

# In-Person Attendance Option

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NFRMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)—AGENDA
May 15, 2024
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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

#### **AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

1) Regional Air Quality Updates

Tom Moore, RAQC

Karasko

Cunningham

#### **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

No Items this Month.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

1) May 2024 TIP Amendment (Page 6)

#### **PRESENTATION**

2) US34 Transit Study (Handout) Ian Chase, HDR

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3) 2024 MMOF Discussion #1 (Handout) Cunningham

#### **OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS**

4) NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative Handout

5) Regional Transit Agencies

6) Mobility Updates Handout

#### **REPORTS**

7) May Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft (Page 10) Written Report
8) Mobility Committee Updates (Page 11) Written Report

9) Roundtable All

- 4. Final Public Comment (2 minutes each)
- 5. Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
- 6. Next TAC Meeting: June 19, 2024

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# MEETING MINUTES of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

# North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council Hybrid Meeting April 17, 2024

1:02 - 1:44 p.m.

#### **TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Oberschmidt, Chair – Evans
Nicole Hahn, Vice Chair – Loveland
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Jason Elkins – Johnstown
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath
Evan Pinkham – Weld County
Shani Porter – Severance

#### **TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud
Bhooshan Karnik – Greeley
Wesley LeVanchy – Eaton
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Tom Moore – RAQC
Julia Wcislo – FTA
Town of Garden City
Town of LaSalle

#### **NFRMPO STAFF:**

Josie Thomas - CDOT

Eric Tracy – Larimer County

Anna Rose Cunningham Becky Karasko Suzette Mallette Jerome Rouser Michael Saunders Cory Schmitt

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Candice Folkers – COLT
Joshua Ma – Fort Collins
Deanna McIntosh – CDOT Region 4
Rachel Ruhlen – Fort Collins
Phil von Hake – CDOT
Steven Younkin – Greeley

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Oberschmidt called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 20, 2024 TAC MINUTES**

Herrera moved to approve the March 20, 2024 TAC Minutes. Hornkohl seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

**Regional Air Quality Updates** – Karasko informed the committee of upcoming RAQC air quality events in place of Moore.

The RAQC's Mow Down Pollution Program will have two mower trade in events in April. The first event will take place on April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Mile High Ace Hardware and Garden in Federal Heights and the second will take place on April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Chambers Place Ace Hardware in Denver.

The RAQC and the American Lung Association will host the Fight for Air Climb from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on April 27 at Coors Field in Denver.

The RAQC's Outside Festival will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on June 1 and 2 at Civic Center Park in Denver. Both the Fight for Air Climb and the Outside Festival are part of the RAQC's Simple Steps Better Air Program.

#### **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

#### **Consent Agenda**

No items this month.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

**FY2024-2025 UPWP FY2025 Tasks Update** – Karasko informed the committee of several new tasks updated in the *FY2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program* (UPWP). The first task, *Task 5.3: Transportation Demand Management*, is MPO specific and adds FY2025 deliverables to the program. The two remaining tasks fall within Appendix B of the UPWP and are *Local Agency Tasks for Transfort (Passenger Intercept and Mail Surveys* and *Transfort/FC Moves Innovation Zones & Mobility Hubs Study Optimization Study*) and *Greeley's Mobility Development Plan*. The Greeley Mobility Development Plan was previously called the Greeley Development Plan and was included in the FY2022-2023 UPWP.

Hahn moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the FY2024-2025 UPWP FY2025 Tasks Update. Hornkohl seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **PRESENTATION**

**Vision Zero Site Visits** – Ruhlen presented an overview of Fort Collins Vision Zero Plan site visits to the committee. A site visit consists of city staff, stakeholders, and residents visiting the site of a recent fatal or serious injury crash and making observations and suggestions regarding how to reduce incidents at the location. Four site visits took place in 2023, although the practice ceased following concerns from staff over attendee safety and expectations related to implementation of suggestions coming out of the site visits. Ruhlen noted once these concerns are addressed Fort Collins staff expects they have the capacity for six site visits each year, focusing on locations which already have planned projects.

Hahn presented on Loveland's Roadway Safety Audit's, which function similar to Vision Zero Site Visits. Oberschmidt noted that coordination with first responders was useful in Evans when determining how to make safety improvements, and developing criteria for logical decision making is helpful when working within budgetary constraints.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2024 NFRMPO Public Outreach** – Cunningham gave an update on 2024 NFRMPO Public Outreach, which had previously been discussed at the January 2024 TAC Meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts with the Loveland Corn Roast Festival and the Windsor Harvest Festival selling out, the NFRMPO will likely not be

attending either event. Cunningham invited TAC members to provide recommendations for outreach opportunities for the NFRMPO, noting outreach efforts will be centered around the upcoming *2025 Active Transportation Plan*, the upcoming *Freight Plan* update, and the US34 TMO. Cunningham informed the committee that the NFRMPO would again be staffing five Bike to Work Day stations this year and could potentially staff more if additional opportunities arose.

Oberschmidt suggested that the Phase 3 Open House for the 37<sup>th</sup> Street Project could be a good outreach opportunity.

#### **OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS**

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

**Regional Transit Agencies –** No reports were provided.

**Mobility Updates – Written report provided.** 

#### **REPORTS**

April Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft - Written report provided.

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

**Mobility Committee Updates –** Written report provided.

**Q1 2024 TIP Modifications –** Written report provided.

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

#### **ROUNDTABLE**

Tracy stated that Larimer County sent out a survey regarding attaining transportation funding through sales tax. He asked to receive an update regarding the Segment 5 grant application, which Karasko stated was the same application as the prior unsuccessful application by Weld County with additional updates being reviewed.

Herrera mentioned Windsor will have a job posting for a new Transportation Planner to fill Eric Bracke's retirement in June. The 11<sup>th</sup> Street Multimodal Project had a recent pre bid in which 12 potential contractors showed interest.

Koivuniemi stated that Timnath had released RFP for traffic on-call services and would soon be seeking a design contractor for a bridge on LCR 5.

Cunningham mentioned the MPO would be applying for a Prioritization Process Pilot Program Discretionary Grant which would be used to help with the call for projects process. The NFRMPO is seeking a letter of support from the TAC with additional details to be sent out following the meeting.

Hornkohl stated Fort Collins had begun construction of the intersection improvement project at College Avenue and Trilby Road and that the project would be completed in three phases. He stated that the final phases of the LaPorte Corridor project will begin in late April.

Pinkham detailed Weld County had received \$400K in grant funding with a \$100K match from SS4A for a safety action plan. Pinkham noted there may be upcoming public outreach events during the process and that the NFRMPO could be involved.

Hahn stated Loveland had begun seeking bids for the US34/Taft project.

Karasko stated a new Transportation Planner II would begin working at the NFRMPO on April 25 and the NFRMPO would likely soon fill an additional vacancy for a Transportation Planner I.

Oberschmidt stated Evans had recently awarded a contract for the next phase of the 37<sup>th</sup> Street Project and that a portion road would be closed for a short period.

Mallette confirmed her retirement would begin on August 1. The job posting for Executive Director had closed on April 12 and interviews would be taking place soon.

Younkin provided updates for Greeley on behalf of Karnik. He stated Greeley's yearly Pavement Management Program had recently been released and Greeley had applied for a \$9.5M SS4A Demonstration Grant for quick build traffic calming projects.

Elkins stated Johnstown had released its Pavement Management Program and was seeking a bid for asphalt work.

Rouser mentioned 196 responses had been received from the <u>2025</u> *Active Transportation Plan* survey and had been translated to Spanish for the upcoming outreach season.

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

**Final Public Comment –** There was no final public comment.

**Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions:** There were no agenda topic discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Michael Saunders, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p. m. on Wednesday, May 15, 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
May 15, 2024	May 2024 TIP Amendment	AnnaRose Cunningham
Objective/Request Act	ion	
	g Council approval of the May 2024 Transportation (TIP) Amendment to the <i>FY2024-FY2027 TIP</i> .	<ul><li>□ Report</li><li>□ Work Session</li><li>□ Discussion</li><li>✓ Action</li></ul>
Key Points		

The May 2024 TIP Amendment includes one revision by the City of Greeley:

• Adding the Greeley new project 10<sup>th</sup> St Multimodal Enhancements with \$1,050K in Community Project Funding (CPF), \$218K in Local funding, and \$7,201K in Local Overmatch funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.

#### **Committee Discussion**

This is the first and only time TAC is scheduled to see the May 2024 TIP Amendment.

#### **Supporting Information**

The 30-day Public Comment period for the May 2024 TIP Amendment began on May 8, 2024 and concludes on June 6, 2024.

#### Funding Types and Uses

**Community Project Funding (CPF)** was included as part of fiscal year Congressional Appropriations process, Congress made funding opportunities available for community-supported projects in each congressional district.

An Equity Analysis was conducted by the sponsor agency and is provided for this new location specific project.

#### **Advantages**

TAC recommending approval by the NFRMPO Planning Council will ensure available funds are assigned to projects in a timely manner and the *FY2024-2027 TIP* remains fiscally constrained.

#### **Disadvantages**

None noted.

#### **Analysis/Recommendation**

Staff supports adding the May 2024 TIP Amendment to the FY2024-2027 TIP.

#### **Attachments**

- May 2024 Policy Amendment Form
- Equity Analysis

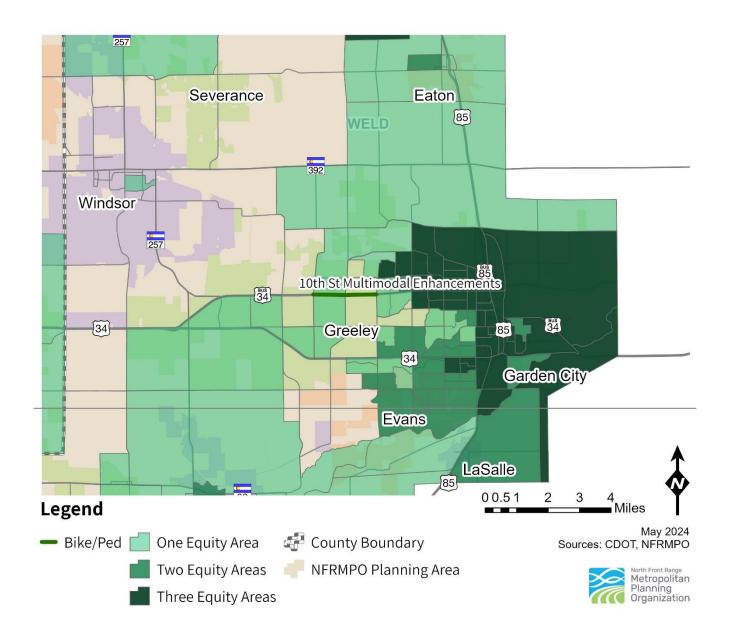
### NFRMPO FY 2024 - FY 2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) Policy Amendment #2024-A5

**Revision:** 

DATE: Submitted to: TAC and Planning Council Prepared by: AnnaRose Cunningham 5/8/2024 **Congestion Mitigation and Air Qulaity (CMAQ) NEW ENTRY** 10h St Multimodal **Previous** FY24 FY 24-27 **Future** Title: **Funding Source Funding Program FY 24** FY 25 **FY 26 FY 27 Enhancements Funding** Rolled **TOTAL Funding** CDF 1,050 1,050 **Sponsor:** Greeley **Federal** STIP ID: Unassigned L 218 Local 218 7,201 7,201 TIP ID: 2024-017 LOM Local Type: Safety, Bike/Ped **Total** 8,469 8,469 Air Quality: Exempt from conformity analysis Improvements along 10th St from 47th Ave to 71st Ave will include various improvements intended to calm traffic, enhance multimodal mobility, and improve overall vehicle safety. Improvements may include raised median, lighting, signal improvements, detaching sidewalk, constructing dedicated bus lanes, and other necessary **Description:** improvements to lower speed and enhance mobility. New Project Addition.

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### May 2024 TIP Amendment Equity Analysis Map



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council May 2, 2024

#### **Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes**

Clark **moved** to *APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2024 MEETING AGENDA.* The motion was **seconded** by Heid and **passed** unanimously.

Heid **moved** to *APPROVE THE APRIL 4, 2024 MEETING MINUTES.* The motion was **seconded** by Clark and **passed** unanimously.

#### **AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

#### NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Wojtach reviewed the written report provided in the packet. She detailed the AQCC's activities including near term actions including the current Procedural Rules update process currently underway, with draft rules anticipated in May. Wojtach discussed the RAQC's development of the Severe SIP, with a modeling forum held on April 23, with the next forum scheduled for July. Wojtach then discussed two new air quality bills introduced to the Colorado Sente this week, SB24-229 and SB24-230 and walked through the remaining air quality related bills in the Colorado legislature contained in her report. She then mentioned an upcoming EPA virtual workshop in May as well as the recent proposed inventory for the nonattainment area, with action initiated later this year.

#### **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AGENDA**

#### **REPORTS:**

#### Report of the Chair

Chair Mallo outlined the need for a new Finance Committee member and requested a new member from Larimer County, Wilson from Windsor volunteered to serve. He then provided an update on the Executive Director search and the interviews later this month.

#### **Executive Director Report**

Mallette discussed the NFRMPO's Prioritization Process Pilot Program Grant Application. She also reviewed the Legislative Report provided in the Handouts Packet and walked through the bills and their impacts to the NFRMPO region.

#### **ACTION ITEM:**

Draft 2025 Annual NFRMPO Budget & FY2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY2025 Tasks Mallette reviewed the 2025 Annual Budget including the methodology behind the budget development and discussed the timing of the budget approval as well as the components of the budget: VanGo™ and MPO. She walked through each component's program, budget, and responsibilities. Mallette discussed outstanding items related to potential UPWP Budget Amendments in the future related to grant applications that could be awarded after the UPWP Budget is adopted.

Karasko reviewed the new task for FY2025 as well as the major deliverables and Tasks from the FY2025 UPWP being conducted by NFRMPO staff.

Clark **moved** to approve *RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08 APPROVING THE FY2024-2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) TASKS AND FY2025 BUDGET.* The motion was **seconded** by Stephens and **passed** unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

<u>2024 NFRMPO Summer Outreach</u> – Cunningham provided an overview of the 2022 Public Involvement Plan (PIP) and discussed how the plan guides the outreach process for the NFRMPO. She then reviewed the outreach events NFRMPO staff has attended so far in 2024 and those planned for the summer Outreach Season. Cunningham detailed the types of events NFRMPO staff attend annually, and the types of feedback received. She reviewed the outreach topics for the 2024 Outreach Season, including the Active Transportation Plan, Freight Plan, US34 TMO, US34 Transit Plan, as well as air quality related items. She walked through the types of informational materials, transportation trivia, and the promotional items NFMPO staff provides as giveaways. Cunningham discussed the calendar of events and how staff gets the word out to the region where staff will be as well as suggestions for events to reach out to groups not typically represented at outreach events.



# Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)—MINUTES April 23, 2024 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

- Jenna Robinson, SAINT
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip
- Nicole Limoges, Larimer County Office on Aging
- Ari Edgely, Foothills Gateway
- Steve Conaway, RAFT
- Katlyn Kelly, Transfort
- Dana Klein, Town of Estes Park

- Heidi Pruess, Larimer County
- Kristi Swasko, RAFT
- Kimberly Aguilar-Pauli, Arc of Larimer County
- Aaron Oberndorf, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services

NFRMPO staff: Cory Schmitt, Brooke Bettolo, and Lisa Deaton

- 2. Review of Agenda
- 3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)
- 4. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Aguilar-Pauli motioned to approve the January minutes. Conaway seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

#### **PRESENTATION**

New SAINT Executive Director Jenna Robinson introduced herself & shared her LanguageLink Experience. She described her role, SAINT's mission, and the requirements to be able to use SAINT's services. She also discussed her positive experience with a Spanish-speaking caller and using LanguageLink interpretation services, a service currently available to members of the Transactional Data Specifications project.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Pruess presented the Larimer County Climate Smart Future Ready Plan and discussed actions and tactics to enhance and expand regional transportation. The goals of the Plan are to improve air quality and human health, increase community resiliency, and improve equity and quality of life for residents and ecosystems. Strategies of the Plan include mobility of people, goods & services, and enhancing and expanding regional transportation. Pruess shared the Climate Smart and Future Ready Dashboard, and the link can be found <a href="https://example.co.up">here.</a> If members need to follow up with questions about the Plan, or would like to get involved, her email is <a href="mailto:pruesshb@co.larimer.co.us">pruesshb@co.larimer.co.us</a>



#### **RIDENOCO UPDATE**

Schmitt gave a written update on RideNoCo Coordination Project (TDS), which is very close to launching the pilot program with SAINT, RAFT, and 60+ Ride.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The group discussed wheelchair-accessible transportation gaps in Larimer County.

Bitzer spoke about Via's service in Larimer County, Estes Park, and Weld County. She said there are a lot of requests from residents of Estes Park to get to Loveland, Fort Collins, and Longmont, especially those in wheelchairs for medical appointments. The Weld & Larimer County pilot that started in August and has been taking people to destinations within Weld & Larimer counties, Boulder County, Adams County, and into Broomfield; bridging a gap to get people where they need to go. Bitzer mentioned that she and Leiton Powell from Greeley Evans Transit (GET) have been working together to fill wheelchair-accessible transportation gaps in Weld County, figure out how to get people where they need to go, and how important it is to work together to find solutions.

Kaliczak spoke about zTrip and that they serve all of Larimer County and about 30% of their vehicles are wheelchair-accessible vehicles. Wheelchair vehicles are usually prescheduled trips, and it is sometimes hard to get a wheelchair accessible vehicle with trips scheduled at the last minute, or ASAP trips, because they are already booked. Kaliczak reminded us that zTrip is a taxi service and all rates are set by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. Rates are the same no matter what type of vehicle. zTrip offers 24/7 service. Nights and weekends, especially Sundays, have lower response times. Kaliczak mentioned that newer wheelchair accessible vehicles are getting smaller, even though they are ADA regulated and approved, which can sometimes pose difficulties for clients with large chairs, or if they need to transport more than one person in a wheelchair at a time. Some passengers with wheelchairs that are larger and have add-ons must request a specific vehicle to suit their needs.

Conaway discussed RAFT's service area in the Berthoud fire district. They have one wheelchair van that goes to Loveland south of US34 upon occasion. RAFT offers weekday service, but they have made some exceptions for those who need weekend rides to and from medical appointments. Conaway mentioned that expanding is costly and discussed the lack of availability and rising cost of vans. RAFT does not charge for their trips and finding funding is a major issue. Conaway said they get calls all the time from Boulder, Weld County, and places outside of their service area and they do what they can. Conaway also discussed the future possibilities of more wheelchair-accessible vans and the training involved for the drivers.

Kelly from Transfort Dial-A-Ride discussed Fort Collins paratransit services and the area boundaries. She said that all Transfort buses are ADA accessible. Dial-A-Ride has eligibility requirements and an application process that can take several weeks because it must go through the customer's care provider. Transfort is currently fare free.

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Klein discussed The Peak's trolley system, shuttles, and seasonal service. He stated that they rely a lot on Via when they are not in service, and Via also goes to areas that are not on their fixed route service. The Peak has two Electric trolleys that have lifts which can accommodate two wheelchair passengers each and are ADA compatible. The shuttles are also ADA compatible. Trolleys operate beginning Memorial Day weekend, and the rest of the system starts July first.

The group discussed issues from the client's perspective regarding wheelchair accessible transportation. Themes discussed were last-minute rides, requests that are after business hours, not enough vehicles, and drivers.

#### **Mobility Case Studies-** Deaton

**Case study #1**- Deaton discussed a man with a disability who lives in Loveland and needs to get from his home to his workplace at Medical Center of The Rockies by 6:30am. This is before the COLT and Foothills Gateway hours of operation. Edgley from Foothills Gateway said that they can accommodate those early morning trips and put this person in contact with her.

Case Study #2- Deaton discussed a caller trying to help her friend who is over 60 and uses a wheelchair. She lives in Fort Collins and her appointments are in Fort Collins. She had knee surgery and is not able to drive. She is currently in the process of having her Medicaid re-instated and needs affordable transportation options. She has called SAINT and Transfort Dial-A-Ride. SAINT does not have wheelchair accessible vehicles, and Dial-A-Ride application times are over a month she said. Kelly said application wait times for Dial-A-Ride vary and that it depends mainly on how quickly a doctor can verify a disability. Conaway suggested an advocacy group to reach out to doctors' offices to help with the facilitation of getting patients rides.

#### **COLT AND TRANSFORT UPDATES**

Kelly invited the group to review the new Transfort website that went live today. It's still the same web address, <u>www.ridetransfort.com</u> just a new interface. Kelly welcomes any comments members may have.

#### **LCMC MEMBER REPORTS**

Limoges announced the Larimer County Office on Aging Community fair coming up Wednesday, May 1st.

**Final Public Comment:** (2 minutes each)

None

#### **Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions:**

None



## Motion to Adjourn the meeting:

Kaliczak motioned to adjourn the meeting. Robinson seconded the motion.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

-Northern Colorado Mobility Committee: May 28, 2024

-LCMC Meeting: July 23, 2024