

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
November 20, 2024
1:02 – 2:50 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Hahn, Chair – Loveland
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath
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:

Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Jason Elkins – Johnstown
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud
Victoria Leonhardt – Greeley
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Town of Garden City
Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brendan Cicione – CDPHE-APCD
Hanna Feldman – Greeley
Heidi Pruess – Larimer County
Candice Folkers – COLT
Phil von Hake – CDOT
Gunnar Hale – Fort Collins
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Matt LeCerf – Johnstown
Joshua Ma – Fort Collins
Dee McIntosh - CDOT
Eric Patton – Fort Collins
Darius Pakbaz – CDOT
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County
Luke Seeber - Berthoud
Keith Wakefield – Loveland

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE October 16, 2024 TAC MINUTES

Koivuniemi moved to approve the October 16, 2024 TAC Minutes. Pinkham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – Moore discussed Executive Order B2019-08, the directive for the RAQC Board, and the RAQC Board retreat held on November 1, 2024. He then discussed the Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) work and control strategies implemented in Colorado over the past 15 plus years and the strategies currently under consideration from the RAQC Board, the Control Strategy Committee (CSC), and the Board Strategy Consideration Timeline. He then discussed the major milestones associated with the 70 ppb ozone attainment planning timeline.

Brendon Cicione, CDPHE, discussed updates to the Statewide Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory and upcoming hearings relevant to the non-attainment area including proposed revisions to Regulations 11 and 12 and the Procedural Rules rulemaking process.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

NAAPME Community Clean Transportation Assistance Small Grant Funding Program – Darius Pakbaz, CDOT, discussed the NAAPME Community Clean Transportation Assistance Small Grant Funding Program. He discussed the creation of NAAPME, the source and purpose of NAAPME funds, and the grant funding program. Pakbaz provided a high-level overview of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) including funding focus areas, eligible project types, and project award range. He then discussed details about eligibility criteria, evaluation criteria, and the points associated with the evaluation criteria. Pakbaz concluded with the application timeline and plans for public engagement. He noted any community within the 9-County Ozone Nonattainment Area is eligible to apply for the funds.

Karasko asked if the new CMAQ guidance would be incorporated into the program. Pakbaz said new guidance eligibility would be incorporated into the program once it is finalized.

Tracy asked if there is a GIS shapefile or KMZ file that shows the Ozone Nonattainment Area boundary. Pakbaz said CDOT will look into it.

Moore asked if the funding focus areas are CMAQ-type projects. Pakbaz said CMAQ eligible projects are generally eligible for the program. Moore also asked about direct emissions-related project eligibility. Pakbaz said CMAQ project types, including direct emissions and GHG emissions-related projects, are generally eligible for the program.

Pinkham asked how frequently this grant program will open. Pakbaz said it will likely occur every two or three years, depending upon funding availability.

Koivuniemi asked if there is a maximum award. Pakbaz stated there is no maximum award, but it is up to the NAAPME Board.

Climate Smart Future Ready – Heidi Pruess, Larimer County, discussed the Climate Smart Future Ready plan. She talked about the three interconnected focus areas associated with the 5-year plan. Pruess provided background on the plan including the County’s approach and role in developing the Plan, the strategies in the plan, and the collaboration between County staff and plan action teams. She discussed accomplishments associated with the plan including Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction and the collaboration that has occurred between County staff and action teams to address focus areas in the plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

FY2024 TIP Delay Review – Stockburger discussed TIP projects subject to the TIP Delay Procedure for FY2024. Projects awarded by the NFRMPO Planning Council are subject to the annual Delay Procedure. He went over a list of 3rd delay, 2nd delay, and 1st delay projects. Some projects, subject to the Delay Review, met the milestone deadline and are not delayed.

Karasko said 2nd delays are not normally an issue with the Planning Council; however, 3rd delays need justification and project sponsors should be present at the December Council meeting in case of questions from Council.

NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List Update – Karasko provided an update on the NFRMPO’s 10-Year Priority List. Karasko reminded TAC members that a Doodle poll was sent out for the January 2025 in-person NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List Workshop. The list of priority projects was sent out to TAC members to make sure the list was accurate and to see if their project needed to be moved to a different tier or added to the priority list. Weld County, Greeley, Fort Collins, and Berthoud representatives discussed their projects and why they requested the project be moved to a different tier or added to the project priority list.

TAC recommended Weld County’s US 85 and O St/11th Ave. & connection to WCR 66 project be kept on Tier 2 list, Greeley’s 131st Ave. and US 34 project be added to Tier 2 list, Fort Collins’ Carpenter Rd. and Timberline Rd. project be added to Tier 2 list, Berthoud’s US 287 and CR 17 project be added based on project component with roadway component added to Tier 2 list and non-motorized component added to Tier 1 list, and Berthoud’s US 287 and CR 15 project be added to Tier 3 list.

MMOF Call for Projects – Northrop provided an update on the 2024 MMOF Call for Projects process. He discussed draft project applications, the CDOT review process, the GHG analysis, final project applications, and scoring committee review. Northrop then provided details on the final applications including project categories, primary application components, location of project sponsors, and a review of funding requests. He then discussed next steps including the scoring committee review and meeting, and TAC discussion on recommended projects in December. Northrop concluded with a review of the remaining MMOF schedule.

OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative – Written report was provided.

Regional Transit Agencies – No verbal reports were provided.

Mobility Updates – Schmitt said Phase 3 of the RideNoCo implementation has been completed with the TDS project complete. He also said the NFRMPO hired a new Mobility Planner, who will start in early December. Schmitt also noted he will be leaving the MPO in early December.

REPORTS

November Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft – Written report provided.

Mobility Committee Updates – Written report provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Koivuniemi said Timnath opened Timnath Parkway north of 4th Street.

Pinkham said Weld County was awarded \$400K from FHWA for a safety action plan. Weld County is looking to create a data dashboard for the County.

Stockburger said a new TIP will be adopted in March and that an email for project submissions will be sent out at the beginning of December.

Rouser said the NFRMPO does development review related to transportation. Development review requests should be sent to planning@nfrmopo.org.

Hahn said North Taft, as part of the US 34 and Taft Hill project, will be shut down for the winter and will be back in the spring. She also said Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) efforts by member communities will be discussed at future TAC meetings.

Hornkohl said Fort Collins advertised the Siphon Pedestrian Overpass project that will connect the Mail Creek Trail into Power Trail, south of Harmony Road. Bids will occur in early December. Construction will last until Spring/Summer 2025.

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 2:50 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Mark Northrop, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p. m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, as a hybrid meeting.