

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)—MINUTES
June 25, 2024
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, Introductions

- Hanna Johnson, Greeley Evans Transit
- Leighton Powell, Greeley Evans Transit
- Josh Fulenwider, Connections for Independent Living
- Steve Teets, WAND
- Nichole Seward, Weld County AAA
- Chris Montoya, Adeo Colorado
- Celeste Ewert, Envision
- Olga Gonzalez, WCDHE
- Margie Martinez, United Way of Weld County

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

2. Review of Agenda

3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)

None

4. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Seward motioned to approve the September minutes. Johnson seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION

1) Weld County Aging and Disability Resource Center

Seward discussed how she leads the team at the Weld County Area Agency on Aging's (AAA) Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The AAA is housed under Weld County Human Services in the Home and Community Support Division. Seward talked about ADRC Information and Assistance program that serves individuals 60 and older or 18 and older who are living with a disability. She shared the types of calls they receive and the information and resources they provide to the callers. She explained the Options Counseling Service and how they provide home visits to individuals with information about staying safe in their homes, getting in-home services, assisted living options, and helping with applications for Medicaid programs. She discussed Access to Transition Services for individuals who receive Health First Colorado (Medicaid) and want to transition out of a nursing home facility. They can assist those individuals who want to go back into the community by finding them housing, household items and other assistance.

Teets asked how the ADRC helps with tax assistance, Medicare, and Medicaid. Seward said that during tax time they have several resources that they refer people to. For Medicare counseling they refer them to Aspen Club in Weld County and ADRC can assist with Medicaid applications.

Schmitt asked about data that the ADRC collects and how they track it. Seward said that a year and a

half ago they got a new data management system, but it is not able to track data of the calls that they are receiving. Currently, they are manually tracking the types of calls and how many calls for various services. They are not tracking service areas at this time but hoping that the new system will help.

Teets asked Seward if they have a committee or a board. Seward said that the AAA has a board that oversees all of their programs and the ADRC meets quarterly to discuss trends, talk about updates, and share difficult calls that they need additional resources for.

RIDENOCO UPDATE

Schmitt announced a joint meeting with the Boulder County Mobility and Access Coalition at the November 19th NCMC meeting and inquired about topics to discuss. Schmitt proposed sharing updates on the implementation of the Coordinated Plan and sharing initiatives around mobility in Boulder County. Schmitt also mentioned that the group should discuss the needs of the Carbon Valley area and regionally significant projects that could impact mobility in Larimer and Weld County such as project updates of the BRT project along Highway 119 between Longmont and Boulder and up Highway 287. Members of the group were interested in learning more about the Boulder Mobility For All Transportation Ambassadors and what tools they use to implement their Coordinated Plan. Schmitt said that these are all good topics to discuss and that the meeting is currently scheduled to be at the Windsor Community Recreation Center, but we may want to have it at a more central location like in Berthoud.

Schmitt shared RideNoCo Coordination Project updates and that we are about to go live with our client referral process with 60+ Ride, SAINT, and RAFT. Schmitt also shared new data reporting tools that RideNoCo is utilizing from the call center to share information with Planning Council members to tell a story about transportation needs and opportunities in the region.

Teets asked about rides for veterans and said that the VA and DAV are not dependable, and vets are missing or needing to rescheduling appointments including himself. Teets asked if 60+ Ride could help, Schmitt responded by saying that he cannot speak for 60+ Ride, but shared that Qualified Listeners has a new van and is a good option.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1) **Shared Resource Drive Next Steps:** Bettolo discussed the vision of the Shared Resource Drive and asked if anyone wanted to participate.
- 2) **Mobility Committee One Pager:** Deaton shared the updated version of the NCMC One-Pager.
- 3) **Mobility Case Studies:** Deaton discussed a case study about a man who lives in Ault that needs rides to work in Windsor. He was referred to us by Transdev. Transdev could not help him because the transportation he needs is not for a medical trip. He has been taking a cab, but it is too costly. He does have a medical condition that prevents him from driving. Teets recommended that he should call TransDev because they can provide two non-medical trips per month. Johnson suggested carpooling and communicating with others in the area to see if others are experiencing the same commuter needs.

Case study #2, a man who uses a power wheelchair and is trying to find transportation options from Windsor to Loveland for medical appointments. He is not a Veteran, he is not 60, and he does not have Medicaid. He said that cost is NOT that big of an issue. Leiton said depending on the logistics of his



location in Windsor, he reminded us that the Poudre Express and the COLT connect off HWY 392 and there are three stops in Windsor. Seward suggested zTrip and to request a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

Schmitt said it might be worthwhile to call Heart & Soul to see if they would go a little outside their service area.

GREELEY EVANS NEWS & UPDATES

Johnson shared that they are accepting public comments until Monday on their Phase One Mobility Development Plan and shared the link in the chat: <https://speakupgreeley.com/mobility-development-plan> Teets asked Johnson if there will be face-to-face meetings and Johnson said there will be both, but they have not determined locations and dates, most likely one will be at the transit center. Teets gave feedback that Windsor and Evans should be included in these discussions and Johnson said that this is something that she needs to bring up with the consultants if there should be a public event in Evans. Johnson said they are hoping to have the final plan ready for council to review by January 2025. Schmitt asked about the Poudre Express ridership, Johnson said it was up in April compared to April 2022, but down in February and March this year compared to 2022.

Johnson announced that the Poudre Express and GET will be fare free from July and August.

Powell provided an update on the School Transportation Task Force. At the June 11th meeting they talked about some of the difficulties finding drivers for both public and school transportation across the state. Meetings are open to the public; the next meeting is 7/9/2024 at 10am and shared the meeting link in the in the chat: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/transportation/schooltransportationtaskforce>

WCMC MEMBER REPORTS

Schmitt shared that we are bringing the US34 Transit Plan Development team to the August NCMC meeting for updates. Teets asked about hybrid meetings for the WCMC meeting. Bettolo explained that it is not currently in our plans because we polled the entire group, and it was decided that virtual meetings were the best option because people come from remote areas of both Larimer and Weld counties.

Final Public Comment *(2 minutes each)*

None

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions:

Teets asked Leighton to speak about the School Transportation Task Force meeting and asked if GET will be participating in Project Connect. Leiton said depends on staffing and drivers and they will have to wait and see when the time arrives.

Motion to Adjourn: Ewert motioned to adjourn the meeting. Teets seconded the motion.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Northern Colorado Mobility Committee: August 27, 2024
- Weld County Mobility Committee: September 24, 2024



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