



NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL HYBRID MEETING AGENDA July 11, 2024

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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 – June 6, 2024 (Page 4)

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

REPORTS:

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| 3) Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) (Page 8) | (Written) | |
| 4) NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates (Page 11) | Dena Wojtach – Two Roads Environmental | 6:05 |

Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda

REPORTS:

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| 5) Report of the Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance Committee member | Jon Mallo – Council Chair, City of Loveland Councilmember | 6:15 |
| 6) Executive Director Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accessibility Changes | Paul Sizemore - Executive Director | 6:20 |
| 7) Mobility (Page 14) | (Written) | |
| 8) Finance (Page 18) | (Written) | |
| 9) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) (Handout) | (Written) | |

PRESENTATIONS:

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| 10) Mobility Program Update and Website Demonstration (Page 19) | Cory Schmitt – Mobility Director | 6:25 |
| 11) FEMA Base Level Engineering (Page 28) | Brian Varrella – CDOT R4 | 6:40 |

CONSENT AGENDA:

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| 12) NFRMPO Front Range Passenger Rail District Board Members Resolution 2024-11 (Page 34) | Suzette Mallette | 6:55 |
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ACTION ITEM:

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| 13) 2023 NFRMPO Audit (Page 36) | Michelle Edgerly – Go Figure
Robert Dahill – MHP, LLC | 7:00 |
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COUNCIL REPORTS:

7:30

Transportation Commission

Jim Kelly - Transportation Commissioner

CDOT R4 Update

Josie Thomas - CDOT R4 Planning Manager

STAC Report *(Page 37)*

(Written)

Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) *(Page 40)* (Written)

US34 Coalition

Windsor

Front Range Passenger Rail District

Will Karspeck – Mayor Town of Berthoud

Host Council Member Report

Matt Fries – Town of Severance Mayor

7:45

MEETING WRAP UP:

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

7:50



MPO Planning Council

City of Loveland

Jon Mallo, Mayor Pro Tem – Chair

Alternate- TBD

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

Andrew Paranto, Councilmember

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

Bill Jenkins, Councilmember

Town of Windsor

TBD

Alternate- TBD

CDPHE- Air Pollution Control Division

Jessica Ferko, Manager, Planning & Policy Program

Colorado Transportation Commission

Jim Kelly, Commissioner

Alternate- Heather Paddock, Region 4 Director

Meeting Minutes of the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council

June 6, 2024
Hybrid Meeting in Weld County, CO

Voting Members Present:

Jon Mallo – Chair	-Loveland
Johnny Olson – Vice Chair	-Greeley
Scott James – Past Chair	-Weld County
Elizabeth Austin	-Milliken
Tricia Canonico	-Fort Collins
Mark Clark	-Evans
Paula Cochran	-LaSalle
Jessica Ferko	-APCD
Liz Heid	-Eaton
Bill Jenkins	-Timnath
Will Karspeck	-Berthoud
Jim Kelly	-Transportation Commission
Kristin Stephens	-Larimer County
Andrew Paranto	-Johnstown

Voting Members Absent:

Fil Archuleta	-Garden City
Matthew Fries	-Severance
Vacant	-Windsor

MPO Staff: **Suzette Mallette**, Executive Director; **Becky Karasko**, Transportation Planning Director; **Cory Schmitt**, Mobility Director; **Brooke Bettolo**, Mobility Planner; **AnnaRose Cunningham**, Transportation Planner III; and **Jerome Rouser**, Transportation Planner I.

In Attendance: Brad Buckman; Nancy Burke; Rich Christy; Julie Cline; Rick Coffin; Jim Eussen; Omar Herrera; Katrina Klobberdanz; Dee McIntosh; Dan Meyers; Mark Peterson; Evan Pinkham; Elizabeth Relford; Mike Silverstein; Cody Sims; Justin Stone; Josie Thomas; Eric Tracy; Steve Teets; Keith Wakefield; and Dena Wojtach.

Chair Mallo called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Steve Teets, community member of the City of Greeley, expressed concern about the air quality in the region and noted the importance of transit as it is related to air quality. Teets expressed support for the development of a regional transit authority to assist in interagency coordination and bringing funding to the region. Teets expressed concerns about current construction projects within Greeley.

Move to Approve Agenda and Minutes

James **moved** to *APPROVE THE JUNE 6, 2024 MEETING AGENDA*. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Heid **moved** to *APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2024 MEETING MINUTES*. The motion was **seconded** by Karspeck 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 topics included in the memo, highlighting upcoming opportunities for public comment and upcoming public meetings. Ferko noted the attainment status across the state relating to carbon monoxide. Ferko noted the procedural rules for how the Air Quality Control Commission conducts business and there would be a series of public meetings related to this work. Ferko noted the AQCC met in May and discussed the carbon monoxide attainment status and various regulations including disproportionately impacted communities permitting fees. The AQCC will have their annual planning retreat at the end of June.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Wojtach reiterated Ferko's comments on Colorado's attainment status for carbon monoxide. Wojtach outlined current work being undertaken by the AQCC, the RAQC, and EPA. Wojtach reviewed outcomes of the RAQCs modeling forum which was held in April noting RAQC would not be pursuing additional modeling for background Ozone. James asked for clarification on this decision and Silverstein outlined the updates which will be incorporated into new air quality modeling for the region. James reiterated the importance of updating modeling with the most up to date data and expressed concern about legislation regarding modeling. Silverstein noted the constraints of modeling even when using up to date data. Wojtach stated RAQC may be considering an additional control strategy related to motor vehicle emission budgets.

Wojtach noted the EPA has commenced a review of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) which is anticipated to be completed in 2025. Wojtach noted members of the intermountain west transportation planning agencies, including NFRMPO representatives, met in person to discuss challenges in meeting current Ozone NAAQS.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair Mallo opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

REPORTS:

Report of the Chair

Chair Mallo stated Paul Sizemore, currently employed at the City of Fort Collins, has been hired as the new Executive Director and reviewed the start date of his employment and Mallette's retirement. Chair Mallo requested nominations for the Front Range Passenger Rail District board to replace Councilmember Olson on the district board for the remainder of his term through 2026. James nominated Canonico who was appointed by acclimation. Mallo stated the Transportation Commission public comment item would be discussed at a later meeting.

Executive Director Report

Mallette introduced the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Resources page on the NFRMPO website, Rouser provided a brief review of the program which is a subcommittee of the NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative and walked through the resources page on the website. Mallette reviewed the transportation and air quality related bills from the 2024 legislative session and Council discussed impacts to local communities through the recently passed legislation and to the work of the NFRMPO.

TAC

A written report was provided.

Mobility

A written report was provided.

PRESENTATION:

Front Range Passenger Rail Update – Nancy Burke, Director of Communications of the Front Range Passenger Rail District (FRPR) reviewed the status of the FRPR project including the current proposed timeline, noting there will not be a ballot measure related to FRPR in 2024, and the ongoing outreach related to the service development plan. Burke provided an overview of anticipated service which is expected to commence in 2029 with three daily round trips between Fort Collins and Denver and increase to six round trips between Fort Collins and Pueblo by 2035. Service is expected to take three hours to travel between Fort Collins to Pueblo upon completion. Burke highlighted current public engagement initiatives including a survey about service options.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None this month.

ACTION ITEMS:

May 2024 TIP Amendment – Cunningham noted the May 2024 TIP Amendment included one revision to the FY2024-2027 TIP from the City of Greeley for the addition of a new project. The 30-day Public Comment period for the May 2024 TIP Amendment began on May 8, 2024 and concluded on June 6, 2024. An Equity Analysis is included for the new location-specific project.

James **moved** to approve *RESOLUTION 2024-09 APPROVING THE MAY 2024 AMENDMENT TO THE FY2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)*. The motion was **seconded** by Stephens and **passed** unanimously.

Executive Director Policies Update – Mallette reviewed the change to the Executive Director Policies which include limiting the signatory amount the Executive Director may sign to \$100,000 as directed by the Planning Council.

Olson **moved** to approve *RESOLUTION 2024-10 ASSIGNING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AUTHORITY*. The motion was **seconded** by Stephens and **passed** unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None this month.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Transportation Commission – Kelly reviewed the topics discussed at the TC meeting including the proposal for combining the South Central and South Eastern TPRs in order to split the Intermountain TPR which ultimately resulted in TC's desire to have another proposal for the distribution of TPRs around the state. Council discussed if this would require a change to the legislation and Kelly noted that may or may not be one of the proposals. Further discussion will be had at future TC meetings with an anticipated delay till November on a decision. TC discussed limiting the STAC Chair term and new Chair and Vice Chair for TC.

CDOT R4 Update – Jim Eussen provided updates on projects within the region. Eussen highlighted a project on US34 west of Loveland to fix shoulders and address safety concerns and the design project of the I-25 and SH14/Mulberry Road interchange. Eussen noted the mobility hubs and Centerra and Berthoud are anticipated to open in late summer and the stop at SH-119 to open in late fall. The agreement for the Railroad crossing elimination study along US-34 has been initiated, and signage and striping improvements will be commencing at the US-34 and US-85 interchange.

STAC Report – A written report was provided.

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

I-25 Coalition – James stated the Coalition will be focusing efforts on Segment 4, south of the NFRMPO border, and Segment 9 north towards the Wyoming border in the coming months.

US34 Coalition – James stated the coalition met prior to the Council meeting and heard from the TMO consultants. The TMO board has been identified as well as working groups. James noted Weld County will chair the coalition for the time being.

Regional Air Quality Council – Stephens restated the concerns from the earlier discussion on RAQC modeling regarding background ozone.

Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) – Stephens noted the enterprise will be holding a call to allocate approximately \$28M to projects in the nonattainment area for both small- and large-scale projects. Mallette asked if the projects would require an air quality benefit and Stephens confirmed projects would be evaluated on their ground level ozone reductions.

Front Range Passenger Rail District –Karspeck stated there was a discussion at the previous meeting on providing directions for secondary stops along the route and local connections to the proposed stops.

Host Council Member Report – James reported on the completion of the roundabout at CR74 and CR33 and noted the commencement of construction for the roundabout at CR74 and CR31. James stated construction would begin next summer on the joint project with Larimer County at County Line Road and CR54. Weld County has received an SS4A grant to complete a safety action plan and a rural surface transportation planning grant.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO Staff

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**June 2024 Report from the Air Pollution Control Division to the
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Thursday, July 11, 2024**

Air Pollution Control Division (Division) Public Participation Opportunities:

- **New Colorado air monitoring guidance:** The division's proposed enhanced air monitoring guidance document is available for review and public comment through June 28, 2024. Submit comments by June 28 - new requirements start July 15, 2024. A panel of subject matter experts will also meet for a final time at 1 p.m. on July 1, 2024. During this meeting the panel will discuss the proposed guidance and public comments received by the division. Virtual event: Monday, July 1, 1 - 3 p.m. [Register to join the July 1 meeting](#). The division will consider public feedback and suggestions from the panel before it finalizes the enhanced air monitoring guidance in July 2024. The new monitoring requirements apply starting July 15, 2024 under Colorado's groundbreaking 2023 rule to protect clean air in Colorado communities.
- **Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the manufacturing sector:** Please join a public meeting about greenhouse gas credit trading pathways between Colorado's highest-emitting manufacturing operations. These manufacturers emit air pollutants when producing a wide range of products, including petrochemicals, microchips, and glass. The Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy Management for Manufacturing 2 rule, or GEMM 2, was adopted in October 2023. The Air Pollution Control Division convened a technical working group in February 2024 to provide guidance and recommendations to the division on how regulated facilities with different emission reduction requirements may use the credit trading program established in the Air Quality Control Commission's GEMM 2 rule. [Learn more on the working group's website](#). The division will share the technical working group's progress, concepts, and recommendations as well as the division's intended pathway for addressing this challenge. The division welcomes and encourages community input and questions. Virtual event, Tuesday, July 16, 6 - 7:30 p.m. [Register to attend the July 16 meeting](#).
- **Midstream oil and gas greenhouse gas reduction planning public meeting:** Please join a public meeting about greenhouse gas reduction planning for midstream oil and gas facilities statewide. Division staff will share the Midstream Segment Emission Reduction Plan that it will propose to the Air Quality Control Commission in August, 2024. All are welcome to participate and share feedback. Please focus your comments on the proposed plan and upcoming rulemaking. The live meeting will be recorded. Virtual event, Thursday, July 18, 6 - 8 p.m. [Register to attend the July 18 meeting](#).
- **Updating the Air Quality Control Commission procedural rules:** Please join a public feedback session about updating and modernizing the rules dictating how the Air Quality Control Commission must run its meetings and rulemaking hearings. The division and commission are working to simplify the rulemaking process, make procedural rules easier to understand, and make the rulemaking process more accessible to community members. All are welcome to participate and share feedback. Please focus your comments on

the [commission's procedural rules](#) for the proposed project. The live meeting will be recorded. If you have questions or comments during the outreach process, please use [this form](#) to contact the commission office. For more information, [please see this page](#). Virtual technical meeting [Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 10 - 11 a.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 to join the July 23 meeting](#) from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Steering committee on reducing nitrogen oxides from oil and gas exploration and production:** 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](#). [Register for the July 31 steering committee meeting](#) from 1 to 3 p.m. There's also a virtual public meeting, Thursday, July 25, 6 - 8 p.m. [Register to join the July 25 meeting](#).

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

June 20-21, 2024 Commission Annual Planning Retreat

- **Programmatic Issues:**
 - To discuss the Division's structure and program-by-program activities.
 - To discuss the progress made in achieving goals, milestones, and other relevant air quality policy matters.
 - To identify and discuss items for inclusion on the Long Term Calendar including regulatory/policy issues and potential facility tours.
- **Legislative Session:** Commission staff will provide an overview of the 2024 legislative session and implications for the Commission.
- **Election of Officers:** The Commission will elect Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary) to the Executive Committee of the Commission for the upcoming year. The Commission Administrator will facilitate the nomination and election process.
- **Procedural Rules:** The Commission and staff will discuss potential revisions to the Procedural Rules regulation; public input will be sought at future stakeholder meetings. There was a virtual meeting on these revisions on Thursday, June 27, 2024 10 - 11 a.m.

July 18, 2024 Commission Meeting

- **Common Provisions:** The Division will request that the Commission set a hearing to consider revisions to the Common Provisions regulation to address HB20-1143 with respect to inflation adjustments for maximum fines and penalties for air quality control violations.
- **Regulation Number 22:** The Division will request that the Commission set a hearing to consider a proposal to revise Regulation Number 22, Part A to address changes EPA made to the federal GHG reporting rule and to expand GHG reporting requirements to municipal solid waste landfills that do not currently report GHGs.



- **Regulation Number 9:** US Fish and Wildlife Service The Division and US Fish and Wildlife Service will present to the Commission its significant user prescribed fire planning renewal document.
- **Regulation Number 22:** The Commission will consider a proposal to revise Regulation Number 22, Part C to update incorporate by reference names and/or dates to the municipal solid waste and coal mine methane protocols and update regulatory citations.
- **Rocky Mountain National Park Initiative 2022 Milestone Report:** Representatives from the Division and the National Park Service will brief the Commission on the 2022 Milestone Report for the Rocky Mountain National Park Initiative including progress made towards reduction nitrogen deposition in the Park, and relevant project developments since the last milestone report, and the path forward.
- **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: 7/2/24

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 July 11, 2024 Meeting.

Summary:

In June, TRE reviewed monitored ozone concentrations in the Northern Front Range and reviewed air quality activities occurring at the federal and state levels. Most prominently, TRE supported NFRMPO engagement with the AQCC on Carbon Monoxide Rulemaking, engaged in the AQCC's stakeholder process on their Procedural Rules revisions, and tracked the RAQC's Control Strategy Committee's discussions for the upcoming Serious Ozone SIP for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS. Additionally, TRE supported the Intermountain West Metropolitan Planning Organization air quality efforts.

Air Quality Activities:

Ozone Tracking - North Front Range

Ozone concentrations at North Front Range monitors for the summer to date, have observed values at 70 ppb or less, with the exception of the Fort Collins – CSU monitor that experienced two 8-hour average concentrations of 71 ppb. Ozone monitors in the Denver Metropolitan Area have observed concentrations ranging from 83 – 71 ppb. Track ozone levels at the RAQC's website [here](#). The Air Pollution Control Division has issued 15 Ozone Action Alert Days (meaning levels are or anticipated to be greater than 70 ppb) in the Denver Metropolitan North Front Range ozone nonattainment area so far this summer.

AQCC Activities

The AQCC held its annual retreat, touring parts of Larimer County. Regarding AQCC's rulemaking related to carbon monoxide element of Colorado's State Implementation Plan (SIP), the NFRMPO was the only entity that sought party status. Given no one else seeking party status and the NFRMPO's support for that proposed rulemaking in full without any suggested revisions, that party status filing was withdrawn. AQCC staff held a stakeholder meeting and released draft revisions to the AQCC's Procedural Rules. Generally, the intent behind revising these rules is improve engagement with the AQCC. Some key revisions being considered help identify issues early in the process, identify alternative proposals early in the process, allow time to review alternatives, and support the record associated with comments received and/or changes made during the rulemaking process. The revisions are extensive and change the current process significantly. Comments on the pre-rulemaking proposal are due July 10, 2024; comments may also be made afterwards and during the formal rulemaking process. Information on this effort is posted [here](#). In August, staff anticipate requesting a rulemaking hearing be set for November 2024. NFRMPO may want to consider making comments and/or participating in the ensuing rulemaking.

RAQC Activities

At the June Board Meeting, the RAQC summarized ozone levels for 2024 (as discussed under the Ozone Tracking section above). The EPA briefed the Board on the status of acting on Colorado's request for a waiver from Reformulated Gasoline (RFG) requirements. In short, the request for waiver is on hold – EPA has not approved it, nor has it disapproved it. Colorado's concerns (in terms of cost, availability, and more) have not been realized to date.

Other Air Quality Activities

Colorado's Air Quality Enterprise (AQE) was briefed on wildfire smoke impacts on ozone and particulate matter, and a tool that will assist states in evaluating smoke events as Exceptional Events. The AQE is also in the process of reviewing air quality related projects to fund this year. They have received \$4 million in fees this fiscal year alone.

EPA announced \$850 Million related to methane mitigation from oil and gas operations, available to: 1) help small oil and gas operators to: access commercially-available technology to monitor, measure, quantify and mitigate methane emissions, 2) accelerate repair of methane leaks from low-producing wells, 3) improve communities access to data and participate in monitoring, and 4) enhance detection and measurement of methane emissions. More information can be found [here](#).

TRE met with EPA Region 8 staff on comments made during EPA's May 2024 kick off of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) review - comments questioning whether ozone was the best indicator to protect against total photochemical oxidants, acknowledging the intermountain west challenges faced with high ozone, as well as comments specific to [this paper's](#) recommendations about refining US background levels especially for the intermountain west.

Members of intermountain west transportation planning agencies met to discuss challenges in meeting the 2015 Ozone NAAQS, highlighting a difference between modeled ozone levels and actual monitored ozone values from 2017 forward. Agencies are looking to better understand why this is occurring as at least one agency is facing highway funding sanctions and others have related concerns.

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) announced a decision doctrine, and the degree of deference the courts give federal regulatory agencies in interpreting the laws they administer. This will likely lead to a flood of legal challenges, including of EPA's interpretations and policies.

Next Steps:

1. Decide NFRMPO's interest in providing comments on the AQCC's Procedural Rules, and what, if any comments to provide. Comments on the early draft are due July 10, 2024; however comments may also be submitted at a later date.
2. Continue tracking control strategies being developed, including any proposed MVEB limit being developed.



Upcoming Public Meetings:

- 7/2/24 Air Quality Enterprise meeting – potential ozone science projects that may be funded
- 7/11/24 NFRMPO Council Meeting
- 7/10/24 RAQC Control Strategies (Oil and Gas) Meeting
- 7/17/24 RAQC Control Strategies Meeting
- 7/18-19/24 AQCC Meeting
- 7/25/24 Procedural Rules Technical Meeting #4 (register [here](#))
- 8/2/24 RAQC Board Meeting
- 8/6/24 Air Quality Enterprise meeting – continued discussion on potential ozone science projects that may be funded

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 a deal. Deaton 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 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



Virtual Meeting: Hosted through Microsoft Teams

nfrmpo.org

Meeting Minutes of the
Finance Committee of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council

June 20, 2024
3:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams

Members	Others	Staff
Kristin Stephens	Robert Dahill-MHP	Suzette Mallette
	Kyle Gruver-MHP	Becky Karasko
		Cory Schmitt
		Michelle Edgerly, Go Figure
		Barbara Bills

Commissioner Stephens was the only committee member present, no action could be taken on the minutes or the Audit. Robert Dahill and Kyle Gruver, from MHP, discussed the financial reports and audit findings. Overall it was a clean audit and things went well. It was decided that MHP would present the audit findings to the Planning Council at the July 11th Council meeting.



RideNoCo: Connecting You & Northern Colorado

Planning Council

North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization

July 11, 2024

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NFRMPO Mobility Program



- **RideNoCo – One Call / One Click Center**
 - Information Hub – website & call center
 - *Data for Planning Processes*
- **Mobility Committees**
 - Northern Colorado Mobility Committee
 - Larimer County Mobility Committee
 - Weld County Mobility Committee
- **Planning Efforts**
 - Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan
 - **Mobility Action Plan (MAP)** to guide implementation of Coordinated Plan
 - Updated every 4 years; 2025 update to kick off in late 2024
 - Feedback to other NFRMPO Planning Processes
- **Subrecipient Program & Technical Assistance**
 - Connecting partners to State and Federal Funding
 - Coordinating service expansions in areas where gaps have been identified

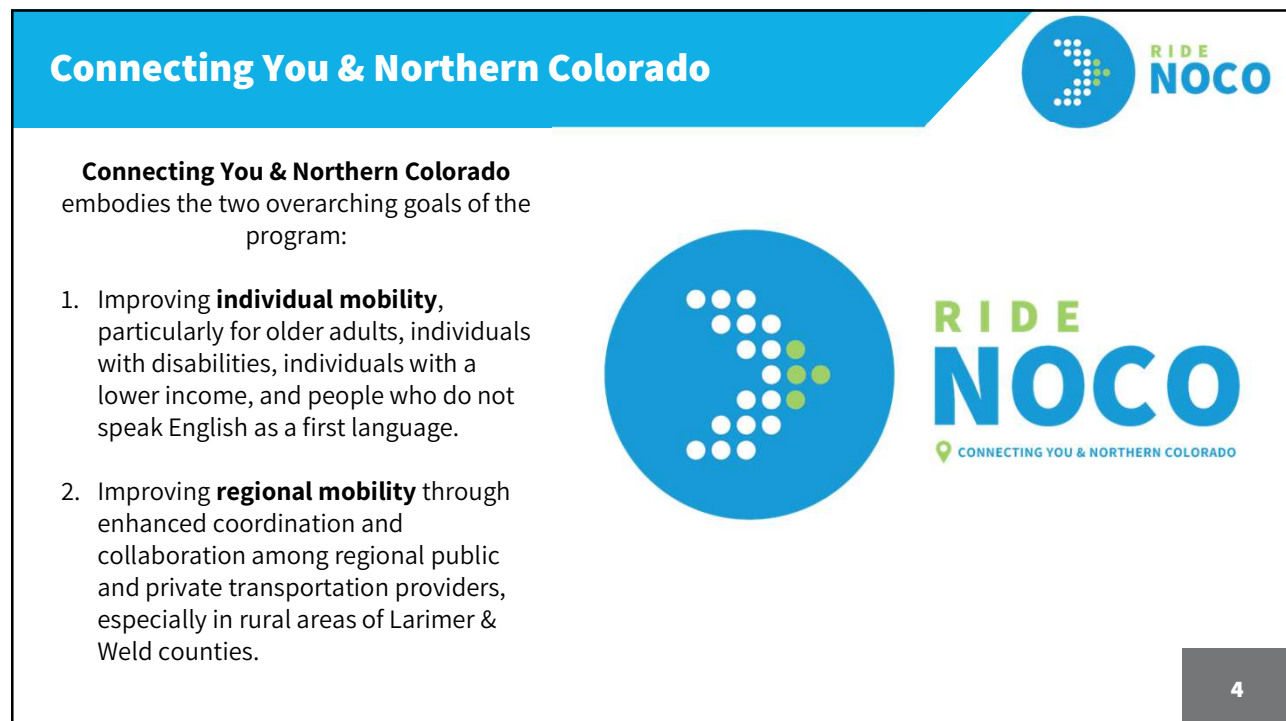



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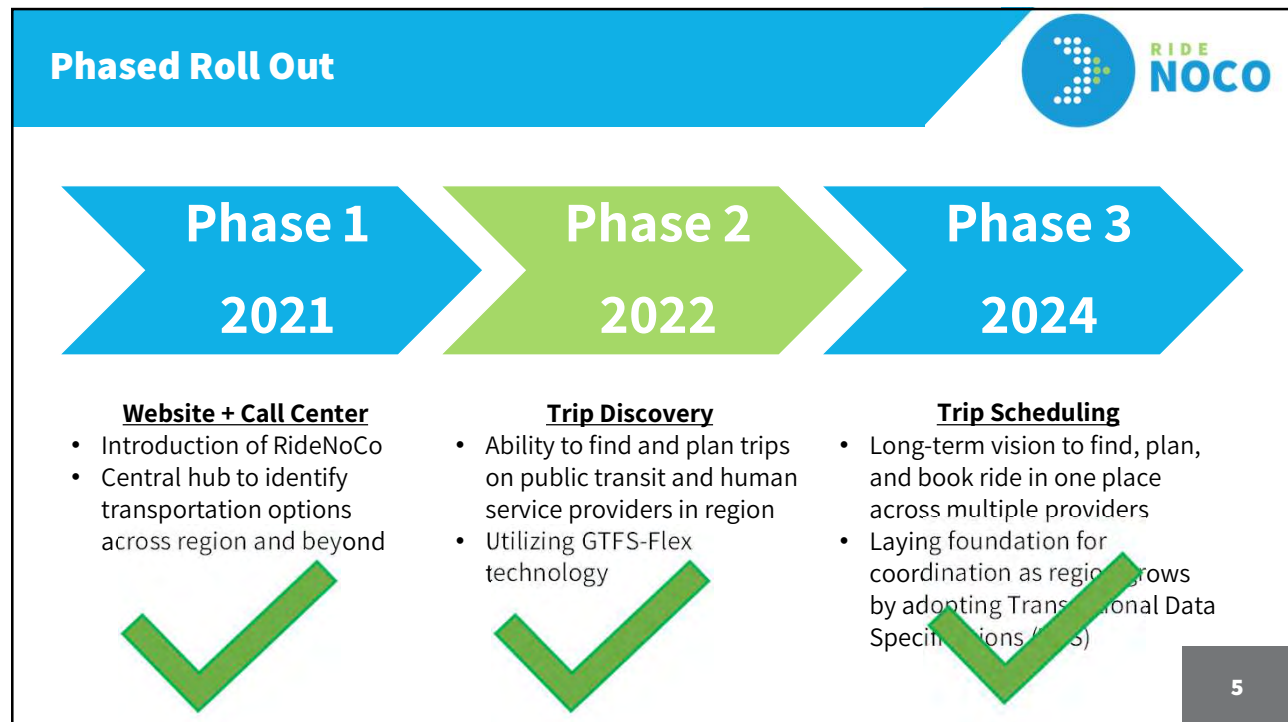
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Phase One: Transportation Assistance Call Center



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Monday – Friday
8 am to 5 pm

Callback within one business day

Two Spanish-Speaking RideNoCo Staff available

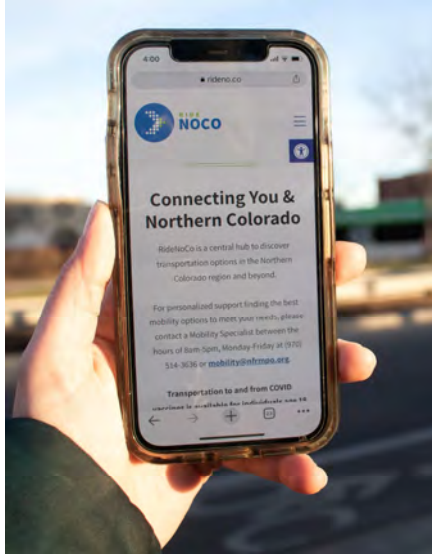
Over-the-phone interpretation in 100+ Languages through *LanguageLink*



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Phase One: RideNoCo Website



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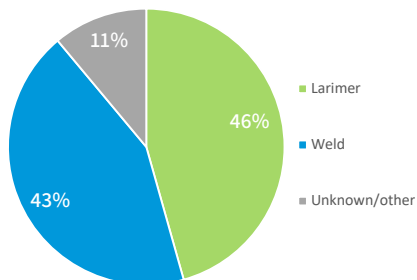
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Call Center & Website Stats

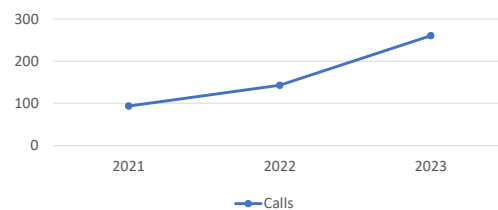


Year	Calls/Emails	Website Visits
2021	94	772
2022	143	1,986
2023	261	3,865
2024 (Qtr. 1-2)	146	2,345
Total	644	8,968

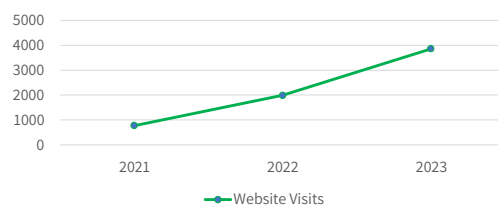
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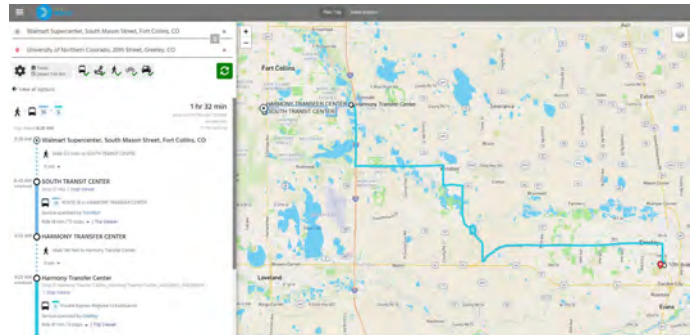
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Phase Two: Trip Discovery Tool



- Utilizes GTFS-Flex to incorporate “demand-response” providers into trip planner
- Providers in Planner:

Transfort	City of Loveland Transit (COLT)
Greeley-Evans Transit (GET)	Berthoud Area Transportation System (BATS)*
Bustang	Estes Transit
SAINT*	RAFT*
60+ Ride*	Via Mobility
RTD	SPIN e-scooters/e-bikes
Rocky Mountain National Park Shuttles	



*GTFS-Flex Databases created by Trillium as part of Trip Discovery project

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Phase Three: Project Background



- The original vision of this phase of the project was for the NFRMPO to purchase, implement and manage one scheduling software system on behalf of volunteer providers in the region.
 - Through a Trip Scheduling Steering Committee convened in 2022, staff found that target agencies were happy with what they had in place and wanted to maintain client relationships.
- The focus shifted to *coordination* rather than *centralization* utilizing emerging Transactional Data Specification (TDS) technology:
 - To help agencies share and coordinate trips while allowing agencies to remain in control of scheduling and relationships;
 - For RideNoCo to assist in determining eligibility and to connect riders to providers that could meet their needs.

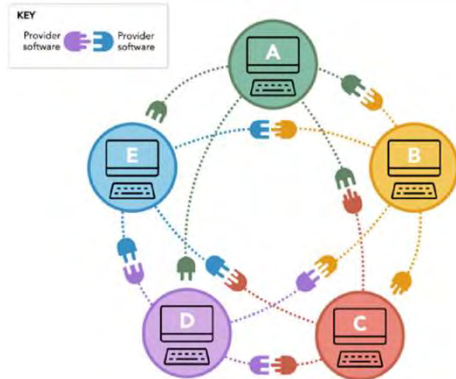
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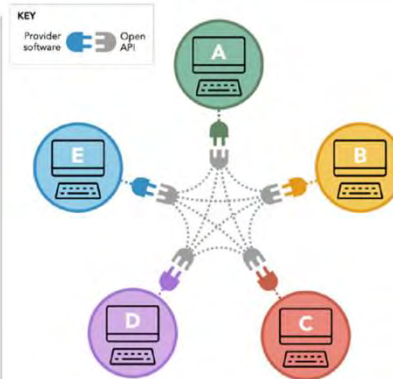
Using Data Specifications to Interoperate



Interoperability using Proprietary APIs



Interoperability using Transactional Data Specifications



Source: AARP Public Policy Institute, "Modernizing Demand-Responsive Transportation for the Age of New Mobility"

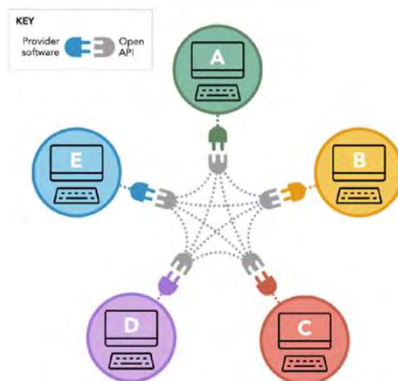
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Phase Three: RideNoCo Coordination Project



RideNoCo Interoperability using Transactional Data Specifications (TDS)



- A: RideNoCo
 - [RideSheet](#)
- B: North 40 Mountain Alliance*
 - [RideSheet](#)
- C: 60+ Ride
 - [RideScheduler](#)
- D: Berthoud RAFT
 - [Spedsta](#)
- E: SAINT
 - [Spedsta](#)

Source: AARP Public Policy Institute, "Modernizing Demand-Responsive Transportation for the Age of New Mobility"

*Implementation in Red Feather Lakes paused due to budget and changing operational needs in community

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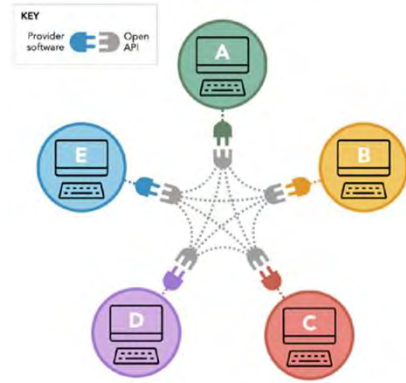
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Phase Three: RideNoCo Coordination Project



A series of projects are currently nearing completion:

- Full Path Transit Consulting has customized **RideSheet** as a TDS-compliant CRM for the RideNoCo Call Center.
- Full Path is working alongside two volunteer transportation scheduling platforms, Spedsta & RideScheduler, to make all platforms TDS-compliant for use by **SAINT, RAFT, and 60+ Ride**
- **Upon pilot launch in Q3 2024**, RideNoCo is able to conduct initial intake on behalf of participating volunteer providers and seamlessly share client info with and among providers; volunteer providers able to exchange riders and coordinate trips



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Phase Three: Project Use Cases



1. Client Information

RideNoCo (or another provider) sends a potential rider's client information over to another provider.

2. Gift

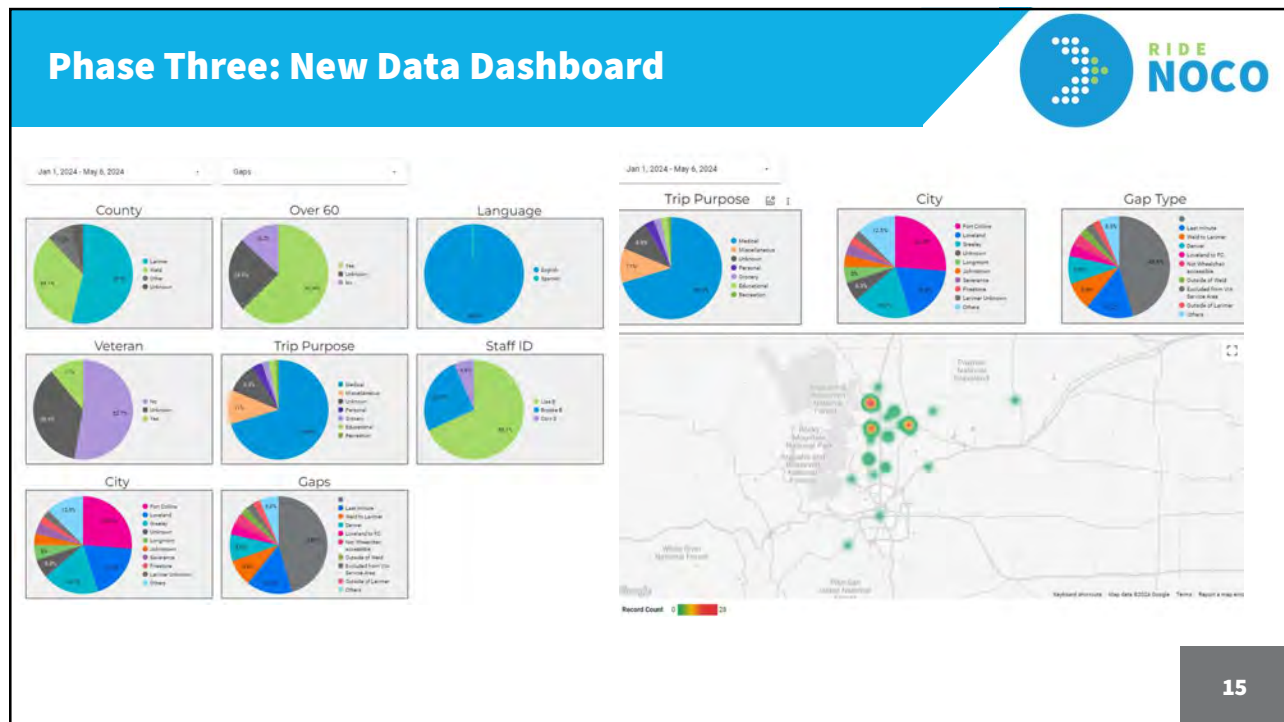
One transportation provider "gifts" a trip to another provider to complete the entire trip from pick up to drop off.

3. Coordinate

Multiple providers coordinate to deliver a trip across multiple agencies.


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What's to Come






- Mobility Management + Transportation Demand Management (TDM)**
 - RideNoCo is evolving into a regional TDM program focused on helping the entire region meet their transportation needs.
 - Expansion of DRCOG's *My Way to Go* platform into North Front Range



- Expand Adoption of TDS**
 - Expansion of TDS spec to additional agencies, including private, non-profit and public transit providers both in Northern Colorado and beyond.



- Identify & Address Regional Transportation Gaps**
 - Building upon success of Via Mobility expansion into Weld County to meet other known mobility gaps in communities such as Red Feather Lakes, Windsor/Severance, and rural portions of Larimer and Weld counties.

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Connect with the RideNoCo Team



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RideNoCo

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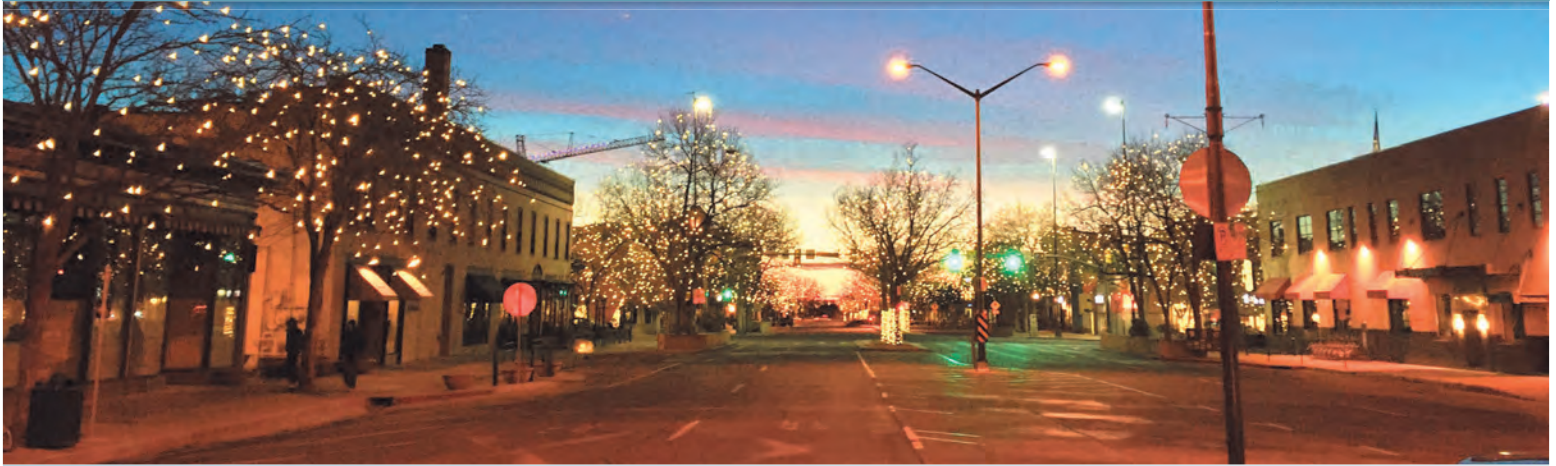
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FEMA Base Level Engineering (BLE) Studies

Brian Varrella, PE, CFM
Resident Engineer, CDOT Region 4

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Department of Transportation



FEMA Base Level Engineering (BLE) Studies

What is “Base Level Engineering” (BLE)?:

- “*High-level understanding of flood hazards*” (FEMA)
 - Good for initial draft of flood risk
 - Typically 2D models (formerly 1D)
 - Terrain + hydraulic model + rainfall = BLE
- For **non-model-backed Zone A (approx.)** areas
 - Also basins > **1.0 square mile** in area or larger
 - FEMA’s metric = miles of creeks/ivers mapped
- Generally **non-regulatory** unless **adopted locally** and designated by the state (CWCB)
 - Not on maps published from the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program)

Image of Zone A
area ready for BLE
(FEMA & CWCB)



Image of detailed Zone
AE & floodway;
no BLE (FEMA & CWCB)



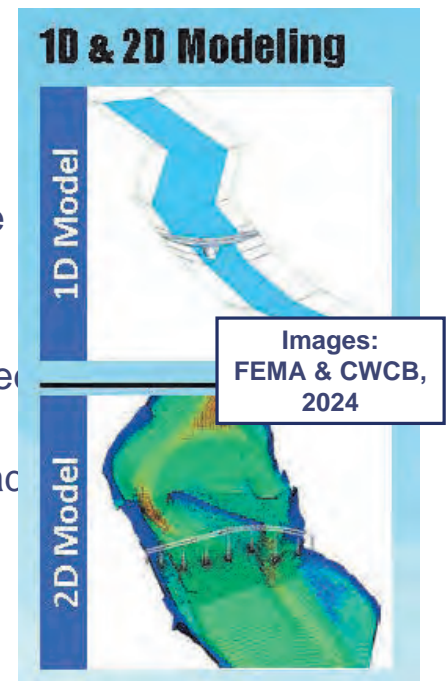
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FEMA Base Level Engineering (BLE) Studies

What is “Base Level Engineering” (BLE)?:

- BLE = best available data if no prior mapping existed
 - Does not supersede regulatory floodplains
 - Only regulatory if adopted into local Code and State designation (CWCB)
- Not considered detailed enough for “*design*” (CWCB)
 - Does not include bridges, culverts, ditches or detailed roadway topography
 - Uses “*hydraulic connectors*” for infrastructure instead of actual infrastructure
 - BLEs are not detailed hydraulic studies (*pay twice?*)



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FEMA Base Level Engineering (BLE) Studies

Floodplains in Morgan County:

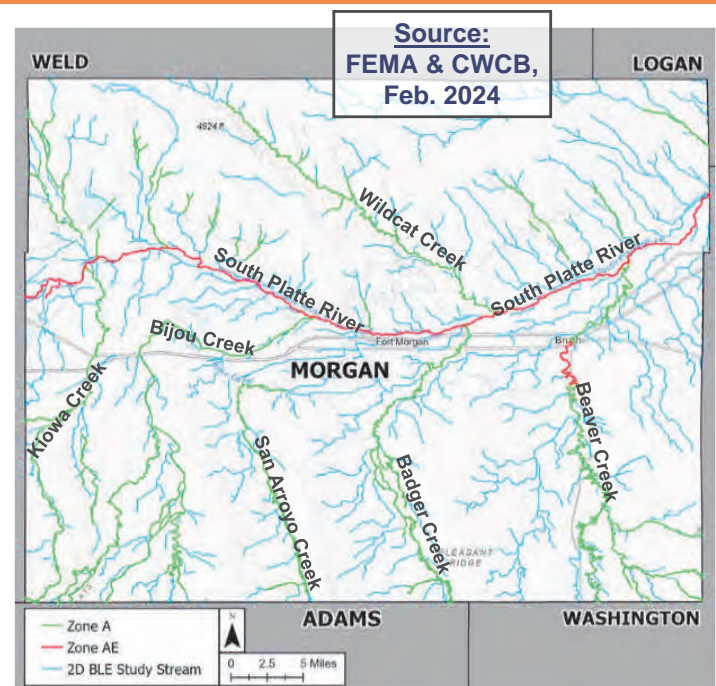
Zone A = 459 miles (1978-2018)

Zone AE = 58 miles (2012 & 2021)

New BLE Reaches = 874 miles (late-2025)

Other Morgan Co. Facts:

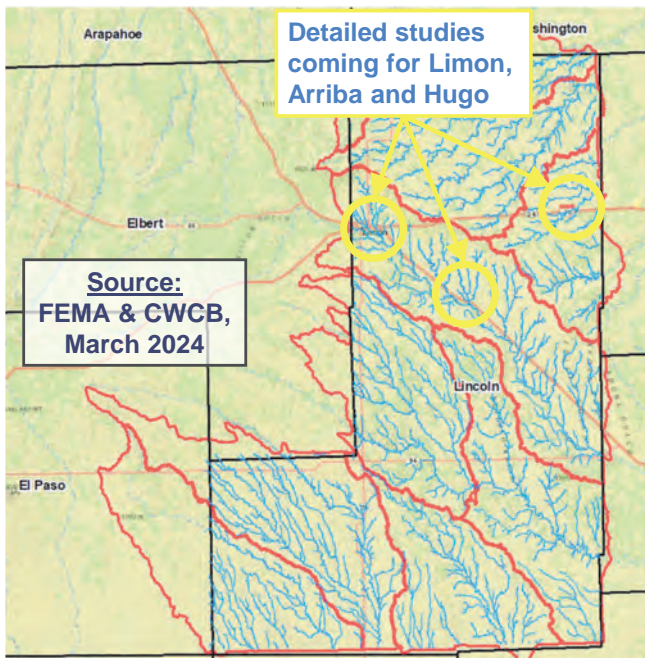
- 11% of Morgan Co. is already mapped in a FEMA floodplain
- Adopting BLE areas might double the total floodplain area past 20%
 - Impacts 18 major CDOT structures
 - Impacts 14 minor CDOT structures



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FEMA Base Level Engineering (BLE) Studies



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Floodplains in Lincoln County:

Zone AE = 9.7 miles (1985 & 2022)

New BLE Area > 2,600 miles (late-2025)

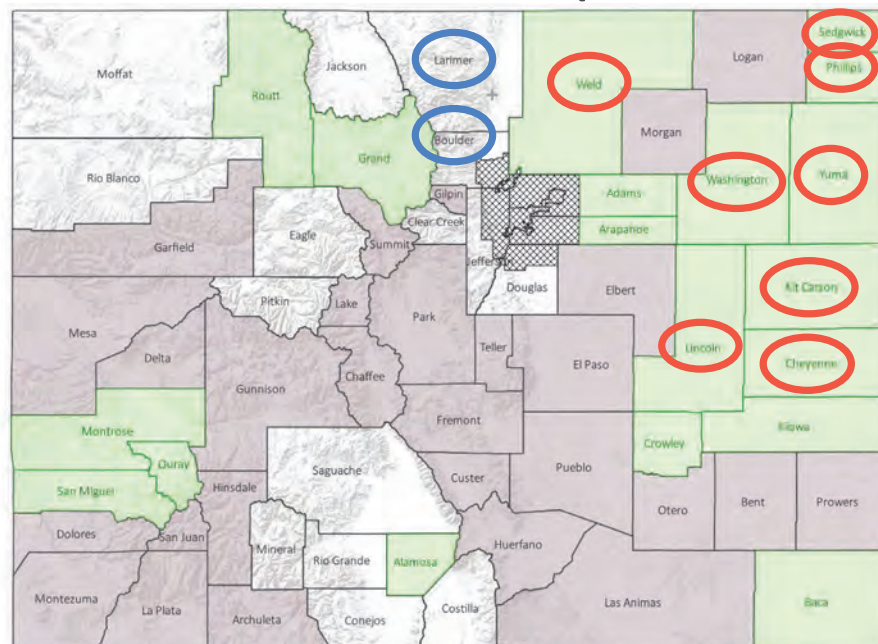
Other Lincoln Co. Facts:

- Limon detailed study areas will not be affected by BLEs
- Hugo currently suspended from the NFIP
- Arriba & Hugo & Genoa have no current flood risk areas mapped by FEMA
- Impacts 52 major CDOT structures
- Impacts 32 minor CDOT structures



FEMA Base Level Engineering (BLE) Studies

Statewide Plan for Current & Future BLEs (FEMA & CWCB):



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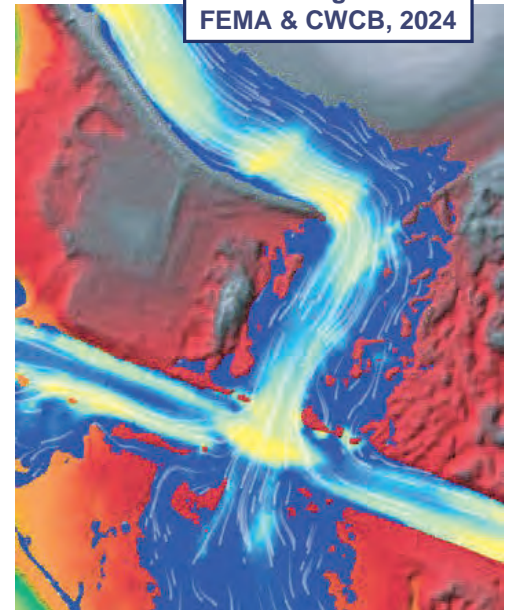


FEMA Base Level Engineering (BLE) Studies

Other BLE Facts & Opportunities:

- BLE is not regulatory, unless adopted & designated
 - **Local agencies have 30 days** to review data
 - CDOT does not receive review referrals
- **CWCB concedes BLEs may have significant impacts on CDOT projects if adopted**
- CWCB will not include road, culvert or bridge data into BLEs from other agencies
 - CWCB **not scoped to include infrastructure**
 - Future projects may be “*considered*”
 - CDOT providing impacted structure list & as-built
 - Using interns to share data in real-time

Image:
FEMA & CWCB, 2024



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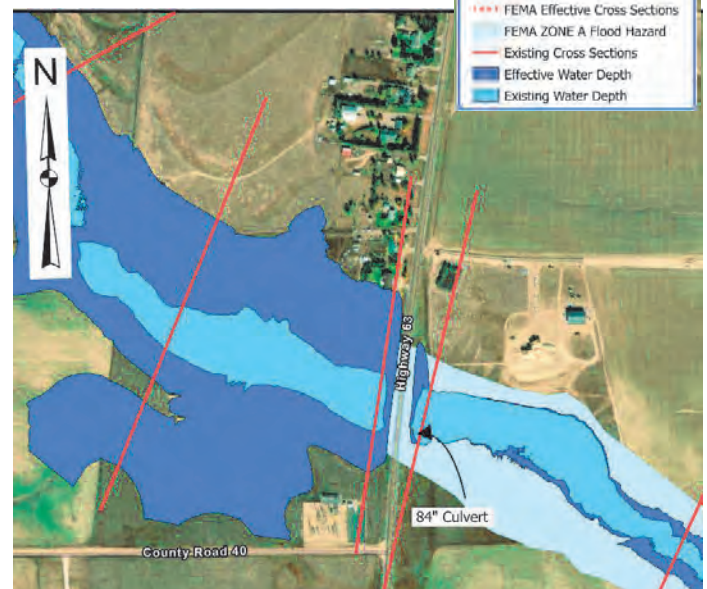
FEMA Base Level Engineering (BLE) Studies

BLE Case Study (CO63 @ Akron, CO):

- **CO63 repaving** project south of **Akron** (Washington Co., Project 25942)
 - Unnamed 1-mile long watershed
 - Mapped by FEMA in the 1980's
 - Remapped with **1D BLE in 2018**
- Used 1D hydraulic model
- **Not scoped for highway elements**
 - Missed a 28-ft high embankment
 - Missed a 7-ft diameter culvert
 - Under-estimated flood risk

Vicinity Map Legend:

- Milepoints
- FEMA Effective Cross Sections
- FEMA ZONE A Flood Hazard
- Existing Cross Sections
- Effective Water Depth
- Existing Water Depth



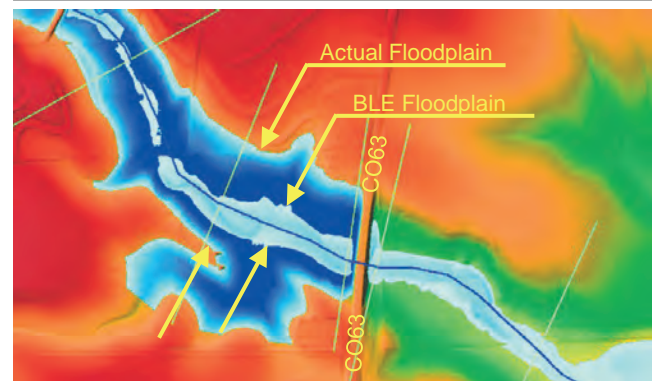
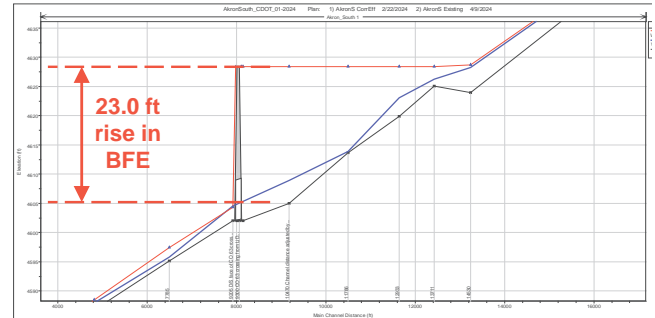
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FEMA Base Level Engineering (BLE) Studies

BLE Case Study (CO63 @ Akron, CO):

- Hydraulic analysis corrected by CDOT
 - BFE = **23 ft rise** over 2018 mapping
 - **FP width** increased by **3-fold**
- CDOT design targets & costs change
 - Moves from 25-year to 100-year
 - Requires **3 x 7-ft culverts (\$12M)**
 - New bridge or box culvert (\$Lots)
- Could still trigger a C/LOMR
- CDOT could provide as-builts & technical support if involved
 - **Working to collaborate with CWCB**



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FEMA Base Level Engineering (BLE) Studies

“Benefits” of BLE Studies (*FEMA*):

- Shows flood risks that exist, but were not previously mapped
- Shows risk across entire watersheds (*miles of rivers*)
- Models can be used by others (*HEC-RAS 2D*)
- Created from “detailed” topography
- Supports local land use planning & development
- More efficient means to map general flood risk info for entire watersheds than previous

Other Considerations (*experiential*):

- Risk identification and risk accuracy can be two different things
- One change to a BLE study anywhere tends to change results everywhere
- HEC-RAS 2D is still not endorsed for infrastructure projects (*CDOT still learning*)
- Does NOT include roadway prism, bridges or culverts (**hyd. connectors**)
- Approx. floodplains are legally enforceable if adopted into Code (**beware**)
- Still requires others finish FEMA's work
 - You pay to add missing infrastructure data later (**pay twice**)

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FEMA Base Level Engineering (BLE) Studies

What do you do with a BLE:



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FEMA Base Level Engineering (BLE) Studies

Questions & Discussion

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MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: Suzette Mallette

Date: July 11, 2024

Re: Front Range Passenger Rail Representative

BACKGROUND

The NFRMPO supported two representatives to serve on the Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR) board. These representatives were appointed at the May 2022 NFRMPO Planning Council meeting and have been the representative since that time. The appointments are Mayor William Karspeck from Berthoud and Councilmember Johnny Olson from Greeley.

At the time of the initial appointment, the entirety of the NFRMPO geography was included in the district and the Council wished to have a representative from each county. With the passage of HB24-1012 Weld County was removed from the district. The MPO still has two representatives on the district board and the Council would like to replace the Weld County representative with a second Larimer County representative.

At the June 6, 2024, meeting the Council discussed nominations and Councilmember Tricia Canonico with the City of Fort Collins was nominated and supported for this position.

Councilmember Canonico's term will expire in May 2026.

ACTION

NFRMPO Staff requests the Planning Council adopt *Resolution 2024-11*.



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11
OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL
APPROVING NFRMPO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, Colorado Senate Bill (SB) 21-238 requires two representatives from the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) to serve on the new Front Range Passenger Rail District; and

WHEREAS, the Directors appointed to the Board must be elected officials, or prior elected officials, representing the NFRMPO; and

WHEREAS, the Front Range Passenger Rail District area originally included the entirety of the NFRMPO; and

WHEREAS, HB24-1012 removed Weld County from the Front Range Passenger Rail District; and

WHEREAS, the NFRMPO Council wishes to replace the Weld County representative with a Larimer County representative that will take over the term of the current Weld County representative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council hereby appoints:

Councilmember Tricia Canonico with the City of Fort Collins whose term will expire on May 2026, to serve as Director on the Front Range Passenger Rail District representing the NFRMPO.

Passed and approved at the regular meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council held this 11th day of July 2024.

Jon Mallo, Chair

ATTEST:

Paul Sizemore, Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: Michelle Edgerly – Go Figure

Date: July 11, 2024

Re: 2023 NFRMPO Audit

BACKGROUND

Per the NFRMPO's funding contracts, the Agency is required to have an annual independent audit of its financial statements. Per an opinion from the State of Colorado Auditors' office, the organization meets the definition of local government and therefore, must prepare and have audited calendar year (January 2-December 31) financial statements.

McGee, Hearn and Paiz, LLP (MHP) performed the 2023 independent audit. Robert Dahill and Kyle Gruver, MHP, LLC, met with the Finance Committee on June 20, 2024, to review the finance statement package, audit opinion, and required communication with management. The audit opinion states the NFRMPO's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council as of December 31, 2023. The "Federal Awards Reports in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance" was also reviewed.

The Unmodified audit did not identify any Significant Deficiency in the internal controls over financial reporting. No noncompliance or violations were noted. No issues or problems were identified with federal expenditures, and the NFRMPO qualified as a low-risk auditee.

Upon approval, the Audited Financial Statements will be submitted to the Federal Highways Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, State Auditors' Department, and the City of Fort Collins.

The summary of the audit findings are attached, the full audit is available here: <https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-NFRMPO-Audit.pdf>.

ACTION

The Finance Committee only had one member attend, therefore, there was no formal motion to recommend approval. The NFRMPO Council is asked to review and accept the 2023 Audited Financial Statements.

Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

Meeting Summary

Date/Time: Thursday, June 6, 2024; 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

[STAC Meeting June 6, 2024 Recording](#)

Legislative Report - Emily Haddaway, CDOT Office of Government Relations

- All bills were signed as of June 5, 2024 including the transportation focused SB 65 distracted driving bill and SB 195, which included speed camera provisions and set asides for funds for vulnerable road users safety projects.
- Senate Bill 2024-032 directed a take-back of \$10 million of Local Multimodal Transportation Mitigation Options Funds (MMOF) to fund the Zero Fare Transit Program. CDOT expects this is a one-time allocation and will not be repeated. Many STAC representatives felt frustrated with the changes in funding that were made by the legislature. The frustration stemmed from the lack of transparency and the legislature not upholding the funding promised in SB 260. Some STAC representatives felt that the MMOF funding transfer for the Zero Fare program results in an inequitable statewide distribution of funds.
- STAC Representatives put forward a motion to write a letter to the state legislature signed by the members of STAC to communicate their frustrations with the legislature regarding the transfer of MMOF funds to the Zero Fare Transit program. This letter would emphasize that the legislature has changed or reduced transportation funding multiple times in the past without consulting STAC members, and that this trend should not continue.

STAC Action: STAC members approved the motion to write a letter to the state legislature to communicate their frustrations regarding the MMOF fund transit to Zero Fare Transit.

2050 Statewide Plan Overview - Darius Pakbaz, Director, Division of Transportation Development

- Overview of the 2050 statewide planning goals, the update to PD14 and the planning timeline as similarly presented to the Transportation Commission in May.
- The 2050 SWP and the Regional Transportation Plans are anticipated to initiate in coordination with meetings of the Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs) in July.
- Focus areas of the Statewide Transportation Plan (SWP) will be Safety, Asset Management and Transit.
- CDOT is working on updated Policy Directive 14 with the Transportation Commission and waiting for the formulas for Program Distribution to be approved by the Transportation Commission (TC).
- The goal is to have the 2050 SWP adopted by the TC in August 2025.

Program Distribution - Jeff Sudmeier, Chief Financial Officer

- STAC members requested a breakdown of CDOT funding allocations based on actual funding use. There was a desire to showcase how much funding was going to be allocated to asset management alone. There was a concern that while total funding has increased, asset management funding or traditional roadway project funding has not. Jeff Sudmeier noted that it will be much clearer once the TC approves the allocations for funding. Some funding allocation is restricted by the funding source.
- Some STAC members were concerned that EV sales projections were overly optimistic in the funding projections and that this would negatively affect CDOT revenues. Sudmeier explained that the EV registration fee is designed to be equivalent to generate revenues similar to gas tax revenues, so that EV market penetration will have little to no effect on the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) funding.

- STAC members asked if the projected state funding for MPOs would be made available in the future. Sudmeier stated that CDOT provides the formula program funding amounts, but that only assumptions can be made for non-formula program funding amounts, to meet planning needs.
- STAC members wondered whether allocation projections will be refined as the transportation plans are being developed. Sudmeier said there is room for feedback and some refinement will take place after the initial baseline projections are presented in July.
- Some STAC members were concerned that the general inflation rates shown in long range revenue projections do not represent the higher inflation level observed in construction costs and labor. General inflation is used because not all funds go to maintenance or construction.

Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) Grant Formula Update - Darius Pakbaz, Director, Division of Transportation Development

- CDOT proposed a new formula for determining the Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) grant amounts for each TPR. The goal was to more tightly define program distribution criteria.
- This new funding distribution generally provides more funding to TPRs, and will be re-evaluated annually to determine where the funds are needed most.
- Proposed formula criteria includes:
 - Distance from CDOT HQ
 - STAC Role (Chair, Vice Chair or regular member)
 - Minimum base amount for administrative duties
 - TPRs with tribal nations

STAC Action: The STAC members voted to approve the use of the proposed new RPA formula for FY25.

Multimodal Options Funds (MMOF) Distribution and Project Selection - Michael Snow

- An overview of MMOF funding and match distribution and project selection.
- TC adopted urban formula changes that reduced the vehicles, transit, jobs and school-age criteria weight in favor of adding weight to the 65+ and disabled criteria. All distribution formulas were updated to use the most recent criteria data.
- The \$10 million transfer of Local MMOF funding from MMOF to the Zero Fare Transit program under SB24-032 reduces overall MMOF funds. However, Retail Delivery Fee revenues have been higher than expected and administrative set-aside funding has been returned to the Local pools, which means that original program funding projections will not be reduced, and therefore projects previously awarded funds will still be fully funded.
- Many STAC members appreciated that the higher Retail Delivery Fee revenues and rolled funds will allow for projects to continue without impacts to previously awarded amounts, but many emphasized that the funding change would have had a large negative impact without these higher revenues.

Region 3 Project Update (Informational Update) - Mark Rogers, Planning Manager

- Mark Rogers provided an overview of key projects happening in CDOT Region 3.
- Major project updates included the status of projects along CO 133, CO 13, I-70, along with a description of a traffic safety analysis project using AI vs. crash data, and a Western Slope Prioritization project that is being implemented.

Potential STAC In-Person Meetings and their Proposed Locations, Darius Pakbaz

- A new list of in-person STAC meeting locations for future meetings was proposed for Pueblo, North Front Range, and Grand Junction.

- STAC members felt it would be better to have in-person meetings at HQ where it is fairly central to most STAC members. STAC therefore opted to keep the existing meeting schedule, which includes virtual meetings, except for twice a year when they meet in-person in May and October.
- The next STAC meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2024 at 8:30 am. The meeting will be virtual.

	<p>MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT OFFICE (CTIO)¹</p> <p>Held: Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 10:00 am</p> <p>Broadcast on YouTube Live. A recording of the CTIO meeting can be found here 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> <tr> <td>Karen Stuart, Chair (in person)</td><td>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 (in person)</td><td>Shelly Cook (in person)</td></tr> </table>	Karen Stuart, Chair (in person)	Joel Noble, Vice-Chair (in person)	Travis Easton (remote)	Eula Adams (in person)	Margaret Bowes (in person)	Shelly Cook (in person)
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Roll Call Regular Meeting	All board members, except Director Guterrez, were present. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.						
Public Comment	<p>Mr. Kurt Huffman requested public comment on the Express Lanes Safety Enforcement Program. Chair Stuart invited Mr. Huffman to deliver his public comment.</p> <p>Information provided by Mr. Huffman related to his public comment was provided to the board in hard copy.</p>						
Director's Report	<p>Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, provided the Director's Report, which included information on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central 70 Executive Partnering Meeting. • I-70 Collaborative Effort meeting. • International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) Conference participation. • Road User Charging USA Conference participation. • Introduction of the New Attorney General for CTIO - Carla Martin. 						
Legislative Update	<p>Emily Haddaway, CDOT Legislative Liaison, provided the legislative update to the board, which included details on the CDOT legislative priorities that passed and the bills that impacted the department, now that the session has ended.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members, CTIO, and CDOT staff discussed bills related to the Regional Transportation District (RTD) and transit. 						

¹ 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.

Back Office Update	Kelly Brown, Chief Toll Operations Officer, presented information related to the back office procurement and confirmed that two vendor proposals were received and are being evaluated by a CTIO evaluation team.
June Board Meeting and July Board Retreat	<p>Simon Logan, CTIO Special Projects Lead and Policy Analyst, provided an overview to the board on the proposed timing, location, and agenda items associated with meetings later this summer.</p> <p>Board members provided feedback on the timing, location, and agenda items associated with the board retreat.</p>
New Tolling Operations Staff Introductions	<p>Kelly Brown, Chief Toll Operations Officer, introduced the latest members of the CTIO team (four Toll Analysts and a new Tolling Maintenance Supervisor).</p> <p>Board members and CTIO staff discussed the staffing level at CTIO and the process of adding staff members as the need arises, based on the approved number of full-time employees (FTEs) from the Transportation Commission.</p>
Construction/ Operations/Maintenance Questions	Board members and CTIO staff discussed the installation of the I-25 North Express Lanes (Berthoud to Fort Collins) equipment and the analysis of the Express Lanes Safety Enforcement Ingress and Egress Zones.
Consent Agenda	ACTION: Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Noble and second by Director Adams, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #443, March 20th, 2024 minutes, was unanimously approved.
C-470 (I-25 to Wadsworth) and I-25 North (US 36 to State Highway 7) Toll Rate Adjustment	Kelly Brown, Chief Toll Operations Officer, presented information related to Toll Rate Adjustments on C-470 and I-25 North that reflect the inflation rate. Ms. Brown noted that the board would be asked to take action on these items during the June board meeting.
Adjourn	The CTIO Board adjourned at 11:02 a.m.