

Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) MINUTES

October 22, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

- Nicole Limoges, Larimer County Office on Aging
- Ari Edgely, Foothills Gateway
- Bridie Smith, COLT
- Heather Sterling, Transfort
- Melaine Royalty, Transfort
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services
- Lorye McLeod, PAFC
- Jacque Penfold, Community Member
- Stephanie Ball, FHU
- Billy Scarf, Cheyenne VA Hospital
- Eric Tracy, Larimer County
- Jacque Penfold, Citizen

NFRMPO staff: Cory Schmitt, Lisa Deaton

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: July 23, 2024, minutes approved by Penfold and seconded by Edgely.

Activity

Group Introductions

Both virtual and in-person attendees introduced themselves and their organizations.

Presentations-Larimer on the Move Transportation Master Plan

Ball Presented the Larimer on the Move Transportation Master Plan. Larimer on the Move encompasses two different projects: the update to the Transportation Plan Master Plan and the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Both plans are happening at the same time because safety is a key component of the Transportation Plan. The Safety Action Plan will provide a deeper dive into the challenges and solutions to allow for alignment in funding, implementation, and the opportunity to leverage community engagement for both plans.

Ball discussed Project Activities and Milestones for plans. It began in April and will wrap up with the plan being adopted in March 2025. Part of the assessment was to review relevant plans, including many County, Regional, and Local Municipality Plans.



Public Involvement Phase 1 was from Late June through August. This long engagement phase is an important part of the process to ensure everyone can provide feedback on what they envision transportation in Larimer County should look like. This plan focuses on unincorporated Larimer County and the types of challenges and opportunities people face. Some key themes were the desire for better transit options, expanded public options for those in suburban and rural areas, and greater accessibility and affordability. The next steps in the process are the development of Modal Plans, coordinating meetings with municipalities and other stakeholders, project development, prioritization, implementation, and funding strategies. The draft plans should be ready for review sometime in January 2025.

Scharf asked questions about Veteran transportation and if it would be free or for a fee. Ball said that is something they will be looking at. Tracy stated that the plan is not down to that level just yet, right now it's identifying the needs.

Ball asked the group how the transportation plan could support the efforts of the mobility committee. Schmitt said the guiding document for the Larimer County Mobility Committee is the Coordinated Public Transit/- Human Services Transportation Plan which will be updated in 2025. He discussed hearing the need for connections between communities and connections from rural areas into more urban areas. These needs require funding and capacity to meet those needs and anything that can be put in writing in MPO or County documents can help tell the story for CDOT and other funders when seeking projects. Ball said that part of the task is to understand the implementation and funding and a strategy for that and will be looking for potential grants and other things that the county might consider. Schmitt discussed the success of Via Mobility providing a rural transportation option and that calls in the RideNoCo call center have decreased for Weld County.

Bitzer said in the chat about needing letters of support from communities showing that transportation is needed in counties and towns. Ball asked Schmitt about the timeline of the 2025 Coordinated Plan update, and Schmitt stated the kick-off would be in January 2025 and the plan adopted by the planning council in December 2025. Ball shared her email if anyone wants more information. Ball showed a slide showing the Mobility Barriers Index Map of the North Front Range that identified LEP, populations under 18 and over 65, people with disabilities, zero-vehicle households, and single-vehicle households. She discussed the equity framework and the key components of each stage of the planning process as well as Future Traffic volumes provided by the NFRMPO.

RideNoCo Update

Schmitt talked about how RideNoCo has completed Phase 3 which is the trip scheduling component of the rollout of the one-call one-click center. He shared the call center stats and how the call center has received more calls in the first 3 quarters of 2024 than all of 2023. He highlighted that the calls from Weld County have decreased mostly because of Via Mobility Services. He said that with Phase Three complete, we can conduct the initial intake on behalf of SAINT, Raft, and 60+ Ride. Further development this quarter will allow these providers to share client information, share trips, and better coordinate trips with each other. Schmitt announced



the RideNoCo Coordination Project received the Transit Project of the Year award at the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) Conference in October. He talked about what's to come, Mobility Management and TDM and the expansion of DRCOG's My Way to Go platform into the North Front Range, expansion of TDS to additional agencies, and identifying and addressing regional transportation gaps.

Discussions Items

Deaton presented a Mobility Case Study about a 67-year-old woman who was in a car accident and her car may be totaled. She and her 16-year-old grandson are disabled, and they need rides to medical appointments. They need immediate, no-cost transportation options. Her grandson has Medicaid and will be able to get rides set up there. Her main issue is having to wait after appointments to get picked up. Scharf suggested that she call local senior centers to get rides. Schmitt said this is a good educational moment to better explain there will be some waiting involved. Scarf also mentioned that there are times when the Veterans Transportation services cannot assist with rides, and they refer them to other providers. There are times when the Veterans do not want to fill out applications for other transportation agencies or want an easier way. Smith, Schmitt, and Scarf discussed the importance of educating callers about the registration process and planning for future needs. Scarf also suggested having a provider or staff member to assist with the registration process because some do not want to or know how to use a computer.

Deaton discussed the collaboration of RideNoCo and the UCHHealth Aspen Club to provide two Transportation Fairs that were held in September. She shared how the event worked, the providers that participated, and how many people attended. Deaton encouraged participants to reach out if anyone is interested in participating in future events.

Schmitt shared the 2025 Mobility Meeting calendar and asked the group if our current meeting format and days are still good. He announced the next NCMC meeting with Boulder County at the Berthoud Town Hall on December 3, 2024.

COLT and Transfort News and Updates

Royalty shared that the MAX frequency is back to 10 minutes during peak hours (11 am-6 pm) and 20-minute frequency outside of those hours. The Horn is back to a 10-minute frequency. The MAX is expected to return to a 10-minute frequency for all hours in the next few months, likely after the first of the year. Transfort continues to remain free. Schmitt asked Royalty for more in-depth updates for future meetings regarding the Transfort Optimization Plan and the West Elizabeth Corridor. Smith talked about the opening of the Loveland Mobility Hub and how it will connect COLT and Bustang. Schmitt shared that trips originating or ending at the mobility hub are free through December 7th.



Wrap-Up + Member Updates

Limoges announced that the new Answers on Aging Guide is ready and being delivered.

Final Call for Public Updates

None

Agenda Suggestions

Schmitt asked Scharf if he would have an update to share at our January Meeting.

Limoges motioned to adjourn, and Scharf seconded

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (NCMC): December 3, 2024
- b. Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC): January 28, 2025