



## NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

### Hybrid Meeting Agenda

**November 20, 2024**

**In Person:** Larimer County Loveland Campus, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO

**Virtual:** Call-in Number: (646) 749-3122 **Access Code:** 228-611-453 **Weblink:** <http://bit.ly/2024NFRMPO>

Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item and Item Description	Presenter	Page Number	Time
1	Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, Introductions	Nicole Hahn, Chair	-	1:00
2	Public Comment - 2 min each	-	-	-
3	Approval of October 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes	Nicole Hahn	3	1:05

### Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

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4	Regional Air Quality Updates	Tom Moore, RAQC	-	1:10

### Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda

#### *Presentations*

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5	NAAPME Community Clean Transportation Assistance Small Grant Funding Program	Darius Pakbaz, CDOT	Handout	1:15
6	Climate Smart Future Ready	Heidi Pruess, Larimer County	8	1:30

#### *Discussion Item*

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7	FY2024 TIP Delay Review	Jonathan Stockburger	Handout	1:45
8	10-Year Priority List	Becky Karasko & Project Sponsors	Handout	1:55
9	MMOF Call for Projects	Mark Northrop	14	2:10



***Outside Partner Reports***

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10	NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative	Written Report	Handout	-
11	Regional Transit Agencies	Verbal Reports	-	-
12	Mobility Updates	Verbal Report	-	-

***Reports***

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13	November Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft	Written Report	16	-
14	Mobility Committee Updates	Written Report	18	-
15	Roundtable	All	-	2:25

***Meeting Wrap Up:***

- Final Public Comment – 2 min each
- Next Month’s Agenda Topic Suggestions
- Next NFRMPO TAC Meeting: December 18, 2024

**MEETING MINUTES of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
Hybrid Meeting October 16, 2024  
1:01 – 2:31 p.m.**

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Oberschmidt, Chair – Evans  
Nicole Hahn, Vice Chair – Loveland  
Omar Herrera – Windsor  
Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins  
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath  
Victoria McKennan – Greeley  
Tom Moore – RAQC  
Evan Pinkham – Weld County  
Eric Tracy – Larimer County

**NFRMPO STAFF:**

Mark Northrop  
Jerome Rouser  
Cory Schmitt  
Paul Sizemore  
Jonathan Stockburger

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Aaron Bustow – FHWA  
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD  
Jason Elkins – Johnstown  
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud  
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken  
Shani Porter – Severance  
Town of Garden City  
Town of LaSalle

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Candice Folkers – COLT  
Phil von Hake – CDOT  
Joshua Ma – Fort Collins  
Dee McIntosh – CDOT  
Josie Thomas – CDOT  
Johnny Olson – Benesch  
Gina Fox – CDOT  
Justin Piles – Loveland  
Keith Wakefield – Loveland  
Annamarie Jazwick – CIG  
Aislinn Droski – FTA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Oberschmidt called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

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

Hornkohl moved to approve the September 18, 2024 TAC Minutes. Hahn seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**PRESENTATION**

**I-25 and Mulberry Interchange Improvements** – Johnny Olson, Benesch, and Gina Fox, CDOT, presented on the I-25 and Mulberry Street/SH14 Interchange Improvement plan. Olson introduced the project location, mentioning the project was removed from Segment 8 and that the project had past issues with funding. Benesch was selected as the design consultant for the interchange improvements. Olson mentioned the growth Mulberry Street/SH14 has experienced, low-income residents in the area, and aspects of environmental justice protection areas.

Olson talked about existing conditions the new interchange will seek to address including unconventional traffic operations, flooding concerns, aging infrastructure, traffic growth, regional population growth, and safe connections for cyclists and pedestrians. For safe pedestrian and cyclist crossings, Olson mentioned the traffic fatalities that have occurred near the Comfort Inn and American Furniture Warehouse. Olson also mentioned witnessing people running across Mulberry Street/SH14 with no crosswalk or safety infrastructure present. Fox added this project should be viewed as more of a Mulberry Street/SH14 project rather than an I-25 project, as that is where more safety and funding issues are present. Fox also mentioned local fatigue from I-25 projects. Olson mentioned the flooding of Frontage Road 14 that has occurred twice this year and said Benesch has been working on determining whether that flooding is local or floodplain flooding.

Olson discussed the 2011 North I-25 EIS Report, which recommended three general-purpose lanes and one express toll lane from Denver to Mulberry Street/SH14. The EIS also called for rebuilding the Mulberry Street/SH14 interchange as a diamond, adding a carpool lot adjacent to the interchange, creating a west frontage road undercrossing, and realigning the northeast frontage road. Olson said this is one of the solutions Benesch will evaluate, and aspects of this EIS will likely be incorporated into the final product. Oberschmidt inquired if the EIS plan can be altered. Olson responded Benesch must stay within the framework of the alternatives; however, they can optimize anything within the EIS.

Olson discussed the Interchange Type Selection Report, which evaluated various intersection types. CDOT did not make a specific recommendation from this report, stating they are open to looking at other options not included in the report. Olson also discussed the major movements at the intersection based on a 2035 traffic forecast. The highest forecasts include going straight on Mulberry Street/SH14, turning right onto Southbound I-25, and turning left onto westbound Mulberry Street/SH14.

Olson described the project goals including enhancing safety, supporting equitable transportation connections across all modes, improving projected levels of service, bridge replacement, improving riding surfaces, addressing floodplain issues, modernizing the site for electric vehicles, coordinating with stakeholders, and securing construction funds. Fox added that she would like to challenge the group to develop further project goals beyond the ones listed. Herrera inquired about wildlife safety at the intersection. Fox responded that wildlife is not a major concern at the intersection. Fox said pedestrian safety certainly is a major concern due to the multiple fatalities that have occurred, mentioning there have been three fatalities since the Request for Proposal was released. Tracy added ensuring pedestrians can safely cross the bridge from the mobile home park is vital. Olson mentioned other options to separate pedestrians and vehicles, such as a pedestrian bridge.

Olson opened the discussion to a round table. Thomas asked if there had been any discussion with CDOT if there were any plans for a mobility hub at the site. Olson said the Harmony exit will be the location of

the mobility hub. Thomas mentioned the possible need for transit connections in the area due to disadvantaged communities nearby. Olson confirmed Transfort is a major stakeholder in the project.

Olson asked the group if they see driving through the interchange as dangerous. The group unanimously agreed they did. Thomas mentioned the difficulties of getting Southbound on I-25 due to the number of semi-trucks in the right lane are often trying to pull onto the Prospect interchange. She also mentioned seeing many near-miss collisions. Thomas said the two highway exits may be too close together. Tracy stated distaste when getting off I-25 Southbound and heading westbound on Mulberry Street/SH14, citing confusing traffic patterns. Hahn mentioned the fatalities near the Maverick on the frontage road. Olson said attempts to address these problems were completed with an interchange redesign in recent years. Oberschmidt mentioned a new subdivision that will be built to the west of the project site, adding to the fact the area is likely to see heavier traffic counts soon.

Tracy asked if there were any changes on the project site from the floodplain risk assessment. Olson responded Larimer County is beginning to collect that data. Olson added the known issues with flooding in the northwest corner of the site and mentioned Larimer and Fort Collins will have to apply for the Environmental Protection Grant for the area.

Referring to the 2011 EIS Plan, Olson mentioned one of the changes he wants to make is removing two right-in right-outs to the west side of the site, citing they are too close to the intersection and would cause safety issues.

Hahn asked if there are plans to annex this site from Larimer County to Fort Collins. Tracy stated there are plans, and it will be annexed eventually.

### **AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

**Regional Air Quality Updates** – Moore provided an overview regarding ozone and air quality planning within the North Front Range. From the 2024 8-Hour Ozone Summary across Colorado, 15 sites exceeded 75 parts per billion (ppb) NAAQS, while all 17 sites exceeded 70 ppb NAAQS levels. Moore mentioned three sites in the North Front Range that started operating this year including Fossil Creek, Timnath, and LaSalle. Moore discussed the Long-Term Trend in NAA-Wide Ozone Exceedance Days. The chart included 2024 information showing there were 41 days with a ppb greater than 71 and 22 days with a ppb greater than 75. Since 1998, the trend lines for both data sets have barely changed. Moore discussed the 2025 Serious Ozone Attainment Tentative Chapter Development Plan schedule, which includes meetings on February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6 in 2025. On July 18-19, 2025, a request will be made for a Rulemaking Hearing for the Ozone Attainment Plan. On November 20-21, 2025, the Ozone Plan and remaining control strategies rulemaking hearing will be held. Moore ended by ensuring he would keep TAC updated with information from these meetings.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**MMOF Call for Projects** – Northrop provided an update on the 2024 MMOF Call for Projects process, which opened on October 4. Northrop reviewed the schedule for the Call including the project description due date and close of the Call. He then discussed the Applicant Workshop, which included an overview of the MMOF Call, applicant materials, online resources, and open discussion and questions. Northrop then provided an overview of the project descriptions received. NFRMPO Staff received 16 project descriptions from nine sponsor agencies. Project requests included fixed-route transit projects, bike and pedestrian projects, and multimodal transportation studies. Northrop discussed the draft project application, which is due to NFRMPO Staff by October 25. Items that must be included are a completed application, a project location map, an equity analysis worksheet, a detailed cost estimate per unit and by phase, project prioritization by category, and a sustainable funding plan for transit projects. If feasible, applications should include a letter of support from the mayor or town administrator or a resolution of support from the local government as part of the draft application. Thomas added these letters are not required until the final application but are preferred with the draft. Northrop then discussed the scoring process for the Call. He asked TAC members to contact NFRMPO Staff if they are interested in being on the scoring committee. Hahn inquired about how the scoring committee works with multiple people from one agency being a part of the scoring process. Northrop and Rouser responded that each agency submits one score. Hahn asked about the purpose of the town administrator’s letter of recommendation, which Northrop stated was to local agency support.

### **OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS**

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

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

**Mobility Updates** – No reports were provided.

### **REPORTS**

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

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

### **ROUNDTABLE**

Herrera noted that Windsor completed their 11th Street multimodal project.

Tracy noted progress with the Larimer County Transportation Master Plan, mentioning that their next step is doing one-on-one sit-downs with each community.

Thomas noted the Active Projects Report in the TAC packet. Thomas mentioned the importance of paying the project bills on time and encouraged members to pay attention to their FHWA end date.

Hahn noted that the Taft Avenue and US34 project is moving along. The city will now close the road on the north side of Taft and reopen the south side.

Koivuniemi noted that Timnath Parkway will likely be open within the next month.

Rouser noted that the Active Transportation Survey closed on September 27. The survey ended with 263 responses. Rouser noted that NFRMPO staff are analyzing that data, especially the open-ended responses. Rouser also noted that NFRMPO staff are in the process of RATC visioning, and Rouser is actively meeting with communities until Thanksgiving.

Oberschmidt noted that 37th Street in Evans is open to traffic, and Phase 2B of the project will begin soon. Work on the adjacent landscaping will be pushed back to next year. Oberschmidt also mentioned getting a group together to discuss digital project delivery and invited committee members to join.

### **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 2:31 p.m.**

**Meeting minutes submitted by:** Jonathan Stockburger, NFRMPO Staff

**The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p. m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, as a hybrid meeting.**

# CLIMATE SMART

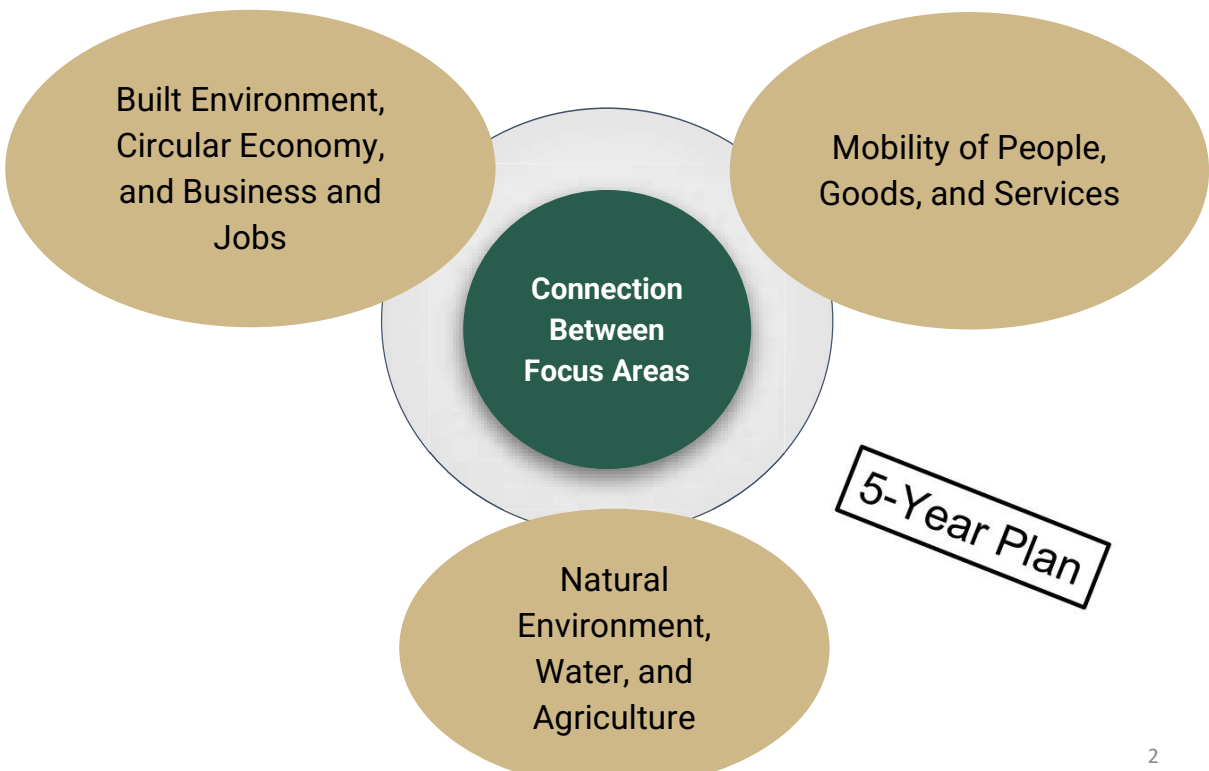
# FUTURE *Ready*

November 2024



## FOCUS AREAS

## CLIMATE SMART FUTURE *Ready*



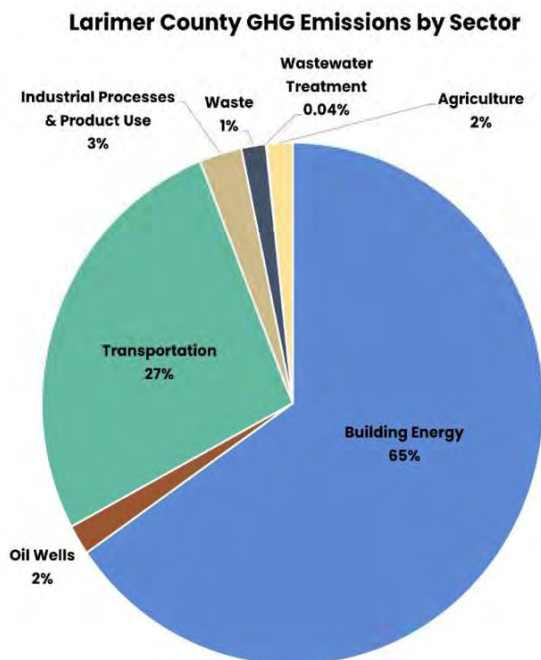


## What is the County's Approach and Role?

- Zoom out and look beyond municipal boundaries to what is happening in our County and region
- Consider sustainable (environmental, economic, and social) needs and impacts
- Discover gaps and overlaps
- Nurture and enhance partnerships
- Align priorities as much as possible
- Offer carrots rather than sticks

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## 2024 Q4 Focus : Accomplishments



*Goal = exceed 45% GHG reduction, aiming for a 60% GHG reduction, by 2030*

### *Action Champions vs Staff*

#### **Champions and Action Team Members:**

- Coordinating and Advising
- Subject Matter Expertise
- Actively Engaged and Information Sharing
- Commitment Year by Year
- Teamwork
- Countywide View

#### **Staff (County Office of Sustainability and Climate):**

- Administrative Management
- Information Collection and Coordination
- Marketing Support
- Reporting
- Grant Support
- Support the Work

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- Finalized plan in March 2024
- 17 Strategies
  - 21 Champions for 24 Actions
  - 19 Action Teams

Year one tactics have been identified by Action Teams:

- 28 tactics across 19 action teams

# Early Accomplishments



## Mobility Focus Area

Action Team	Actions Identified	Organizations Participating with Larimer County
Electric Vehicle and Electric Transportation Team	<p>Improve infrastructure and provide education and incentives for electric transportation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support implementation of EV Charging Station Plan</li> <li>• Develop community outreach plan for businesses to implement charging station projects</li> </ul>	<p>Drive Clean Colorado                      Xcel Partners in Energy                      Poudre Valley REA                      YMCA of the Rockies                      Town of Estes Park                      City of Loveland                      City of Fort Collins                      Regional Air Quality Council                      Colorado State University                      Big Thompson School District                      Poudre School District                      Monarca Group                      North Front Range MPO</p>

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# Early Accomplishments



## Mobility Focus Area

Action Team	Actions Identified	Organizations Participating with Larimer County
Bike, Pedestrian, and Non-Motorized Transportation Team	<p>Improve maintenance, connectivity, safety, and accessibility of existing and new biking and walking infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop metrics to track performance of existing regional trail system success</li> </ul>	<p>North Front Range MPO                      City of Fort Collins                      City of Loveland                      CDPHE                      Town of Windsor                      Town of Greeley                      Town of Timnath                      Colorado State University                      League Cycling Instructors</p>

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## Mobility Focus Area

Action Team	Actions Identified	Organizations Participating with Larimer County
Mobility Cross-Boundary Team	Enhance and expand regional transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage urban-urban and urban-rural communities to improve cross-boundary transportation solutions</li> <li>• Investigate gaps in rural transportation needs</li> </ul>	* Previously a subcommittee of the NFRMPO Mobility Team  <b>Seeking Champion and Members</b>

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## MEMORANDUM

**To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee**

**From: Mark Northrop**

**Date: November 20, 2024**

**Re: Discussion – MMOF Call for Projects**

### Objective

To provide an update on the 2024 MMOF Call for Projects process and discuss the upcoming scoring committee meeting which will be held the week of December 9.

### Summary

The NFRMPO has approximately \$4.5M in State MMOF funds to award for Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 through 2028. Available funding estimates per year are provided in **Attachment 1**.

At the October 2024 TAC meeting, Staff provided an update on the MMOF Call for Projects process and discussed the project applicant workshop held on October 7, 2024. At the November 2024 TAC meeting, Staff will provide an update on the MMOF Call for Projects process and discuss the upcoming scoring committee meeting which will be held the week of December 9.

The approved schedule for the Call is included in **Attachment 2**.

### Recommendation

Staff requests TAC discuss the 2024 MMOF Call for Projects process and the upcoming scoring committee meeting which will be held the week of December 9.

### Attachments

**Attachment 1:** FY2024-2028 MMOF Funding estimates

**Attachment 2:** 2024 MMOF Call for Projects Schedule

**Attachment 3:** Presentation (Handouts)



**Attachment 1: FY2024-2028 MMOF Funding estimates**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Initial Funding Estimate</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Amount Available</b>
<b>2024</b>	\$490,061	\$106,273	\$383,788
<b>2025</b>	\$1,285,759	\$1,130,000	\$155,759
<b>2026</b>	\$1,321,473	\$170,000	\$1,151,473
<b>2027</b>	\$1,388,297	N/A	\$1,388,297
<b>2028</b>	\$1,461,971	N/A	\$1,461,971
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,947,561</b>	<b>\$1,406,273</b>	<b>\$4,541,288</b>

**Attachment 2: 2024 MMOF Call for Projects Schedule**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
TAC Discussion #1 on MMOF Availability	May 15
TAC Discussion #2 on MMOF Availability	July 17
Planning Council Discussion on MMOF Availability	August 1
CDOT Webinar Training for Applicants	July-August
TAC Discussion #3 on MMOF Call Process	August 21
Planning Council Discussion on MMOF Call Process	September 5
TAC Recommendation on MMOF Call Process	September 18
Planning Council Action on MMOF Call Process	October 3
<b>Call for Projects Opens</b>	<b>October 4</b>
MMOF Applicant Workshop	October 7
<b>Project Descriptions Due</b>	<b>October 11</b>
<b>Draft Project Applications due to NFRMPO - CDOT Review</b>	<b>October 25</b>
NFRMPO GHG Emissions Reduction Results Discussion	Week of November 4
CDOT feedback on Draft Applications	~November 8
<b>Call for Projects Closes - Applications Due to NFRMPO (6 weeks open)</b>	<b>November 15</b>
<b>Scoring Meeting</b>	<b>Week of December 9</b>
TAC Discussion of Recommended Projects – Staff Presentation	December 18
Council Discussion of Recommended Projects – Applicant Presentations	January 9
TAC Recommendation on MMOF Awards	January 15
Council Action on MMOF Awards	February 6



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
November 7, 2024

[Move to Approve Meeting Minutes](#)

James **moved** to *APPROVE THE OCTOBER 3, 2024 MEETING MINUTES*. The motion was **seconded** by Karspeck and **passed** unanimously.

[AIR QUALITY AGENDA](#)

*NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates* - Wojtach gave an overview of the NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates. She mentioned the end of the Summer 2024 ozone tracking. Wojtach showed the overview of the 2024 4<sup>th</sup> max values across the NFR region and how they compare the 2023, 2022, and what was estimated from 2022-2024. She mentioned the RAQC identified potential sensitivity tests, or ways of reducing emissions, to understand how potential control strategies might affect projected ozone levels. Wojtach mentioned that RAQC held an Indirect Sources Work Group, where changes were discussed that could be made to the regulations around indirect emissions sources based on what other nonattainment areas have done. Lastly, Wojtach mentioned an Air Quality Enterprise meeting earlier that week, which called for soliciting input for ozone-benefitting projects for their 2025 funding.

[METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION \(MPO\) AGENDA](#)

**REPORTS:**

*Report of the Chair* – Chair Mallo mentioned and executive director was recently hired for the GoNoCo34 TMO.

*Executive Director Report* – Sizemore noted the policy developments in PD 14. A letter was drafted based on Council's discussion and provided to the Transportation Commission in the October meeting. Sizemore also noted that the NFRMPO is in the final rounds of hiring a mobility planner and recruitment for the controller position is expected to begin next week. Lastly, Sizemore mentioned the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies conference, where NFRMPO received the transit project of the year award with the transactional data specifications project which is a way for agencies across the region to share data.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

*Colorado Transportation Investment Office* – Piper Darlington, CTIO, discussed the role of CTIO and the passage of SB24-184. She highlighted two long-term opportunities for CTIO, including the expansion of the Mountain Rail project going from Denver to Craig and Phase 1 of the Front Range Passenger Rail. Darlington discussed two short term opportunities for CTIO, which include the Winter Park Ski Train and CTIO's work with CRISI grants, which are rail specific. Darlington ended by discussing the Safety and Toll Enforcement Program (STEP). She discussed tolling on the north I-25 corridor from Berthoud to Fort Collins is expected to begin in the Spring, which Darlington mentioned she will come back to discuss the implementation process with this group closer to the start date.

*I-25 & Mulberry Interchange Improvements* – Gina Fox, CDOT, presented on the I-25 and Mulberry Street/State Highway 14, Interchange Improvement plan. Fox discussed the existing conditions the new interchange will seek to address, and outlined the project's goals of enhancing safety, supporting equitable transportation connections across all modes, improving projected levels of service, bridge replacement, improving riding surfaces, addressing floodplain issues, modernizing the site for electric vehicles, coordinating with stakeholders, and securing construction funds.

**ACTION ITEM:**

*FHWA PM3 System Performance Updates* – Karasko discussed the FHWA PM3 System Performance Updates to adjust 4-year target changes for Non-Single Occupants Vehicle Travel (SOV) and Annual Hours of Peak hours Excessive Delay (PHED) in the Fort Collin's TMA area. This update set the NFRMPO's SOV to an adjusted target of 31.1% and the PHED to an adjusted target of 3.9.

James **moved to** approve *RESOLUTION 2024-017 TO ADJUST THE NON-SINGLE OCCUPANT VEHICLE TRAVEL AND PEAK HOURS OF EXCESSIVE DEALY (PHED) FOR THE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE: CMAQ TRAFFICE CONGESTION PERFORMANCE MEASURES*. The motion was **seconded** by Karspeck and **passed** unanimously.



DISCUSSION ITEMS:

*NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List Update* Karasko mentioned sending out a project list, which included 54 projects across three tiers of roadway, non-motorized, and transit projects. She added there are five communities that requested adding projects. Those communities will be presenting their projects at the next TAC and Planning Council meetings. James volunteered to hold the 10-Year Priority List Workshop in Weld County.

## Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) MINUTES

October 22, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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### 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 7<sup>th</sup>.



### **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