

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
December 18, 2024
1:01 – 2:54 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Hahn, Chair – Loveland
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Aislinn Droski – FTA
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath
Victoria Leonhardt – Greeley
Tom Moore – RAQC
Evan Pinkham – Weld County
Eric Tracy – Larimer County

NFRMPO STAFF:

Aaron Hull
Becky Karasko
Mykayla Marek
Mark Northrop
Jerome Rouser
Jonathan Stockburger

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brendan Cicione – CDPHE-APCD
Hanna Feldman – Greeley
Phil von Hake – CDOT
Lindsey Jones - STV Inc.
Will Keenan - FHWA
Joshua Ma – Fort Collins
Dee McIntosh - CDOT
Desiree Moore – Drive Clean Colorado
Eric Patton – Fort Collins
Justin Piles – Loveland
Elizabeth Relford – Weld County
Luke Seeber - Berthoud
Mike Silverstein – RAQC
Keith Wakefield – Loveland
Dena Wojtach – Two Roads Environmental
Steven Younkin – Greeley

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE November 20, 2024 TAC MINUTES

Pinkham moved to approve the November 20, 2024 TAC Minutes. Koivuniemi seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Council Updates – Silverstein discussed the Emission Control options for the RAQC Board to consider for Mobile Sources, specifically for Indirect Sources Reduction Programs. Indirect Sources are those activity centers that attract a larger number of vehicles into or out of their facilities due to the nature of the facility type. These include warehouses, recreation centers, distribution centers, and entertainment venues. The RAQC is undertaking an extensive stakeholder outreach process in early 2025 for the development of these options. He invited TAC members and their communities to participate in upcoming meetings and working groups.

APCD Updates – Brendon Cicione, CDPHE, discussed updates from the Climate Team at CDPHE on the GHG Inventory and assumptions behind them. The 2024 GHG Resolution was adopted at the November AQCC Meeting, which is an update to the 2020 GHG Resolution. He provided updates on hearings set in the November AQCC meeting, including a hearing to consider revisions for addressing emissions of ozone precursors.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

2025 TAC Chair and Vice Chair Election – Tracy nominated Hahn for 2025 TAC Chair. Hahn was elected via unanimous consent.

Herrera nominated Pinkham as the 2025 TAC Vice Chair. Pinkham was elected via unanimous consent.

Off-Cycle December 2024 TIP Amendment – Stockburger discussed the Off-Cycle December TIP Amendment, which includes one new project addition, CDOT Region 4's *US287: Median Safety South Berthoud*, with \$2,036,250 Federal DIS funding and \$300,000 State FASTER funding in FY25, \$239,005 Federal HSIP funding and \$356,160 State FASTER funding in FY26, and \$484,385 in Federal HSIP funding in FY27.

Koivuniemi moved to recommend Planning Council approval of the Off-Cycle TIP Amendment. Pinkham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FY2024 TIP Delay Review – Stockburger discussed the FY2024 TIP Delay Review, with 28 projects subject to the FY2024 TIP Delay Review process. He requested TAC members recommend to Planning Council approval of the seven projects delayed for the first time, nine projects delayed for the second time, and two projects delayed for a third time.

Koivuniemi moved to recommend Planning Council approval of the TIP Delay Review. Hornkohl seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

North Front Range Water Quality Planning Association (NFRWQPA) Introduction and Discussion–

Mark Thomas, NFRWQPA, discussed the NFRWQPA's purpose and role in water quality planning in the North Front Range region. He detailed the history of the NFRWQPA and the Clean Water Act of 1977,

Section 208 which lays out the guidelines for regional water quality planning associations. Thomas then discussed the water planning efforts the NFRWQPA undertakes including the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan. He reviewed the 45 member agencies of the NFRWQPA and how they predict and plan for population growth through water usage and planning. Thomas showed the Weld County and Larimer County population projections based on their Water Quality Plans. He then discussed the projected wastewater capacity for the next 20 years in relation to the projected population growth.

He requested NFRMPO and NFRWQPA communities collaborate to ensure the demographic projections being used by each agency are the same and that community members are communicating with each other.

Koivuniemi requested Timnath be moved onto the Larimer County chart. Thomas said he would investigate it. Herrera asked why the districts were based on counties and not watersheds. Thomas replied he did not know and said that would make things simpler.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2021-2025 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures – Marek discussed the 2021-2025 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance Measures, including the federal requirements. She discussed the NFRMPO's history of supporting the State's targets until 2024, when the NFRMPO adopted regional targets. She reviewed the State's targets, the NFRMPO's regional targets, and the development methodologies. She discussed CDOT's targets, which have increased in all areas, and the NFRMPO's regional targets, which have seen a decrease in fatalities and the fatality rate but an increase in other categories. She also discussed the schedule for adopting the targets, including the deadline.

Hahn inquired about the most recent year for which we have data. Marek responded with 2023 data. Karasko explained how the 5-year rolling targets are calculated, with three years of past year data and two years of estimated data.

Hahn said she prefers the NFRMPO regional targets since they reflect the region and are areas we can influence. Pinkham also voiced his preference for the regional targets.

Patton asked about the timing of the NFRMPO Safety target setting in relation to Transfort's Safety Committee, which sets performance goals for the transit agency. Specifically, he wanted to know if the committee should continue to use the regional safety target from February of the current year when setting their targets in October. Karasko confirmed Transfort's regional approach and timing is inline with the NFRMPO's Target setting timing.

NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List Update – Karasko provided an overview of the discussion before handing the item over to Wakefield with Loveland and Feldman with Greeley to discuss their requested project additions to the project lists. The additions will be considered at the January 30, 2025 Workshop.

Wakefield discussed Loveland's proposed edits to the 10-Year Priority List including moving the US34/US287 project from the Tier 2 Roadway list to Tier 1 Roadway list, moving the US34 Rocky Mountain

Avenue to Boyd Lake Avenue and Denver Ave to Boise Avenue project from the Tier 1 Roadway list to the Non-Motorized list, and adding the US287 Bridge over the Big Thompson River to the Tier 2 Roadway List.

Piles reviewed the US34/US287 project, including the safety, bike/ped safety, congestion, as well as regional plans the intersection is included in. He discussed the proposed project improvements, scope updates necessitating the move between Tiers, and an update on the funding for the project. Wakefield then discussed moving US34 Rocky Mountain Avenue to Boyd Lake Avenue and Denver Ave to Boise Avenue project from the Tier 1 Roadway list to the Non-Motorized list due to the only component of the project currently unbuilt being the sidewalks, at a cost of \$3-4M. Wakefield then discussed adding the US287 Bridge over the Big Thompson River project that Loveland is requesting to add to the Tier 2 list. He discussed the need for the project following the 2013 flood and importance of the US287 corridor to the region and criticality of the infrastructure. TAC members agreed with all of Loveland's proposed changes to the lists.

Feldman discussed Greeley's 131st/US34 and WCR17/US34 projects. She discussed the need to revise the current scope of the WCR17/US34 project currently on Tier 1 Roadway list from interim safety improvements to the full interchange project, currently on Tier 2 Roadway. She detailed the 1601 approval process from CDOT's Transportation Commission to approve any new interchange on the state system and the process Greeley recently completed for the MERGE Project Interchanges. She then provided a detailed overview of the multimodal crossing and mobility hub at 131st Avenue/US34. She discussed the proposed developments along US34 between WCR 17 and 131st and SH257 and the need to combine these two projects into one on the Tier 1 list.

TAC members agreed with Greeley's proposed scope change for the US34/WCR17 project from interim safety solutions to the permanent interchange. Following robust discussion on the need and timing of the 131st/US34 project, TAC members were hesitant to add the 131st/US34 Mobility project, even as an element of the US34/WCR 17 project to the Tier 1 Roadway list; however, they agreed it is a good project and were amenable to adding it to Tier 2.

Karasko summarized the changes to the 10-Year List discussed in the meeting and TAC concurred. She also stated that she would send the projects list out with the January Planning Council Handouts Packet.

2024 MMOF Call for Projects – Northrop provided an update on the 2024 MMOF Call for Projects Scoring Committee's funding recommendations from their December 13 meeting. He provided a brief overview of the MMOF program goals and funding amounts available in FY24-28 funds. For Category A, the Scoring Committee is recommending the US34 Transit Sidewalk Connectivity Project and Taft Hill Road Corridor Project be fully funded and the Foothills Transit Station and Roundabout project be partially funded. For Category B, the Scoring Committee is recommending fully funding the FRPR Fort Collins and Loveland Station and Weld County On-demand Transit Program projects. Northrop then provided the next steps for the Call, which includes the sponsor presentations at the January 9th Planning Council meeting.

OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative – Written report provided.

Regional Transit Agencies – No updates were provided.

Mobility Updates – Hull introduced himself to the TAC as the new Mobility Planner with the NFRMPO.

REPORTS

December Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft – Written report provided.

Mobility Committee Updates – Written report provided.

CDOT Inactives Report – Written report provided.

NFRMPO Air Quality Updates – Written report provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Pinkham provided an update on Weld County's CIP and the County's new approach to projects and funding in the CIP. The County is moving projects on WCR 54 and WCR 66 forward as a part of this new approach. The County hired a consultant for their SS4A project.

Stockburger reminded the TAC that new projects for the FY2026-2029 TIP are due by December 20.

Rouser stated due to feedback on the Regional Active Transportation Corridors (RATCs) for the upcoming Active Transportation Plan (ATP), the adoption date is being pushed back into late 2025 to allow incorporation of the feedback received.

Wakefield discussed the US287 sidewalk project and the ROW acquisition status and construction starting in summer 2025.

Herrera stated Windsor is in the process of developing their Vision Zero Roadway Safety Plan and working with their Technical Committee on Roadway Safety Audits. They hired a new Civil Engineer, who begins on January 6.

Hornkohl provided an update of the Siphon Bicycle/Pedestrian Overpass which connects the Mail Creek Trail to the Power Trail.

Koivuniemi stated Timnath kicked off construction of LCR5 and reviewing designs to complete the bypass around downtown Timnath.

Feldman stated the Greeley Mobility Development Plan, the City's transit development plan, will go to the City Council soon. She also discussed the City's SS4A Plan, which will be going to City Council in January.

Karasko stated she would be sending out the 2025 TAC Meeting Invites following the meeting.

Hahn stated their City Council voted to fund Hip Streets Revitalization near US287, which will be a downtown revitalization project and will begin in February 2025. She also stated the Taft/US34 project is in winter shutdown and will resume construction in the spring. Finally, she mentioned they will be posting a Transportation Planner position soon. Hahn also mentioned she would like to have time at future TAC meetings for TAC Members to discuss their SS4A projects with the group.

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 2:54 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Becky Karasko, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2024, as a hybrid meeting.