



NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL  
**HYBRID MEETING AGENDA**  
 April 4, 2024

<u>In-Person Attendance Option</u> Windsor Public Services Facility 922 15 <sup>th</sup> Street Windsor, CO 80550	<u>Virtual Attendance Option</u> Call-in Number: (224) 501-3412 Access Code: 562-513-213 Online Meeting: <a href="https://bit.ly/2024NFRCouncil">https://bit.ly/2024NFRCouncil</a>
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*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Public Comment- 2 Minutes Each (accepted on items not on the Agenda) Anyone in the audience will be given time to speak to items on the Consent Agenda. Please ask for that item to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Items pulled will be heard at the beginning of the regular agenda. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak to all other items prior to Council action being taken.*

- 1) Acceptance of Meeting Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes - Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality/MPO – March 7, 2024 (Page 9)

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

REPORTS:

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| 3) Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) (Page 13) | (Written)                              |      |
| 4) Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) (Handout)   | (Written)                              |      |
| 5) NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates (Page 15)    | Dena Wojtach – Two Roads Environmental | 6:05 |

Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda

REPORTS:

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| 6) Report of the Chair         | Jon Mallo – Council Chair, City of Loveland Councilmember | 6:15 |
| 7) Executive Director Report   | Suzette Mallette - Executive Director                     | 6:20 |
| • Legislative Update (Handout) |   |      |
| 8) TAC (Page 18)               | (Written)   |      |
| 9) Mobility (Handout)          | (Written)   |      |

PRESENTATION:

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| 10) Northern Colorado Airports Presentation (Handout) | David Ruppel – Interim Manager, NoCo Airport | 6:30 |
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DISCUSSION ITEM:

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| 11) FY2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY2025 Tasks (Page 19) | Becky Karasko - Transportation Planning Director | 6:50 |
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**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**7:00**

**Transportation Commission**

**Jim Kelly** - Transportation Commissioner

**CDOT R4 Update**

**Josie Thomas** - CDOT R4 Planning Manager

**STAC Report** *(Page 24)*

**(Written)**

**Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)** *(Page 26)* **(Written)**

**I-25 Coalition**

**Scott James** – Past Chair, Weld County Commissioner

**US34 Coalition**

**Windsor**

**Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME)**

**Kristin Stephens** – Larimer County Commissioner

**Front Range Passenger Rail District**

**Will Karspeck** – Mayor, Town of Berthoud

**Johnny Olson** – Vice Chair, City of Greeley Councilmember

**Host Council Member Report**

**Paul Rennemeyer**

**7:15**

**MEETING WRAP UP:**

**Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions**

**7:20**



## *MPO Planning Council*

### *City of Loveland*

**Jon Mallo, Mayor Pro Tem – Chair**

### *City of Greeley and Greeley Evans Transit (GET)*

**Johnny Olson, Councilmember – Vice Chair**

Alternate- Brett Payton, Mayor Pro Tem

### *Weld County*

**Scott James, Commissioner – Past Chair**

Alternate- Perry Buck, Commissioner

### *Town of Berthoud*

**William Karspeck, Mayor**

Alternate- Mike Grace, Mayor Pro Tem

### *Town of Eaton*

**Liz Heid, Mayor Pro Tem**

Alternate- Glenn Ledall, Trustee

### *City of Evans*

**Mark Clark, Mayor**

### *City of Fort Collins*

**Tricia Canonico, Councilmember**

Alternate- Melanie Potyondy, Councilmember

### *Town of Garden City*

**Fil Archuleta, Mayor**

### *Town of Johnstown*

**Troy Mellon, Mayor**

### *Larimer County*

**Kristin Stephens, Commissioner**

Alternate- Jody Shaddock-McNally, Commissioner

### *Town of LaSalle*

**Paula Cochran, Trustee**

### *Town of Milliken*

**Dan Dean, Trustee**

Alternate- Elizabeth Austin, Mayor

### *Town of Severance*

**Matt Fries, Mayor**

Alternate- TBD

### *Town of Timnath*

**Lisa Laake, Mayor Pro Tem**

### *Town of Windsor*

**Paul Rennemeyer, Mayor**

Alternate- Barry Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem

### *CDPHE- Air Pollution Control Division*

**Jessica Ferko, Manager, Planning & Policy Program**

### *Colorado Transportation Commission*

**Jim Kelly, Commissioner**

Alternate- Heather Paddock, Region 4 Director



## **MPO MEETING PROCEDURAL INFORMATION**

1. The order of the agenda will be maintained unless changed by the MPO Planning Council Chair (MPO Chair).
2. "Public Comment" is a time for citizens to address the Planning Council on matters that are not specifically on the agenda. Each citizen shall be limited to a total of two (2) minutes time for public comment, or at the discretion of the MPO Chair.
3. Before addressing the Planning Council, each individual must be recognized by the MPO Chair, come and stand before the Council and state their name and address for the record. (All proceedings are taped.)
4. For each Action item on the agenda, the order of business is as follows:
  - MPO Chair introduces the item; asks if formal presentation will be made by staff
  - Staff presentation (optional)
  - MPO Chair requests citizen comment on the item (two minute limit for each citizen)
  - Planning Council questions of staff on the item
  - Planning Council motion on the item
  - Planning Council discussion
  - Final Planning Council comments
  - Planning Council vote on the item
5. Public input on agenda items should be kept as brief as possible, and each citizen shall be limited to two (2) minutes time on each agenda item, subject to time constraints and the discretion of the MPO Chair.
6. During any discussion or presentation, no person may disturb the assembly by interrupting or by any action such as applause or comments. Any side conversations should be moved outside the meeting room. Courtesy shall be given to all speakers.
7. All remarks during the meeting should be germane to the immediate subject.

## GLOSSARY

<b>§5303 &amp; §5304</b>	FTA program funding for multimodal transportation planning (jointly administered with FHWA) in metropolitan areas and States
<b>§5307</b>	FTA program funding for public transportation in Urbanized Areas (i.e. with populations >50,000)
<b>§5309</b>	FTA program funding for capital investments
<b>§5310</b>	FTA program funding for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities
<b>§5311</b>	FTA program funding for rural and small Urban Areas (Non-Urbanized Areas)
<b>§5326</b>	FTA program funding to define “state of good repair” and set standards for measuring the condition of capital assets
<b>§5337</b>	FTA program funding to maintain public transportation in a state of good repair
<b>§5339</b>	FTA program funding for buses and bus facilities
<b>3C</b>	Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative
<b>4P</b>	CDOT Project Priority Programming Process
<b>7th Pot</b>	CDOT’s Strategic Investment Program and projects—originally using S.B. 97-01 funds
<b>AASHTO</b>	American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials
<b>ACP</b>	Access Control Plan
<b>ADA</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
<b>ADT</b>	Average Daily Traffic (also see AWD)
<b>AIS</b>	Agenda Item Summary
<b>AMPO</b>	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
<b>APCD</b>	Air Pollution Control Division (of Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment)
<b>AQCC</b>	Air Quality Control Commission (of Colorado)
<b>ARPA</b>	American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
<b>ATP</b>	Active Transportation Plan
<b>AWD</b>	Average Weekday Traffic (also see ADT)
<b>BIL</b>	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (federal legislation, signed November 2021)
<b>BUILD</b>	Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (the competitive federal grant program that replaced TIGER)
<b>CAAA</b>	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (federal)
<b>CAC</b>	Community Advisory Committee (of the NFRMPO)
<b>CBE</b>	Colorado Bridge Enterprise funds
<b>CDOT</b>	Colorado Department of Transportation
<b>CDPHE</b>	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
<b>CEO</b>	Colorado Energy Office
<b>CMAQ</b>	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (an FHWA funding program)
<b>CMP</b>	Congestion Management Process
<b>CNG</b>	Compressed Natural Gas
<b>CO</b>	Carbon Monoxide
<b>COG</b>	Council of Governments
<b>COLT</b>	City of Loveland Transit
<b>CPG</b>	Consolidated Planning Grant (combination of FHWA PL & FTA §5303 planning funds)
<b>CFY</b>	Calendar Fiscal Year
<b>CRP</b>	Carbon Reduction Funds

## GLOSSARY (cont'd)

<b>CTIO</b>	Colorado Transportation Investment Office (formerly High-Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE))
<b>DOLA</b>	Department of Local Affairs
<b>DOT</b>	(United States) Department of Transportation
<b>DRCOG</b>	Denver Regional Council of Governments
<b>DTD</b>	CDOT Division of Transportation Development
<b>DTR</b>	CDOT Division of Transit & Rail
<b>EIS</b>	Environmental Impact Statement
<b>EJ</b>	Environmental Justice
<b>EPA</b>	Environmental Protection Agency
<b>EV</b>	Electric Vehicle
<b>FAST ACT</b>	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (federal legislation, signed December 2015)
<b>FASTER</b>	Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (Colorado's S.B. 09-108)
<b>FHWA</b>	Federal Highway Administration
<b>FNC</b>	Freight Northern Colorado Plan
<b>FRA</b>	Federal Railroad Administration
<b>FRPR</b>	Front Range Passenger Rail District (Replaced SWC&FRPRC)
<b>FTA</b>	Federal Transit Administration
<b>FY</b>	Fiscal Year (October to September for federal funds; July to June for state funds; January to December for local funds)
<b>FFY</b>	Federal Fiscal Year
<b>GET</b>	Greeley-Evans Transit
<b>GHG</b>	Greenhouse Gas
<b>GOPMT</b>	Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets
<b>GVMPO</b>	Grand Valley MPO (Grand Junction/Mesa County)
<b>HOV</b>	High Occupancy Vehicle
<b>HSIP</b>	Highway Safety Improvement Program (FHWA Safety Funds)
<b>HTF</b>	Highway Trust Fund (the primary federal funding source for surface transportation)
<b>HUTF</b>	Highway Users Tax Fund (the State's primary funding source for highways)
<b>IACT</b>	State Interagency Consultation Team (for GHG)
<b>ICG</b>	Inter-Agency Consultation Group for Ozone Nonattainment Area
<b>IGA</b>	Intergovernmental Agreement
<b>IIJA</b>	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also known as BIL)
<b>IMW MPO</b>	Intermountain West MPO Group
<b>INFRA</b>	Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (a competitive federal grant program for freight improvements)
<b>I&amp;M or I/M</b>	Inspection and Maintenance program (checking emissions of pollutants from vehicles)
<b>ITS</b>	Intelligent Transportation Systems
<b>LCMC</b>	Larimer County Mobility Committee
<b>LRP or LRTP</b>	Long Range Plan or Long Range Transportation Plan
<b>LUAM</b>	Land Use Allocation Model (of the NFRMPO)

## GLOSSARY (cont'd)

<b>MAP-21</b>	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (2012 federal transportation legislation)
<b>MAPG</b>	Mobility and Access Priority Group, formerly known as the Senior Transportation Coalition (STC)
<b>MMOF</b>	Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Funds (state funds allocated to MPOs and TPRs in SB18-001)
<b>MOA</b>	Memorandum of Agreement
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MPO</b>	Metropolitan Planning Organization
<b>MVEB</b>	Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget
<b>NAA</b>	Non-Attainment Area (for certain air pollutants)
<b>NAAPME</b>	Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise
<b>NAAQS</b>	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
<b>NARC</b>	National Association of Regional Councils
<b>NCMC</b>	Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (also known as the Joint Mobility Committee)
<b>NEPA</b>	National Environmental Policy Act
<b>NFRT &amp; AQPC</b>	North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (also NFRMPO)
<b>NFRMPO</b>	North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (also NFRT & AQPC)
<b>NHS</b>	National Highway System
<b>NoCo</b>	Northern Colorado Bicycle and Pedestrian Collaborative
<b>NOFO</b>	Notice of Funding Opportunity
<b>NOx</b>	Nitrogen Oxides
<b>OBD</b>	On-Board Diagnostics (of a vehicle's engine efficiency and exhaust)
<b>O<sub>3</sub></b>	Ozone
<b>OIM</b>	Office of Innovative Mobility, division of CDOT
<b>PACOG</b>	Pueblo Area Council of Governments
<b>PL</b>	Federal Planning (funds)
<b>PIP</b>	Public Involvement Plan
<b>POP</b>	Program of Projects
<b>PPACG</b>	Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (Colorado Springs)
<b>PPP (also P3)</b>	Public Private Partnership
<b>R4 or R-4</b>	Region 4 of the Colorado Department of Transportation
<b>RAQC</b>	Regional Air Quality Council
<b>RATC</b>	Regional Active Transportation Corridor
<b>RPP</b>	Regional Priority Program (a funding program of the Colorado Transportation Commission)
<b>RSC</b>	Regionally Significant Corridor
<b>RTC</b>	Regional Transit Corridor
<b>RTD</b>	Regional Transportation District in the Denver Region or Regional Transportation Director for CDOT Regions
<b>RTDM</b>	Regional Travel Demand Model (of the NFRMPO)
<b>RTP</b>	Regional Transportation Plan
<b>SH</b>	State Highway
<b>SIP</b>	State Implementation Plan (air quality)
<b>SOV</b>	Single Occupant Vehicle

## GLOSSARY (cont'd)

<b>SPR</b>	State Planning and Research (federal funds)
<b>SRTS</b> ( <i>see TA</i> )	Safe Routes to School (a pre-MAP-21 FHWA funding program)
<b>SS4A</b>	Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Program
<b>STAC</b>	Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee
<b>STIP</b>	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
<b>STBG</b> ( <i>previously STP-Metro</i> )	Surface Transportation Block Grant (a FAST Act FHWA funding program)
<b>SWC&amp;FRPRC</b>	Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission (2017-2022)
<b>SWMPO</b>	Statewide MPO Committee
<b>SWP</b>	Statewide Plan (CDOT)
<b>TAC</b>	Technical Advisory Committee (of the NFRMPO)
<b>TA</b> ( <i>previously TAP</i> )	Transportation Alternatives program (an FHWA funding program)
<b>TAZ</b>	Transportation Analysis Zone (used in travel demand forecasting)
<b>TC</b>	Transportation Commission of Colorado
<b>TDM</b>	Transportation Demand Management
<b>TERC</b>	Transportation Environmental Resource Council
<b>TIGER</b>	Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (a competitive federal grant program from 2009-2017 replaced by BUILD)
<b>TIP</b>	Transportation Improvement Program
<b>Title VI</b>	U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting discrimination in connection with programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance
<b>TMA</b>	Transportation Management Area (federally designated place >200,000 population)
<b>TMO</b>	Transportation Management Organization, also known as TMA – Transportation Management Association
<b>TOD</b>	Transit Oriented Development
<b>TPR</b>	Transportation Planning Region (state-designated)
<b>TRAC</b>	Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (for CDOT)
<b>UFR</b>	Upper Front Range TPR
<b>UPWP</b>	Unified Planning Work Program
<b>UrbanSIM</b>	Land Use model software licensing company used by the NFRMPO for the LUAM
<b>VMT</b>	Vehicle Miles Traveled
<b>VOC</b>	Volatile Organic Compound
<b>WCMC</b>	Weld County Mobility Committee



**Meeting Minutes of the  
NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION &  
AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL**

**March 7, 2024  
Hybrid Meeting in Larimer County, CO**

**Voting Members Present:**

Jon Mallo – Chair	-Loveland
Johnny Olson – Vice Chair	-Greeley
Scott James – Past Chair	-Weld County
Tricia Canonico	-Fort Collins
Mark Clark	-Evans
Paula Cochran	-LaSalle
Dan Dean	-Milliken
Jessica Ferko	-APCD
Matt Fries	-Severance
Liz Heid	-Eaton
Jim Kelly	-Transportation Commission
Will Karspeck	-Berthoud
Kristin Stephens	-Larimer County

**Voting Members Absent:**

Fil Archuleta	-Garden City
Lisa Laake	-Timnath
Troy Mellon	-Johnstown
Paul Rennemeyer	-Windsor

**MPO Staff:**

**Suzette Mallette**, Executive Director; **Becky Karasko**, Transportation Planning Director; **Cory Schmitt**, Mobility Director; **Rachel Stillwell**, Accountant; **Brooke Bettolo**, Mobility Planner; **AnnaRose Cunningham**, Transportation Planner III; and **Michael Saunders**, Transportation Planner I.

**In Attendance:** Brad Buckman; Rich Christy; Ray Cundiff; Geoff England; Jamie Grim; Jim Eussen; Nicole Hahn; Omar Herrera; Myron Hora; Wayne Howard; Mark Jackson; Will Jones; Bhooshan Karnik; Dee McIntosh; Heather Paddock; Mark Peterson; Elizabeth Relford; Parama Ghosh Roy; Laura Speer; Justin Stone; Josie Thomas; Eric Tracy; Dena Wojtach

Chair Mallo called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

Jody Shaddock-McNally welcomed the Planning Council to Larimer County and thanked NFRMPO for its ongoing work.

**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.

**Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda**

Chair Mallo opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

**REPORTS:**

Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)

Ferko reviewed the memo provided to Planning Council in the packet, including the various stakeholder engagement opportunities hosted by the APCD related to greenhouse gases, air toxins, and ozone. 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. Karspeck asked what the updated DI community definition is. Ferko stated the definition is being aligned to the definition adopted in 2023.

Ferko noted the commission will not meet in March and in April will hear briefings on the GHG roadmap, the Division's efforts to enhance outreach, and a discussion on the Commission's procedural rules. Mallette asked if there would be stakeholder outreach related to the discussion of the procedural rules. Ferko stated there will be stakeholder engagement opportunities and there would be opportunities for public comment before the Commission.

#### Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

A written report was provided.

#### 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 reiterated the AQCC will be taking public comment on their procedural rules and noted the Planning Council may want to consider providing public comment. Wojtach reported the Air Quality enterprise (AQE) has released an RFP for ozone related research projects within the nonattainment area.

Wojtach provided EPA updates including a workshop on exceptional events and motor vehicle emission and fuel standards. Mallette noted the EPA has been working on streamlining the exceptional events process. Stephens asked who pursues exceptional events. Mallette stated it is through the AQCC and the Governor, but the process is very time and resource intensive.

Wojtach provided next steps for the Council including the NFRMPO's participation in the RAQC's indirect source rule efforts and next steps for addressing background ozone and other non-controllable emissions contributions in planning efforts.

### **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda**

Chair Mallo opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

#### **REPORTS:**

##### Report of the Chair

None this month.

##### Executive Director Report

Mallette showed the Council the Executive Director recruitment brochure and provided an outline of the recruitment timeline. The job opening will open on March 11 with a target start date of July 1.

Mallette reviewed the Legislative Report provided in the Planning Council handouts. Council discussed the State's authority over railroad operations in relation to HB24-1030: Railroad Safety Requirements. Karspeck asked if the Ozone Season Transit Grant program would apply to paratransit and other non-profit transportation providers. Mallette stated it is unclear if those organizations would be eligible for the grants. James asked what the funding source for the statewide transit pass included in HB1034. Mallette stated the bill was creating an exploratory committee and is unsure about a funding source for implementation.

Stephens and Canonico noted there may have been changes made to the bill related to the creation of a vulnerable road user protection enterprise regarding the funding mechanisms and creation of a new enterprise as opposed to directing additional funds to existing safety funding programs.

Mallette noted rulemaking hearings have begun in relation to HB1101 from the past legislative session.

Mallette introduced the members of Steer, the consultant hired to set up the US 34 TMO.

Mobility

A written report was provided.

Finance

A written report was provided.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

A written report was provided.

VanGo™ Dashboard

A written report was provided.

**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. A vanpool subsidy program in partnership with the City of Fort Collins and CSU is in place through the end of the year. RideNoCo has partnered with DRCOG’s Way to Go program on a customer relations management (CRM) platform with allows for greater collaboration across the regions for ride matching like carpooling and vanpooling. Schmitt noted the NFRMPO hired Steer to launch the US34 TMO between Kersey and Estes Park. Parama and Geoff, representatives from Steer, spoke to the Council about their experience implementing TMOs which will result in managing congestion along the corridor. They also discussed the stakeholder meetings and workshops which were conducted over the past week. Karspeck asked if the TMO will create an additional tax, Mallette stated the funding mechanisms are under discussion and Schmitt noted TMOs are usually funded through membership fees as opposed to taxes.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Employee Handbook Update – Mallette reviewed the five major updates included in the to the Employee Handbook Update, noting most of the updates were directed by state or federal guidance. Mallette noted the NFRMPO worked with the Employers Council (EC) on the update. Fries asked if the updates had been vetted by the NFRMPO legal counsel. Mallette noted the EC template is reviewed by their legal counsel.

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 – Mallette reviewed contracting issues with CDOT Department of Transit and Rail the NFRMPO has been experiencing in recent months. Mallette outlined the two projects impacting the NFRMPO which are the Rural FTA 5310 contract which partially funds the mobility program and is delayed due to FTA apportionments not being released, 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 noted the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) updated requirements for state’s freight plan but there are no federal requirements for MPOs to develop freight plans. Saunders outlined the purpose, scope, and timeline of the Plan. The Planning Council discussed modes in which freight moves around and through the region including rail and air. Karspeck asked for clarification on the role of the two airports. Mallo noted the Fort Collins Loveland Airport (FNL) does not serve commercial

passengers and likely will not for several years but does serve cargo. Olson noted the Greeley airport mainly serves private users.

The Planning Council requested the freight plan include updated data on how freight moves through the region, including origin and destination data. Stephens noted there is a coalition against bigger trucks, noting updated regulations on truck weight may have an impact on the transportation system and safety. The Council discussed intended audiences for the Plan and how to ensure the plan is useful to the region. Fries suggested creating more accessible, less technical versions of the Plan for the general public.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Transportation Commission – Kelly noted the Transportation Commission has been focusing on mostly budgeting and planning topics and noted the BNSF multimodal facility from the central DRCOG region to Weld County which has required a PD1601 plan.

CDOT R4 Update – Thomas stated CDOT held a stakeholder kickoff stakeholder meeting on March 7 for the SH14 Safety Study. Topics discussed in the meeting were driver behavior issues, diverse types of traffic, freight, congestion, speed limits, and the similarities between the SH14 corridor and the SH 392 corridor. The Study will include two additional stakeholder meetings before the study concludes in the late fall.

STAC Report – A written report was provided.

Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) – A written report was provided.

I-25 Coalition – James noted the coalition formed a subcommittee for the High Plains Blvd corridor.

US34 Coalition – No reports this month.

Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) – Stephens outlined the topics discussed at the February 22 meeting including funding available for an upcoming call. Canonico asked what project types the funding may be awarded to; Stephens stated the program will be similar to the CMAQ program. Stephens noted the legislation which may add the high emitter vehicle program to the NAAPME. James asked if a high emitter vehicle program would qualify as an eligible project type for the NAAPME's call, Stephens confirmed it would, particularly if it was benefiting disproportionately impacted communities.

Front Range Passenger Rail District – Karspeck stated there were new officer appointments including a new chair.

Host Council Member Report – Stephens stated Larimer County submitted a RAISE planning grant for Country Club Road between HWY 1 and Turnberry Road. Larimer County also submitted an implementation grant for the Bridge Improvement Program to for the Monroe Bridge Replacement Project. The joint project between Larimer County and Fort Collins for the reconstruction of Taft Hill Road is seeking additional funding, and the North Shields Street widening project is under construction.

### **MEETING WRAP-UP:**

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO Staff



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**March 2024 Report from the Air Pollution Control Division to the  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
Thursday, April 4, 2024**

**[Air Pollution Control Division](#) (Division) Updates:**

- **[Midstream oil and gas greenhouse gas reduction planning public feedback session](#)**: Please join a public feedback session about greenhouse gas reduction planning for midstream oil and gas facilities statewide. This event is focused on a proposed plan developed by the Midstream Steering Committee. The event takes place during the plan's 30-day public comment period. All are welcome to participate and share feedback. Please focus your comments on the proposed plan and upcoming rulemaking. This meeting will not include a presentation or question and answer session. The proposed plan will be available online and participants should review it before the meeting. The live meeting will be recorded. [Register to join the Apr. 27 meeting from 10a.m.-12p.m.](#)
- **Subject matter expert panel on air monitoring in disproportionately impacted communities**: Between November 2023 and May 2024, the Division is hosting a monthly technical subject matter expert panel focused on developing air monitoring guidance for pollution sources. This work will advance implementation of the Disproportionately Impacted Community Permitting Rule adopted in May 2023. These monthly meetings are open to the public and include an opportunity for public comment. For more information about meeting dates and how to register, please visit the panel's [webpage](#). Register to join the [Monday, April 22, 2024, 1 - 3 p.m.](#)
- **Air toxics scientific community technical working group**: Between January 2024 and 2025, the division is hosting a scientific community technical working group. The working group is focused on toxic air contaminants. This group will help advance the 2022 state law: [Public Protections from Toxic Air Contaminants Act](#) (House Bill 22-1244). These technical meetings are open to the public. The meetings stream live online. For more information about these meetings, visit the [group's web page](#). Register for the [April 24th 2024 at 10 AM here](#).
- **Technical working group on greenhouse gas credit trading for GEMM**: Between February and May 2024, the division is hosting a technical working group focused on providing recommendations for greenhouse gas credit trading system guidance. The guidance will apply to Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy Management for Manufacturing ([GEMM](#)) facilities in Colorado. These technical meetings are open to the public. The meetings stream live online. There are two meetings in March. Register for [April 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.](#) Register for [April 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.](#)
- The Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Reduction Steering Committee began meeting in March 2024. The members committed to holding meetings once a month for at least six months. During these meetings, members engage in technical discussions on potential strategies to reduce NOx pollution. The focus is on reducing NOx emissions from oil and gas exploration and production processes in Colorado. Meetings are held virtually. Members of the public are welcome to observe. For more information about meeting dates and how to register, visit the [reducing nitrogen oxides from oil and gas web page](#).



## [Air Quality Control Commission \(Commission\) Updates:](#)

### March, 2024 Commission Meeting

- The commission did not meet in the month of March

### April 18, 2024 Commission Meeting

- **Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Roadmap:** Representatives from the Colorado Energy Office will discuss updates to the Colorado GHG Emission Reduction Roadmap, the clean energy study and the latest from the Legislature.
- **Enhanced Community Outreach:** The Division will provide the Commission with an overview of its Environmental Justice and Outreach Unit. The briefing will highlight the Division's ongoing work to: increase public participation and reduce barriers, identify and address air pollution challenges in disproportionately impacted communities, enhance accessible and plain language communications, and expand partnerships.
- **Intensity Verification Protocol:** The Division will provide a briefing on the development of the GHG Intensity Verification Protocol and implementation of the upstream O&G intensity program.
- **2024 Legislative Session Update:** The Division will provide an overview on the 2024 legislative session and how it may impact the Division and Commission.
- **Procedural Rules:** The Division will provide a briefing on the development of potential revisions to the Procedural Rules regulation and take recommendations by the Commission.



Subject: Air Quality Related Activities Report to NFRMPO Council

Date: 3/26/24

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**Introduction:**

Two Roads Environmental LLC (TRE) is providing a monthly report of air quality related activities to the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) Council for their April 4, 2024 Meeting.

**Summary:**

In March, the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) did not meet but for the GHG Subcommittee meeting on 3/27/24. Staff to the AQCC continue to prepare for the AQCC's coming work sessions to revise the AQCC Procedural Rules.

The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) held meetings on 3/19/24 and 3/20/24 exploring ozone reduction strategies relating to oil and gas operations and anti-idling, and discussing the RAQC's potential projects submitted to the Air Quality Enterprise requesting funding.

Air quality related bills introduced to the General Assembly as well as EPA actions were also tracked.

**Air Quality Activities:**

AQCC Activities

The AQCC plans to revisit their Procedural Rules in 2024. Staff will share an outline of proposed changes in early April, which will be followed by several informal stakeholder meetings leading up to a formal AQCC process. This is a good opportunity to raise those concerns the Council identified in their [November 2023 letter](#) specific to the ozone SIP hearing in December 2023, and of course any others. The AQCC intends that a rulemaking hearing is requested in August for a November 2024 hearing.

The AQCC's GHG Subcommittee will meet on 3/27/24, discussing Colorado's GHG Pollution Reduction Roadmap ("Roadmap 2.0") six near-term actions directed to the AQCC and/or CDPHE (materials found [here](#)) relating to transportation, buildings, oil and gas and more broadly to deploying emerging technologies for methane monitoring.

RAQC Activities

The RAQC met to discuss additional control strategies relating to the oil and gas sector, anti-idling and more. Oil and gas strategies will be forwarded to the APCD for a November 2024 rulemaking, and more will be scoped for a 2025 rulemaking hearing. These strategies will potentially be considered for inclusion with Colorado's SIP revisions addressing the Serious designation under the 2015 Ozone NAAQS, due to EPA in 2026. The RAQC is advocating for HB24-1341 removal of preemptions, allowing local governments to set more stringent anti-idling ordinances.

The RAQC intends to hold a modeling forum the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup> discussing setting the base year emissions for use in comparison to 2026 emissions projections for the Serious SIP under the 2015 Ozone standard. Notably, the Air Quality Enterprise (AQE) will consider at least three



projects which will help navigate data gaps and improve attainment modeling. The AQE will make final project selections in Fall 2024.

### Legislative Activities

Several air quality related bills have been introduced in the 2024 General Assembly, including HB24-1341, HB24-1339, HB24-1338, HB24-1330, HB24-1313, SB24-166, SB24-165, and SB24-095. At the AQCC meeting, additional bills related to environmental justice and cumulative impacts of oil and gas were mentioned as being anticipated in the near future. Most notably, are [SB24-165](#) and [HB24-1341](#).

SB24-165 has been amended to include a new Section 25-7-306, CRS specific to On-road and nonroad vehicle emission budgets for the entire ozone nonattainment area for 2026-2050. It mandates motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) must include maximum levels of NOx and VOC from all individual on-road and nonroad motor vehicle classes in the covered nonattainment area. MVEBs for 2030 must be at least 10% below to the values set for 2026, and values for 2030-2050 must progressively decline every five years. MVEB must be included in CDPHE's SMART Act reporting beginning in Jan 2026 and annually thereafter.

HB24-1341 removes anti-idling preemptions, allowing local governments to pursue more stringent anti-idling ordinances than currently allowed.

More details will be provided during the April 4, 2024 NFRMPO Council meeting.

### Other Air Quality Activities

EPA finalized their [PM2.5 NAAQS](#) reconsideration, setting 9  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , as an annual average over 3 years. Denver county is the only county listed in Colorado that does not meet that standard using 2020-2022 data. TRE will track the development of the associated implementation rule to see what three-year timeframe must be used to identify nonattainment areas, as well as how wildfire influence is addressed. For reference, here's a [table](#) listing 2020-2022 PM2.5 data nation-wide. Based on that three-year timeframe, Denver County appears to be exceeding the standard, and Boulder, Weld and Rio Blanco Counties are close.

EPA is moving to act on various SIPs relating to Colorado - indirectly by addressing upwind states (UT, NM and AZ) whose emissions are shown to impact Colorado's monitors, as well as directly by requiring Colorado's revision of their 2015 Marginal Ozone SIP to account for the expansion of the nonattainment area to include all of Weld County. Proposed agreements will require Colorado to revise it's Marginal Ozone SIP's emission inventories by the end of 2025.

EPA is soliciting input on a proposed Information Collection Request that will apply to state transportation agencies that make Transportation Conformity Determinations for Federally Funded and Approved Transportation Plans, Programs and Projects. Comments are due 4/1/24.

### **Next Steps:**

1. Decide NFRMPO's interest in providing comments on the AQCC's Procedural Rules, and what, if any comments to provide.
2. Decide NFRMPO's role, if any, in supporting the RAQC's or others' indirect source rule (ISR) efforts.





3. Decide next steps to better address and account for background ozone levels and other non-controllable emissions contributions in planning efforts.

**Upcoming Public Meetings:**

- 4/2/24 Air Quality Enterprise Meeting
- 4/5/24 RAQC Board Meeting
- 4/17/24 RAQC Strategies Committee Meeting
- 4/18-19/24 AQCC Meeting

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
March 20, 2024**

**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.

**ACTION ITEMS**

No items this month.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**CDOT Region 4 2023 4P Meetings Feedback** – Josie Thomas, CDOT Region 4, outlined the purpose of the Project Priority Programming Process (4P) meetings and the results of the 4P meetings. Thomas noted CDOT Region 4 received 331 total comments with 23 comments from the NFRMPO region. The top three concerns from the NFRMPO region are transit/multimodal transportation, safety, and funding. Thomas noted the feedback received from these meetings will be incorporated into CDOT’s 2050 Statewide and TPR Regional Plans.

**NFRMPO Walk Audits-** Rouser described the benefits of conducting a walk audit and how the results can be used to gather support for a project. Rouser outlined the walk audits conducted in the NFRMPO region and the main takeaways. Rouser showcased the Poudre River Trail Walk Audit StoryMap and described what will be included in walk audit StoryMaps. Rouser requested anyone who is interested in having a walk audit in their community to contact him.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**US287 Intersection Improvements Scope Change** – Dillon Willett, Fort Collins, noted the City of Fort Collins is requesting a scope change for the *US287 Intersection Improvements* project by reducing the scope from three intersection to two intersections due to project cost increase. Willett noted the project originally received STBG funds in 2020 and projects costs increased due to inflation. TAC determined this constitutes a minor scope change.

**NFRMPO Open Data Portal** – Cunningham stated the NFRMPO has launched an Open Data Portal which will replace the NFRMPO’s current data sharing system. Cunningham noted the data are split into categories. The categories are transportation, equity, safety, boundaries, air quality, 2050 RTP, active transportation, and transit. Cunningham stated the NFRMPO intends on including model data as well in the future. The Open Data Portal also contains links to local agency GIS resources and links to CDOT, Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) data.

**FY2024-2025 UPWP FY2025 Tasks** – Karasko noted there are three updates to the FY2025 Tasks in the FY2024-2025 UPWP. These changes are to task 5.3: Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and two local agency tasks from Transfort. Karasko noted the updated FY2024-2025 UPWP and the FY2025 budget will go to Planning Council for their approval at the May 2, 2024 meeting. Karasko requested any comments to be sent to her by Monday, March 25.

## MEMORANDUM

**To: NFRMPO Planning Council**

**From: Becky Karasko**

**Date: April 4, 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 the 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***
  - ***Greeley Mobility Development Plan***

These Tasks are also attached to this Memo.

### Action

NFRMPO staff requests Planning Council members review the FY2025 UPWP Tasks and provide comments at the April Planning Council meeting.

### 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 (*1<sup>st</sup> 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 (*2<sup>nd</sup> 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 .

## **Greeley Mobility Development Plan**

### Objective:

This Work Task will create a multimodal transportation plan for the City of Greeley, including a Transit Master Plan. The final transportation plan(s) will articulate Greeley's vision and serve as a multimodal roadmap for transportation investments and strategies within the City.

### Method:

This Work Task will be managed by City of Greeley staff. The Multimodal Transportation Plan production process would incorporate input from City departments including Parks and Recreation, Community Development, and Public Works to help gain cross-departmental knowledge and buy-in. Public input will be gathered with open houses, focus groups, pop-up events, surveys, and online feedback opportunities. The Multimodal Transportation Plan will include a thorough existing conditions summary of demographic indicators, land use, transportation, environment, economy, existing mode share, policy and plan review, and infrastructure. This information will help reveal improvement opportunity areas and inform anticipated future conditions relating to growth and travel trends. The result would be a concrete set of goals and objectives for the future. From there the plan will analyze future scenarios and identify key projects and triggers for those transportation investments that are in line with the vision of the plan.

### Overall Impact/Intent:

The Multimodal Transportation Plan will identify key projects and investments needed within the City, including integration of the roadway, transit, and non-motorized systems. This will be undertaken through an extensive outreach effort, creating a well-informed and community-supported Plan.

# Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting Summary

Date/Time: Thursday, March 7, 2024; 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

[STAC Meeting March 7, 2024 Recording](#)

## Highlights and Action Items

### CDOT Legislative Updates - CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations

State Legislative Updates - Emily Haddaway ([Recording Timestamp 00:45:50](#))

- The Senate Transportation and Energy Committee heard the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety bill. The bill passed 5-2 with scaled baci restrictions on areas where CMVs are required to put on chains.
- HB24-1235, that reduces aviation Impacts on communities, was also heard, and with amendments the Aeronautics Division supported the Bill.
- The Distracted Driving Bill should be up at the Appropriations Committee tomorrow, which passed the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee.
- Broadband Deployment in CDOT right-of-way is being discussed.
- In total, 60 Bills under consideration at the Colorado State Legislature are being tracked by CDOT.

Federal Legislative Updates - Jamie Grim ([Recording Timestamp 00:51:44](#))

- Finally, the federal budget mini-omnibus Bill was received, which covers FY24 for \$469B, with no major changes in funding noted.
- Three Appropriations Bills were included in the mini- omnibus.
  - The military construction, VA and related agencies appropriations bill.
  - The agricultural, rural development, Food and drug and related agencies appropriations bills
  - The transportation, housing, urban developments and related agencies appropriation bill
  - 460\$ billion in total.
- Other Topics: The Transportation Commission's second public hearing of the HB 23-1101 TPR Boundary Study rulemaking is March 11th at 6 pm.

FY 2024-2025 CDOT Final Budget Overview (Action Item) - Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT Chief Financial Officer ([Recording Timestamp 00:56:38](#))

- The TC accepted the FY 2024-2025 budget in draft form for submission to the Office of State Planning and Budget. In the past months, revenue forecasts and final changes have been made.
- Final approval by the TC will happen in two weeks.
- The budget is then submitted by April and then approved by the Governor before July 1st.
- The FY 2025 total budget is \$2.033 Billion and the [FY 2024-2025 Revenue Allocation Plan](#) is available on CDOT's website.

**STAC Action:** STAC recommended adoption of the FY 2024-2025 Budget as proposed.

Winter Maintenance Update (Informational Update) - John Lorme, Division of Maintenance and Operations ([Recording Timestamp 01:49:06](#))

- The winter operations cycle prioritizes safety and then mobility, with 30% of Maintenance and Operations funding spent on Snow and Ice removal.
- Staffing shortages remain a serious problem as resort areas are very difficult to staff and resort area housing is difficult to find and often too expensive for maintenance crews requiring extremely long commutes. Employees are required to live within 30 minutes of their job location. However, staffing shortages have improved from a 36% vacancy rate in 2022 to a 13% vacancy rate in 2024.



- The Joint Area Program seeks to solve some staffing issues by shifting maintainers from other CDOT Regions that allows the I-70 corridor needs to be filled, with more than 40 maintainers sent out for a week to work in places like Alamosa or Lamar or Limon.
- Enhanced Recruitment and Training Programs are promoting jobs for younger staff aged 18-21, and offering programs that include training for heavy equipment operation and money for college courses. Starting salaries increased from 39k in 2019 to 51K in 2023. New training programs such as CDL qualification courses have led to 92% staff retention rate. Housing programs offer stipends, mobile home rental pads, and employee housing.
- This summer, the Division of Maintenance and Operations will be hosting an I-70 Mountain Corridor Summit to prepare the Team CDOT maintenance crew for the coming winter.

Rest Area Update (Informational Update) - Hope Wright, Rest Area and Building Assets Manager  
([Recording Timestamp 02:31:40](#))

- In 2018, the Transportation Commission established rest areas as a CDOT asset and dedicated funding for ongoing maintenance. In 2023 Rest Areas received \$6.9 million in dedicated funding, which is not enough to properly maintain these facilities.
- In 2008, there were 33 rest areas and as of 2023 there were 26.
- FY 24 Capital Improvement projects
  - Vail pass Rest Area is currently closed for construction and Two rest areas north of Pueblo were closed, but funding has been identified to open one new replacement facility.
  - Glenwood Canyon, Arriba, Holly, and Virginia Dale Rest Areas are all scheduled for major plumbing improvements.
  - Shaw Creek Rest Area redesign will be completed soon.
- Current Rest area projects are planned out to FY 2027.
- The greening initiative aims to retrofit rest areas with LED lighting, low-flow fixtures, xeriscaping and energy efficient HVAC.

Other Business - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair, and Jill Locken, FHWA Selection of STAC Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Committee Representative (Action Item) ([Recording Timestamp 02:47:49](#))

- STAC members and FHWA's Federal Lands Selection Committee representative, Jill Locken, gave special thanks to Keith Baker, Chaffee County Commissioner and San Luis Valley TPR Chair, for his many years of service on the STAC. Commissioner Baker was also the representative to the Federal Lands Access Program Committee as the STAC representative. FLAP provides funding for states, counties, cities and local agencies to improve transportation facilities leading to or accessing federal lands. Now this Committee seat needs to be filled. The committee member is expected to attend 2-3 meetings a year and provide guidance and make decisions on all the Colorado projects.

**Action:** John Liosatos was nominated to fill the FLAP Committee position by Commissioner Holly Williams - the STAC voted to approve John Liosatos for the nomination to represent the STAC on the FLAP Committee.

- Upcoming TPR administrator meeting - CDOT Planning staff will host an orientation and training for TPR administrators biannually (twice a year). The first meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2024.
- The next STAC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 8:30 am** and will be held virtually.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT OFFICE (CTIO)<sup>1</sup></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Held: Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 10:00 am Broadcast on YouTube Live. A recording of the CTIO meeting can be found <a href="#">here</a> for six months after the meeting was held. After that time, it will be archived.</p> <p>The regular meeting of the CTIO Board of Directors was convened in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following Directors present:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Karen Stuart, Chair (in person)</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Joel Noble, Vice-Chair (in person)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travis Easton (remote)</td> <td>Eula Adams (in person)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Margaret Bowes (remote)</td> <td>Shelly Cook (in person)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cecil Guitierrez (remote)</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Karen Stuart, Chair (in person)	Joel Noble, Vice-Chair (in person)	Travis Easton (remote)	Eula Adams (in person)	Margaret Bowes (remote)	Shelly Cook (in person)	Cecil Guitierrez (remote)	
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<b>Roll Call Informal Meeting</b>	All board members were present. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.								
<b>Informal Discussion</b>	<p>CTIO staff and the CTIO Board discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Central 70 Dynamic Pricing Parameters.</li> <li>● Staffing Update.</li> <li>● CTIO Fiscal Year 2024-25 Final Annual Budget.</li> <li>● Annual Audited Financial Statements for FY 2022-23.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Board members and CTIO staff discussed the Fiscal Year Budget, performance and forecasting of the network more broadly, the Express Lanes Safety Enforcement Program revenue, and the annual audit process.</li> </ul>								
<b>Roll Call Regular Meeting</b>	All board members were present. The meeting continued at 10:25 a.m.								
<b>Public Comment</b>	There was no public comment.								

<sup>1</sup> The High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) is now doing business as the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO). CTIO is how the enterprise will refer to itself now and in the future, however, the HPTE name is retained for legislative and legal documents.

<p><b>Director's Report</b></p>	<p>Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, provided the Director's Report, which included information on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Participation in a meet and greet with E-470 in January.</li> <li>● Attendance and participation in an all-day Executive Management retreat with CDOT staff, hearing from various subject matter experts on issues affecting the Colorado transportation system.</li> <li>● Ms. Darlington also acknowledged and thanked Karen Delgado on the CTIO team for her work and service, having just reached the milestone of 20 years of service, and Kay Hruska for the team's work to ensure another "no findings" audit.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Legislative Update</b></p>	<p>Emily Haddaway, CDOT Legislative Liaison, provided the legislative update to the board, which included details on two CDOT legislative priorities and a significant number of tracked bills impacting transportation issues.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Board members, CTIO, and CDOT staff discussed a bill related to broadband right of way and one related to commercial vehicle highway safety measures.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Construction/ Operations/Maintenance Questions</b></p>	<p>Board members and CTIO staff discussed elements of the Express Lanes Safety Enforcement program, including how staff are tracking feedback from the public, information on how ingress and egress zones are determined, recent media coverage, signage on the corridors the program is active on, and the administrative law judge process.</p> <p>CTIO staff stated that a session at a future meeting will be dedicated to this topic.</p>
<p><b>Consent Agenda</b></p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Upon a motion by Director Adams and seconded by Director Cook, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #436, January 17th, 2024 minutes, was unanimously approved.</p>
<p><b>Resolution #437: Dynamic Pricing Parameters: Central 70</b></p>	<p>Kelly Brown, Chief Toll Operations Officer, presented information related to the Dynamic Pricing Parameters for Central 70 and requested approval of the Resolution.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Upon a motion by Director Bowes and seconded by Vice-Chair Noble, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #437, Dynamic Pricing Parameters, was unanimously approved.</p>
<p><b>Resolution #438: Second Amendment to Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Budget</b></p>	<p>Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, presented information on the Second Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Budget to the board and asked for approval.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Upon a motion by Director Adams and seconded by Director Guitierrez, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #438, Second Amendment to Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Budget, was unanimously approved.</p>
<p><b>Executive Session (closed to the Public)</b></p>	<p>CTIO Board Chair Stuart proposed a motion to convene an Executive Session for determining positions and matters relative to and subject to negotiations regarding Northwest Parkway. Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Noble and second by Director Adams, the CTIO Board entered the Executive Session at 11:24 am. Members of the public were excused.</p>

	<p>The executive session discussion is required to be kept confidential pursuant to Sections 24-6-402(3)(a)(v) and (III) and 24- 72-204(3)(a)(IV) of the Colorado Revised Statutes.</p> <p>The board exited the Executive Session at 11:50 am.</p>
<b>Adjourn</b>	<p>The CTIO Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m.</p>