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## ***On the Move:* Your Quarterly Transportation News & Updates**

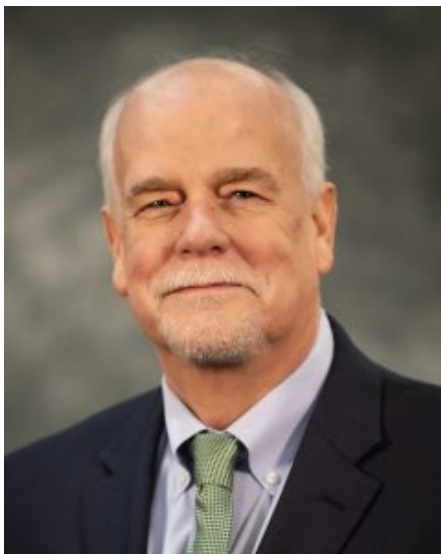
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## **NFRMPO Planning Council and TAC Elections**



**City of Loveland Mayor Pro  
Tem  
Jon Mallo  
2024 Planning Council Chair**



**City of Greeley  
Councilmember  
Johnny Olson  
2024 Planning Council Vice-  
Chair**

At their December meeting, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (NFRT&AQPC) elected new officers to serve during 2024. The Planning Council voted to elect Jon Mallo, City of Loveland Mayor Pro Tem, as Planning Council Chair and Johnny Olson, City of Greeley Councilmember, as Vice-Chair. Scott James, Weld County Commissioner, will serve as Immediate Past-Chair. The Planning Council officers make up the Executive Committee and work cooperatively to set the Planning Council's meeting agendas.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) also elected officers for 2024 at their December meeting. TAC elected Mark Oberschmidt of the City of Evans as Chair and elected Nicole Hahn of the City of Loveland as Vice Chair.

## Winter Driving Tips

Winter driving can be hazardous and frightening, especially with Colorado's sudden weather changes and heavy snowstorms. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has several resources to help anyone who is driving in Colorado be safe on the roads. Click on the photo to see the Winter Wise quick tips or visit CDOT's [Winter Travel Center](#). Keep up to date on driving conditions and road closures at [COtrip.org](#) or [sign up for travel alerts and news](#).



### Vehicle/Tire Safety

A safe vehicle, winter tires and tread depth are essential for a secure winter driving experience. If conditions require, these laws could be implemented:

**Traction Law:** All motorists are required to either have an all-wheel or four-wheel drive vehicle, or mud/snow tires (M+S icon), winter tires (mountain-snowflake icon), or tires with an all-weather rating by the manufacturer.

All tires must have a minimum of 3/16" tread depth.

**Chain Law:** Every vehicle must have chains or an approved alternative traction device.

\*From Sept. 1 to May 31, the Traction Law is active on Interstate 70 from Dotsero to Morrison.



### Travel Resources

Stay informed about the latest winter driving happenings to guide your travels.

Visit: **COtrip.org**, **winter.codot.gov** or call 511 for traffic updates, weather forecasts and additional travel resources.



### Winter Wise



### I-70 Mountain Travel

Be prepared so you can drive the I-70 Mountain Corridor like a pro. Visit **winter.codot.gov** or **GoI70.com** for traffic updates, weather forecasts, peak time deals and more.



### Winter Operations

CDOT works tirelessly throughout the winter to ensure the safest road conditions possible.

**Tandem Snowplow Law:** It is illegal for drivers to pass a snowplow operating in tandem formation with one or more snowplows. The snowplows have the right-of-way.

Visit **winter.codot.gov** for information on how you can do your part to help CDOT with snow removal, avalanche mitigation and other winter operations.



### GO I70.com

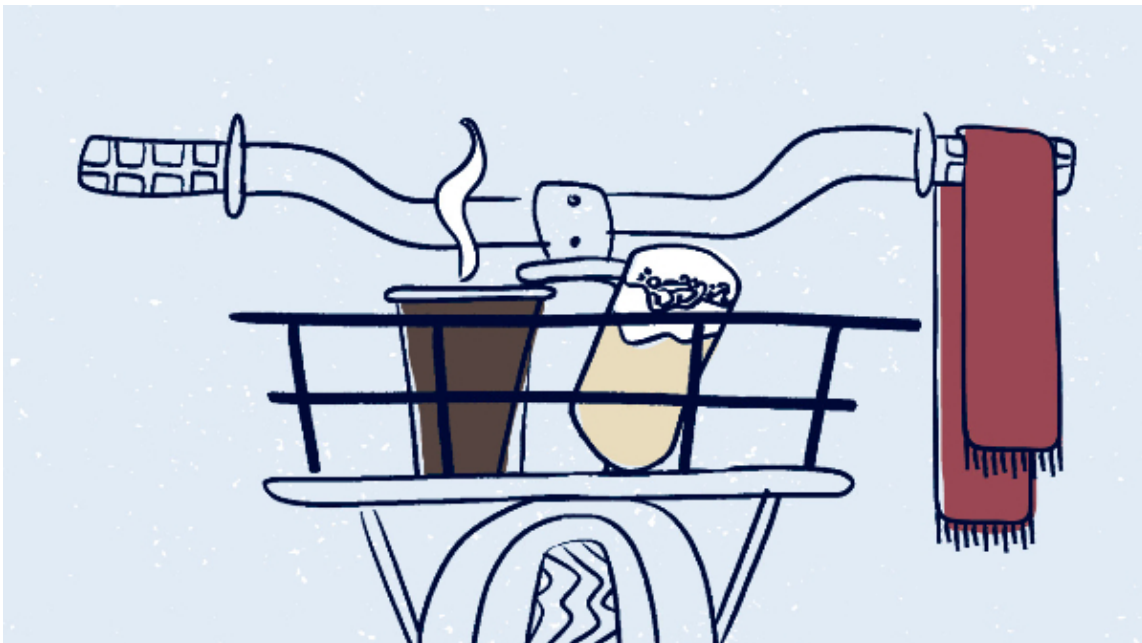


**COLORADO**  
Department of Transportation

CDOT has launched a new video series called "Winter Driving in the Wild". The series will be a humorous way to educate and remind drivers how to stay safe on Colorado roads. View the video series on [CDOT's YouTube channel](#).



# Winter Bike to Work Day



Join cyclists across the region- and around the world- for the 2024 Winter Bike to Work (or Wherever) Day on February 9, 2024! Similar to Bike to Work Day, Winter Bike to Work Day is an annual tradition to encourage bike riding in the winter. Riding your bike to work can help save money on things like gas and vehicle maintenance, improve your health and lower stress levels! If you choose to participate, be sure to dress according to the weather and have the appropriate gear. Check out the City of Fort Collins' Tips for Icy Cycling on their [Bike Winter page](#) for tips on how to safely bike during the winter months. Check out the City of Fort Collins' [Bike to Work Day page](#) for more information.

## Eaton Walk Audit

The NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative led a Walk Audit in Eaton on September 14<sup>th</sup>. More than 10 attendees walked the one-mile loop, discussing wayfinding improvements and sidewalk obstructions as they went. A few key themes were discussed:

- Lack of Wayfinding signage
- Sidewalk pavement quality
- Safe Crossing of Collins Street



The NFRMPO prepared an [ArcMap Storymap](#) to catalog the day, including photos, responses using the Bike & Ped Safety Reporter Tool, and recommendations. Groups interested in setting up walk and bike audits can reach out to [planning@nfrmpo.org](mailto:planning@nfrmpo.org) or [mobility@nfrmpo.org](mailto:mobility@nfrmpo.org).

# NFRMPO FY2024-2027 TIP Approved by State and FHWA

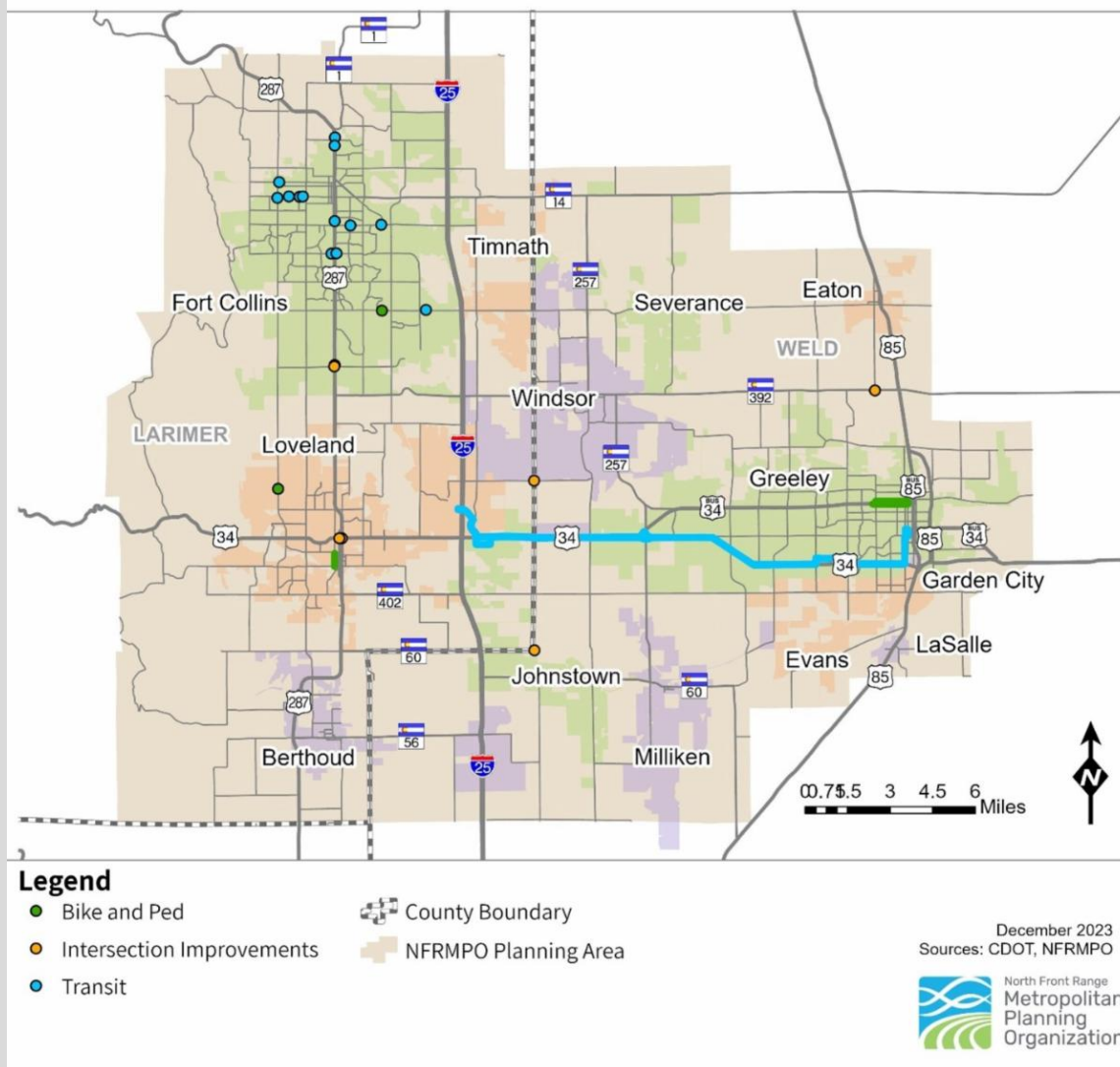


On September 7, 2023 the NFRMPO Planning Council approved the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and related conformity determination. The TIP became effective upon approval by Governor Polis and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and was incorporated into the Statewide TIP.

The TIP identifies the surface transportation projects and activities to be funded in the NFRMPO area over a four-year time period. The TIP includes roadway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements that are federally funded or regionally significant. Learn more about the TIP in the [TIP Story Map](#).

## 2023 Call for Projects





The NFRMPO 2023 Call for Projects was open between August 4 – October 6, 2023. The 2023 Call for Projects was held to award approximately \$22.4M in federal funding for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The four federal funding programs included in the call are detailed below:

- **Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)** – The STBG program provides transportation funding to highway/roadway, bridge, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The STBG program is the most flexible federal funding source.
- **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)**– CMAQ funding is used to combat congestion and [air quality](#) issues in [Ozone](#) non-attainment areas. Projects awarded CMAQ funding are required to demonstrate an emissions reduction benefit.
- **Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)** – The CRP program is the newest federal funding program available to NFRMPO member communities. Established through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in 2021, the goal of CRP funding is to reduce [greenhouse gas emissions](#) from transportation sources.
- **Transportation Alternatives (TA)** – The TA program is a set-aside within the STBG program and is available to projects which will construct or maintain on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities. TA projects within the North Front Range region are considered in collaboration with the [NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative](#), which provides recommendations for which projects should be funded.

The NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended fully

funding 11 requests, partially funding one request, and waitlisting 12 requests. The map shows the locations and types of projects funded projects. The NFRMPO Planning Council approved the projects at their meeting on January 11, 2024. New projects and funding will be incorporated into the [Transportation Improvement Program](#) through the January 2024 Amendment. More information about the 2023 Call for Projects process and the funding projects can be found at [nfrmpo.org/call-for-projects](https://nfrmpo.org/call-for-projects).

## North I-25 Express Lanes Ribbon Cutting



On December 7, 2023, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the new Centerra Mobility Hub in Loveland. Speakers at the ceremony included Governor Jared Polis, CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew, Larimer County Commissioner and NFRMPO Councilmember Kristin Stephens, and Weld County Commissioner and NFRMPO Planning Council Chair Scott James. Speakers highlighted the partnerships and collaboration which made the project possible, and the benefits of the project to those who live, work, and travel through the region. In addition to the ~20 miles of express lanes, the project also included five full intersection rebuilds, 35 reconstructed bridges, and two new mobility hubs (Centerra and Berthoud). The express lanes between Berthoud and Fort Collins opened for testing on December 15. The mobility hubs are anticipated to be open to service for Bustang in Spring 2024.



## Coming Up in 2024

Keep an eye out on the following projects the NFRMPO will be working on in 2024:

- The NFRMPO kicked off the [2025 Active Transportation Plan \(ATP\)](#) in October 2023. For more information, go to [the Project Webpage](#).
- The NFRMPO kicked off the [2025 Freight Northern Colorado \(FNC\)](#) plan in October 2023. For more





information on freight planning at the NFRMPO, check out the [Freight Planning Page](#).

- With the support of the US34 Coalition, the NFRMPO has hired Steer as the consultant to develop and initiate the first Transportation Management Organization in Northern Colorado. The US34 Transportation Management Organization will focus on building capacity for multimodal investments along US34 between Estes Park and Kersey. Keep an eye out for more information as the program develops.
- The NFRMPO is moving forward with LinkNoCo Phase II, identifying operating scenarios and capital improvements needed to make a fast, efficient, and useful transit service along the US34 Corridor between Loveland and Greeley. HDR has been hired to lead the project, which will kick off in earnest in January 2024. Get reacquainted with Phase I by visiting [nfrmpo.org/transit/linknoco](https://nfrmpo.org/transit/linknoco).

## Mobility News in Northern Colorado

### RideNoCo Dashboard - 2023 Review

From **January to December 2023**, the RideNoCo call center received:

**261 calls**

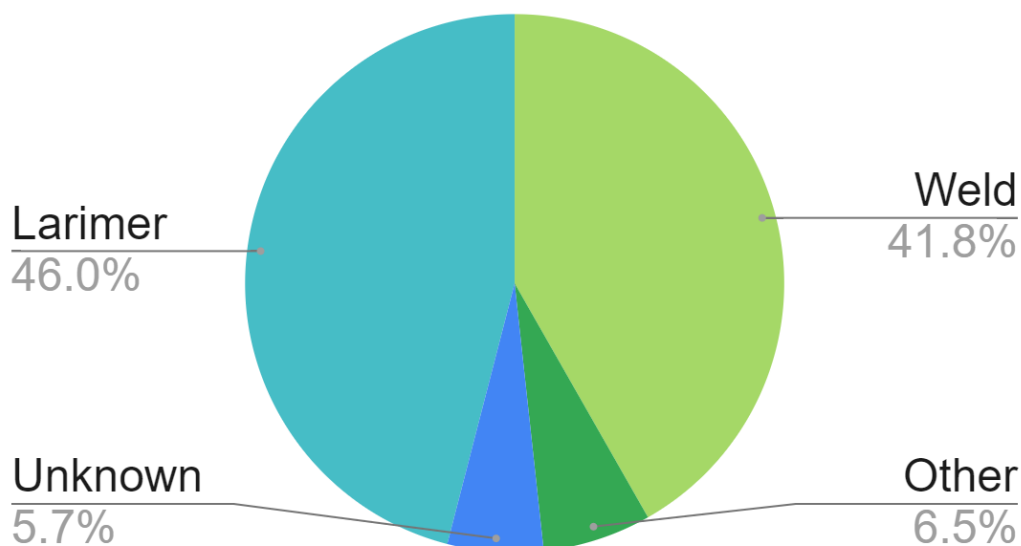
**This is a 82.5% increase in calls between 2022 & 2023**

**149** calls received were from people aged 60+

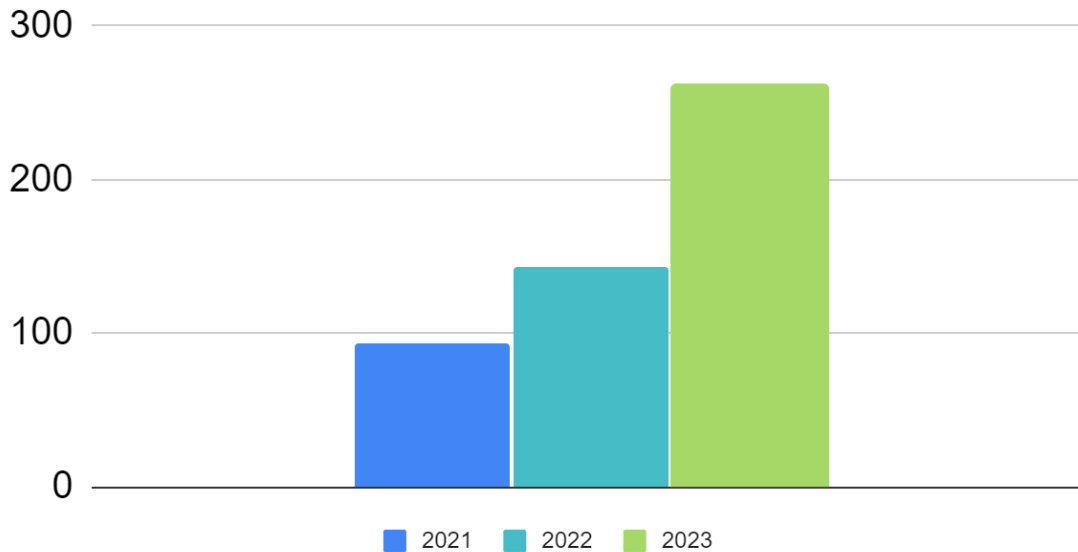
**166** callers needed help getting to Medical Appointments

**27** callers were Veterans.

### Calls By County



# Calls Per Year



## Key themes for the 4th quarter of 2023:

### What we heard:

- Difficulty of finding transportation from Larimer and Weld counties to the Denver area.
- Difficulty finding affordable ways to get from Larimer to Weld county, Loveland to Fort Collins and vice versa.
- Callers unable to schedule a ride in time given long intake periods to sign up for services
- Callers needing rides outside of providers' hours (after 4pm)
- Callers are unable to get a ride due to lack of Transportation Provider availability caused by scheduling issues, lack of drivers, and lack of vehicles

NFRMPO staff continue to work with the Larimer County and Weld County Mobility Committees to discuss these and other needs to learn more about the barriers as well as potential solutions from the providers' perspective. The barriers include services areas that are limited to single cities or single counties and lack of specialized wheelchair accessible vehicles for unique situations as mentioned above.

NFRMPO staff are also investigating which providers in the region are able to schedule rides and arrange drivers for clients that speak Spanish and other languages to ensure all members of our community have access to transportation options that meet their needs. Through their partnership with the Mobility Team, three transportation providers have been given access to **LanguageLink** live interpretation services to enhance their ability to serve non-English speakers in the community.

For more information on RideNoCo, check out their [website](#) or call the RideNoCo Call Center at (970) 514-3636.



See what's happening at the NFRMPO and join us virtually at one of our upcoming events or meetings. For a comprehensive and up to date calendar of events, visit <https://nfrmpo.org/calendar>, and to download meeting materials, visit <https://nfrmpo.org/meeting-materials>.



Many meetings are being conducted as a hybrid of virtual and in person. Please check our [Events Calendar](#) for the most up to date information.

### Upcoming Events

**January 23, 2024**

Larimer County Mobility Committee

**February 1, 2024**

Planning Council

**February 19, 2023**

President's Day Holiday

**-NFRMPO Office Closed**

**February 27, 2023**

Northern Colorado Mobility Committee

**March 26, 2024**

Weld County Mobility Committee

### Recurring Meetings

**North I-25 Coalition** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

**NFRMPO Council** meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am.

**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

**Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)** meets the third Thursday every other month (January) at 1:30 p.m.

**Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)** meets the fourth Tuesday every other month (March) at 1:30 p.m.

**Northern Colorado Mobility Committee** meets quarterly at 1:00 p.m.

**Community Advisory Committee (CAC)** meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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