

**MEETING MINUTES of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
Hybrid Meeting  
September 18, 2024  
1:01 – 2:05 p.m.**

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Nicole Hahn, Vice Chair – Loveland  
Aaron Bustow – FHWA  
Omar Herrera – Windsor  
Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins  
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath  
Victoria McKennan – Greeley  
Tom Moore – RAQC  
Evan Pinkham – Weld County  
Shani Porter – Severance  
Eric Tracy – Larimer County

**NFRMPO STAFF:**

Becky Karasko  
Mykayla Marek  
Mark Northrop  
Jerome Rouser  
Cory Schmitt  
Paul Sizemore  
Jonathan Stockburger

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mark Oberschmidt, Chair – Evans  
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD  
Jason Elkins – Johnstown  
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud  
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken  
Town of Garden City  
Town of LaSalle

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Emma Belmont – FTA  
Candice Folkers – COLT  
Katie Guthrie – Loveland  
Phil von Hake – CDOT  
Jaime Hepner – SEH  
Lindsey Jones – STV Inc.  
Tamara Keefe – FHU  
Jacob Kershner – CDOT  
Joshua Ma – Fort Collins  
Dee McIntosh – CDOT  
Eric Patton – Fort Collins

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Hahn called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE August 21, 2024 TAC MINUTES**

Hornkohl moved to approve the August 21, 2024 TAC Minutes. Pinkham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

**Regional Air Quality Updates** –Moore gave an overview of the regional emission trends from 2010 to 2023. Moore noted Daily VOC and NOx emissions have decreased over this period while Daily VMT and oil and gas production has increased. In the past, RAQC has used 2017 as the base year and will continue

to use 2017 as the base year. Moore described the projected 2026 emissions. Moore noted the 2026 motor vehicle emissions budgets are 27 tons per day (tpd) for VOC and 21.7 tpd for NOx for the Non-Attainment Area. The motor vehicle emissions budgets for the Northern Subarea are 4 tpd for VOC and 3.4 tpd for NOx. The new motor vehicle emissions budgets will be established as part of the Serious Ozone Attainment Plan planning process. Moore stated the RAQC will be holding an indirect sources emissions reductions work group on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and invited TAC members to attend if interested.

## **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

### **Consent Agenda**

No items this month.

### **ACTION ITEM**

**September TIP Amendment** – Stockburger discussed the September 2024 TIP Amendment, which includes two new project additions, Loveland’s *Transit Center Building Reconstruction* with \$3,967,007 Federal 5339B funding, \$251,752 State LOMA funding, and \$770,000 in Local In-Kind funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, and Transfort’s *Transfort Accessibility Enhancements* with \$2,411,550 Federal 5339B funding and \$415,450 local funding in FY25.

Hornkohl moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the September TIP Amendment. Pinkham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**MMOF Call for Projects** – Northrop gave an overview of the MMOF Call for Projects Guidelines. Northrop noted the available funding for FY2025 and FY2027 has changed with \$155,759 now available for FY25 and \$1,388,297 available for FY27. Northrop outlined key dates and stated the Call will open on October 4<sup>th</sup> and close on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Northrop described the application requirements, including minimum and maximum project requests and local match requirements.

Hahn asked who will be a part of the scoring committee. Northrop noted the scoring committee will be made up of project sponsors with each community getting one vote.

Hornkohl moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the MMOF Call for Projects. Pinkham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**NFRMPO-CDOT Traffic Congestion Performance Measures Update** – Jared Kershner, CDOT, provided an overview of the National Performance Measures. Kershner stated there are three performance measure categories: PM1, Highway Safety, PM2, Infrastructure Condition, and PM3, System Performance. State DOTs and MPOs set two- and four-year targets for PM2 and PM3, and state DOTs can adjust these targets at the midway point of a performance period. Kershner stated the NFRMPO is required to establish joint targets with CDOT for the Annual Hours of Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED) and Percent of non-Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV) travel performance measures. CDOT is recommending adjusting the four-year targets for both performance measures contingent on approval from the NFRMPO Planning Council.

Hahn asked why CDOT is projecting a reduction of PHED in 2024. Kershner noted it ties back to a limited data set. The model data for PHED only goes back to 2017, and the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns affected the projected data.

Hahn asked what happens if Planning Council rejects the targets. Karasko noted since they must be data driven, there would not be a lot of wiggle room for changes. Karasko does not anticipate this to be something Planning Council would find to be contentious.

**NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List Update** – Karasko noted Planning Council agreed to hosting a workshop in January 2025 to prioritize projects on the six priority corridors. All projects that are on these corridors and are in the 2050 RTP, the Regional Travel Demand Model, and the TIP will be included in this workshop. The workshop location is dependent on the date selected. Karasko requested TAC review the list of projects prior to the workshop once the project list has been sent out.

Hahn noted there has been more multimodal projects identified since the last workshop and asked if new projects could be included for this upcoming workshop. Karasko noted new projects can be added, but they must be included in the RTP to avoid having to do additional conformity determinations.

**2025 Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Update** – Rouser gave an update on the 2025 ATP. Rouser noted the NFRMPO received 262 survey results so far from 19 zip codes. Rouser described the survey results and noted the main themes include including more barriers between bicycles, pedestrians, and automobiles, driver behavior, and safe, accessible bicycle parking. Rouser described the Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress maps and outlined what the Regional Travel Demand Model considers when creating these maps. Rouser noted NFRMPO staff will begin meeting with local communities to begin the Regional Active Transportation Corridor (RATC) visioning process.

## **OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS**

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

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

**Mobility Updates** – Schmitt noted the RideNoCo Call Center had its busiest month ever in August. There were 62 calls in August which is significantly higher than the monthly average of 20-25 calls. Via Mobility increased service in Weld County by adding a third bus on the road and including Milliken. In the last year, there has been 168 registered riders and over 2,000 one-way trips.

## **REPORTS**

**August Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft** – Written report provided.

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

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Hornkohl noted Fort Collins received a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) planning and demonstration grant for 2024 which includes a code audit update, a demonstration project on Lake Street, and a study for separated bicycle facilities on Harmony Road.

Hahn noted Loveland got planning and demonstration grant for SS4A. Loveland is anticipating finishing The Taft Avenue and US34 project by the end of the year. The project will then continue on the other side of Taft Avenue on US34.

McIntosh noted there was a virtual Strategic Highway Safety Plan Stakeholder Workshop on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. McIntosh stated there is an online comment page for the Strategic Highway Safety Plan that be found here: <https://cdot-shsp.mysocialpinpoint.com/>

### **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 2:17 p.m.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by:** Jerome Rouser, NFRMPO Staff

**The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p. m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, as a hybrid meeting.**