette provided an outline of the Executive Director recruitment timeline and brochure. Malette reviewed the Legislative Report provided in the Planning Council handouts.

**PRESENTATION:**

Travel Demand Management (TDM)/Transportation Management Organization (TMO) Update

Schmitt provided an update on TDM activities in the region following the adoption of the NFRMPO TDM Action Plan in 2022, including a vanpool subsidy program, partnering with DRCOG Way to Go on a customer relations management (CRM) platform and hiring Steer to launch the US34 TMO.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

2023 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Unaudited Financials

Karspeck **moved** to approve *THE CONSENT AGENDA*. The motion was **seconded** by Stephens and **passed** unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Employee Handbook Update

Malette reviewed the updates included in the Employee Handbook Update. Malette noted the NFRMPO worked with the Employers Council (EC), using the EC template which is reviewed by their attorneys.

Stephens **moved** to approve *RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07 APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE NFRMPO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK*. The motion was **seconded** by Karspeck and **passed** unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

CDOT DTR Contracts – Malette reviewed contracting issues with CDOT Department of Transit and Rail the NFRMPO has been experiencing in recent months. Malette outlined the two projects impacting the NFRMPO which are the FTA 5310 contract which partially funds the mobility program, and a vehicle purchase project for the Town of Milliken. The Council discussed actions which may be taken to help the issue. Commissioner Kelly stated he would look into the issue prior to the next Transportation Commission meeting.

Freight Northern Colorado (FNC) Plan Update Kick-Off – Saunders stated NFRMPO staff will be updating the 2019 Freight Northern Colorado (FNC) plan which acts as the freight element of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. Saunders outlined the purpose, scope, and timeline of the t Plan. The Planning Council discussed intended audiences of the Plan, data sources, and how to ensure the plan is useful to the region.

**Executive Summary of the  
North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Community Advisory Committee**

February 8, 2024

**Attendees:** Pauline Migliore, York, Elisabeth Cairnes, Brad Ragazzo, Nathalie Rachline, Reid Maynard

**Staff:** Alex Gordon, AnnaRose Cunningham, Jerome Rouser

**2025 Active Transportation Plan Survey**

Jerome reviewed the timeline for the Active Transportation Plan, which is anticipated to be adopted in early 2025, and the project website that was created. Jerome and the Committee went through questions in the survey. Pauline recommended having age ranges and allowing people to answer “prefer not to answer”. Elisabeth asked why Hispanic/Latinx was separated from the race/ethnicity question. Pauline recommended alphabetizing the races to not put White first. York recommended putting in an explanation for why the NFRMPO is asking demographic questions. The group discussed adding timelines and clarity to some other questions. Jerome stated outreach is ongoing, and will send a draft version of the survey to the Committee for their final review.

**Safe Routes to School**

Jerome reviewed the intention of a Safe Routes to School program. Nathalie recommended promoting efforts already underway. Jerome stated there is a Safe Routes to School Subcommittee that has been meeting. The Subcommittee developed a survey that was sent to staff of local communities to identify the needs: funding; lack of capacity; program awareness; and staff time. A project website will be developed. The Safe Routes to School Conference will be held in Fort Collins from October 22 to 24, 2024. Elisabeth suggested a session or event at night to allow the community to learn about Safe Routes.

**Regional Projects**

AnnaRose reviewed trail projects around the region, including the Centerra Trail, the Great Western Trail, the Poudre River Trail, and the Greeley Canal #3 Trail. AnnaRose also highlighted the Cycling Without Age program. AnnaRose reviewed upcoming initiatives, including SS4A grants, the SH14 Safety Study, the CDOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and the Active Transportation Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

**Northern Colorado Mobility Committee –MINUTES**

**February 27, 2024**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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

In Person:

- Celeste Ewert, Envision
- Nichole Seward, Weld County AAA
- Steve Teets, WAND
- Ernest Cienfuegos Baca, United Way of Weld County
- Kristi Swasko, RAFT
- Katlyn Kelly, Transfort
- Leticia Arguello, The Arc of Weld County
- Stephanie Watson, The Arc of Weld County
- Peggy Garcia, Connections
- Cory Schmitt, NFRMPO
- Lisa Deaton, NFRMPO
- Brooke Bettolo, NFRMPO
- Jerome Rouser, NFRMPO
- Jacque Penfold, Community Member
- Deanna McIntosh, CDOT Region 4
- James Eussen, CDOT Region 4
- Steve Conaway, RAFT
- Olga Gonzalez, Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment
- Ari Edgley, Foothills Gateway
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip

Virtual:

- Aaron Oberndorf, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Adriana Torres, Via Mobility Services
- Bridie Smith, COLT
- Kimberly Aguilar-Pauli, The Arc of Larimer County
- Margie Martinez, United Way-Weld
- Suzette Mallette, NFRMPO
- Taylor Rahalewich, Summitstone Health
- Dana Klein, Town of Estes Park
- Melanie Royalty, Transfort

**2.** November 2023 minutes approved by Cienfuegos Baca and seconded by Teets.

**3. Group Introductions, ice breaker, and speed networking.**

Both virtual and in-person attendees introduced themselves and their organizations. The group then did a speed networking exercise to get to know one another and learn more about each other's respective organizations and services.

Members shared their organizational needs; top priorities were funding, staffing, resuming services to pre-pandemic levels, and safety.



## **Presentations & Activity**

### **1) Active Transportation Plan– Rouser**

Rouser gave a presentation on the Active Mobility Transportation Plan. Slides can be found in the [packet](#). Rouser also presented an activity with questions for the group to discuss. Online attendees were given [a survey](#) to fill out.

What do you see as the largest barrier to safer and more reliable biking & walking in your community?

- I would bike more if...
- I would walk more if...
- Where is your favorite place to bike and/or walk?

Members discussed barriers. Common topics included safety, having more time, education & efficiency.

### **2) Safety Roundtable Follow Up -Bettolo**

Bettolo discussed themes from the Safety Round Table Follow Up. Members discussed topics, made safety suggestions, and narrowed down their top five priorities for the group to work on. Ideas shared were: lighting and emergency call boxes at all bus stops, having the ability to communicate with the administrative offices for concerns, utilizing dispatch to help with communication barriers, providing first aid training for drivers, keeping organizational materials up to date and having more aids/assistance for those who are visually impaired. Attendees online were given access to [a survey](#) to choose their priorities.

### **3) RideNoCo Update– Schmitt**

Schmitt shared RideNoCo updates that included the upcoming CDOT Capital Call for Projects, Phase 3 Trip Scheduling Update, the Regional Mobility Action Plan Progress, RideNoCo 2023 Summary, and work planned for 2024. Slides can be found in the [packet](#).

Members discussed the Mobility Action Plan goals and shared ideas of what a resource library might contain, privacy concerns of sharing information, who can access it, and how to manage it. Conaway suggested that HIPAA information, training documents, forms, and ADA information be included. Conaway also suggested forming a sub-committee to compile materials for the library. Conaway and Aguilar-Pauli opted to join the committee, which will work with NFRMPO staff to create a Google Drive that is sharable to members of the committee. Logistics of adding content and ensuring the materials are used with care. Teets discussed the need to get informational materials distributed across the community and asked that we share our information with the organizations that offer transportation vouchers, businesses, doctor's offices, and bus stations. Kalizack suggested that we send out a form asking who may provide free transportation vouchers, and Cienfuegos Baca suggested connecting with Martinez, as she regularly coordinates vouchers for Greeley-Evans Transit. When asked how to accomplish recruitment goals, Conaway suggested to reach out to other transportation agencies, coalitions, school district representatives, and council members and ask them to join or be a liaison.



#### **4) Mobility Case Studies -Deaton**

Deaton discussed a case study about a person who needed transportation from Windsor (Weld County) to Fort Collins (Larimer County) for dialysis during weekdays and on Saturdays. The main issues the caller was experiencing are a lack of Weld to Larimer County transportation options and lack of affordable available weekend transportation services. Kalizack asked if dialysis centers have funding for transportation. Others asked if she could be transferred to a dialysis center in Weld County, where more transportation options might be available. Conaway suggested that perhaps volunteer transportation organizations could contract with the centers to get their patients to their treatment if they had the funding. RAFT may be interested in this possibility. Cienfuegos-Baca suggested contacting local faith communities for assistance. Schmitt discussed what A Little Help does and how they have expanded to the Windsor and Johnstown area. Kalizack questioned if when people call their insurance are they asking the correct questions about their coverage? Someone mentioned that dialysis centers have social workers or case managers that might be able to assist.

#### **Wrap Up + Next Steps**

##### Announcements:

- Tech Workshop “Accessibility Apps” hosted by the Arc of Weld County, open to all. Free at the Farr Library in Greeley, Sunday (3/3) from 2pm to 4pm. Will email details.
- Chili Cook-Off at RAFT March 14<sup>th</sup> \$15 tickets
- Office on Aging Larimer County Community Fair, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Ranch in Loveland.

##### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) March 26, 2024
- b. Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC): April 23, 2024
- c. Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (NCMC): May 28, 2024