

MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee

From: AnnaRose Cunningham

Date: April 17, 2024

Re: 2024 NFRMPO Public Outreach

Background

In 2024, NFRMPO staff will attend community events throughout the region. Historically, the NFRMPO has attended the following events in the following communities and intends on attending in 2024. Events listed in bold are confirmed, events which are struck through the NFRMPO will be unable to attend in 2024:

- **CSU Earth Day**
- **Timnath Safety Fair**
- **Berthoud Day**
- **Johnstown BBQ Day**
- Greeley Stampede
- Eaton Days
- **LaSalle Day**
- **Milliken Beef 'N Bean Day**
- Severance Days
- ~~Corn Roast Festival (Loveland)~~
- ~~Windsor Harvest Festival~~
- Evans Heritage Day
- Open Streets (Fort Collins)

Bike to Work Day

In 2023, NFRMPO Staff co-hosted stations in Fort Collins, Loveland, Windsor, Greeley, and Evans. NFRMPO Staff will work with these same cities to coordinate for 2024 Bike to Work Day stations and requests if any other agencies are planning on hosting an event to please let us know. The NFRMPO will also send out a special newsletter for Bike Month highlighting all the events happening in the region.

Following the discussion with TAC at the January 2024 meeting, Staff requests TAC members provide information on current topics which residents of your cities may be concerned about regarding transportation. Additionally, to help facilitate discussion about current related planning projects across the region both for the NFRMPO outreach and to promote public engagement activities, Staff has created a document to help track current planning activities and public engagement opportunities which will be reviewed during the meeting.

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

- Provide additional recommendations for community events the NFRMPO may attend;
- Inform and invite the NFRMPO to Open Houses or transportation-related community outreach



- events hosted by local agencies in 2024, as appropriate;
- Provide photos to the NFRMPO: [Google Drive for Local Agency Photos](#); and
 - Review and provide information in the input tracker document: [Get Involved in Transportation.docx](#)

Action

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

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, April 10, 2024

GoToMeeting Hybrid Meeting

2024 Legislative Updates

Piccolo began by discussing Senate Bill 65, the Distracted Driving Bill. The bill seeks to prohibit the use of mobile devices while driving for all drivers. Similar laws exist in 29 States, and data suggests this legislation could decrease accidents.

Piccolo informed the committee that the Vulnerable Road User Protection Enterprise has been postponed indefinitely due to there being little public appetite for a new enterprise bill. A new bill has been proposed which to set aside a minimum of seven million for bike and ped purposes from CDOT's FASTER funding.

Piccolo concluded the legislative update by discussing House Bill 1021, a driver education bill. The bill would require 30 hours of classroom education and six hours of behind the wheel education for all individuals under the age of 18, with similar requirements for 18- to 21-year-olds.

Active Transportation Funding Discussion

Cunningham began the discussion of active transportation funding by reviewing federal and state funding sources, including a resource produced by FHWA which outlines active transportation project types and eligible funding sources. Cunningham informed the collaborative of a new funding opportunity from the Non-Attainment Area Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) that communities in the Ozone Non-Attainment Area are qualified to apply for. The funds are collected from retail delivery fees, and the Enterprise anticipates holding a Call for the small grant program to award approximately \$17.3M for bicycle and pedestrian, transit, and first/last mile projects. Jones asked if there will be a match requirement for the NAAPME funds, Cunningham stated she was unsure, but the enterprise has been modeling the match and match relief criteria of the MMOF program. Cunningham stated any further information on the NAAPME call will be sent to NoCo once it becomes available.

Geary inquired whether the Revitalizing Main Streets program from CDOT would offer another round of large grants. Van Vonno confirmed CDOT currently has no plans for another round of large grants for the program but would instead offer small grants on a rolling basis.

Wilkinson asked if all NFRMPO funds come through federal funding programs, to which Cunningham confirmed.

During discussion of additional funding sources not included in the presentation, Geary informed the collaborative that Fort Collins had applied for a grant from the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program for a North College project that had not been accepted. Geary stated the upcoming call for the same program would not include an access and equity component, and that Fort Collins was looking into whether the North College project could still be a good fit for the program.

Safe Routes to School Conference

Rouser informed the collaborative that the subcommittee was considering exploring fundraising opportunities to fund scholarships for teachers or other interested individuals in the region to attend the Safe Routes to School conference. Rouser explained the fundraising would have to take place from now until the summer to have the funds available when discussing the conference with subcommittee members and interested parties.

MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

From: Brooke Bettolo

Date: April 17, 2024

Re: Mobility Program Update

Background:

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

Updates:

- At the recent Weld County Mobility Committee meeting, Mobility staff and community partners identified transportation gaps in Weld County. Despite expanded service areas for transportation providers in the region, wheelchair-accessible transportation is not available for individuals in all communities. Specifically, residents of the City of Greeley are unable to access wheelchair-accessible vans for transportation unless qualifying individuals get to a pickup location within the service area of Greeley Evans Paratransit. The group will continue to look for funding opportunities to fill these gaps.
- The Mobility Program continues to work on the RideNoCo Phase 3: Transactional Data Specifications (TDS) Project. This project will allow cross-platform communication for RideNoCo and three local transportation providers. Ultimately, this phase of the project will allow participating providers to exchange client and trip information to share and coordinate rides. Staff continue to work through software compatibility issues to streamline the project before it goes live with 60+ Ride, SAINT, and RAFT.
- Via Mobility Services' expanded transportation service area in Weld County has seen significant ridership since launching in August 2023. From August of 2023 to present, a total of 1,132 trips occurred. Of those trips, 72%, or 810 rides, took place within participating NFRMPO communities in Weld County. Via Ridership within the NFRMPO service area has increased by an average of 11% each month the service has been available.

Action:



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

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

April 11, 2024

Attendees: Doran Azari, Nathalie Rachline, Cortney Wallace, Liz Young-Winne, Ashley Nicks

Staff: AnnaRose Cunningham

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

Liz Young-Winne, Built Environment Coordinator, reviewed programs pertaining to the built environment within the Healthy Communities Unit of CDPHE. Liz outlined outcomes of the State Physical Activity & Nutrition Program (SPAN) since its implementation in Colorado over the past five years including resources for local agencies (the *Colorado Downtown Streets Toolkit & Guide*, and the *Colorado Community Engagement Toolkit*). Liz discussed the benefits of walk audits as a tool for community members to communicate to cities and counties priorities in improvements to bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Nathalie asked what the process for communicating the information to the local agencies is, to ensure the data collected gets to the correct people. AnnaRose noted staff from the cities and counties are often part of the walk audit teams and the NFRMPO gives all data collected to the relevant agencies following the audit. Doran asked if there was consideration for people who use mobility devices doing the audits. AnnaRose stated the audits conducted by the NFRMPO often include the use of wheelchairs and strollers, and also noted using a term like ‘mobility audits’ may communicate more effectively the intent of the audits to be for all users regardless of physical ability.

NFRMPO Public Outreach and Education

AnnaRose provided an overview of current plans and programs at the NFRMPO and at local agencies in the region. In an effort to better communicate to community members the various ways to become involved with engagement efforts, NFRMPO staff is putting together a document which will be listed on the NFRMPO website and distributed in the newsletter, listing engagement opportunities and current initiatives within each of the MPO member communities and at the regional and state levels.

AnnaRose reviewed the MPO training series which was created by NFRMPO staff beginning in 2020 and staff is considering relaunching the series in 2024. The group watched the first video and gave input on improvements. The group noted the importance of catering the content to the audience, as elected officials will engage with content differently than the public. The group recommended keeping the videos under five minutes, and adding content to keep viewers hooked (animations, humor, etc.). Lastly, AnnaRose asked CAC members who are interested to provide input on the 2050 RTP Executive Summary to ensure the content is relatable and not too technical, to make the information more easily accessible and prior to the Summary being translated into Spanish.

Legislative Updates

AnnaRose gave a brief overview of current legislation in the Colorado House and Senate pertaining to legislation and provided resources to the group on how the public can provide official comment on current bills. More details on the bills will be sent out following the meeting.

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