



## North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council

Hybrid Meeting Agenda

April 3, 2025

**In Person:** Riverside Library & Cultural Center, 3700 Golden Street, Evans, CO 80620

**Virtual:** Call-in Number: (872) 240-3212 **Access Code:** 187-535-685

**Weblink:** <https://meet.goto.com/NFRMPO/2025nfrmcouncil>

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Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item and Item Description	Presenter	Page Number	Time
1	Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance	Johnny Olson, Chair	-	6:00
2	Public Comment - 2 min each <i>(accepted on items not on the Agenda)</i>	<i>Anyone in the audience will be given time to speak to items on the Consent Agenda. Please ask for that item to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Items pulled will be heard at the beginning of the regular agenda. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak to all other items prior to Council action being taken.</i>	-	-

### **Consent Agenda**

Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item and Item Description	Presenter	Page Number	Time
3	Approval of Minutes – Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality/MPO – March 6, 2025	Johnny Olson, Chair	9	6:05

### **Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda**

Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item and Item Description	Presenter	Page Number	Time
4	Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)	Written	Handout	-
5	NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates	Dena Wojtach, Two Roads Environmental	Handout	6: 10
6	Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)	Kristin Stephens, Vice Chair	13	-
7	Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME)	Kristin Stephens	-	-



## Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda

### Reports

Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item and Item Description	Presenter	Page Number	Time
8	Report of the Chair	Johnny Olson, Chair	-	6:25
9	Executive Director Report	Paul Sizemore, Executive Director	-	6:30
10	Finance Committee	Written	18	-
11	Legislative Updates Report	Written	Handout	-
12	TAC	Written	19	-
13	Mobility	Written	Handout	-

### Action Item

Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item and Item Description	Presenter	Page Number	Time
14	March 2025 TIP Amendment <i>Resolution 2025-11</i>	Jonathan Stockburger, Transportation Planner I	20	6:45

### Discussion Items

Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item and Item Description	Presenter	Page Number	Time
15	2025 NFRMPO Title VI Plan Update	Becky Karasko, Transportation Planning Director	24	6:50
16	FY2026-2027 UPWP Tasks	Becky Karasko	25	7:00
17	FY2026-2027 UPWP FY2026 Budget	Paul Sizemore	26	7:15

### Council Reports

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18	Transportation Commission	Cecil Gutierrez, Transportation Commissioner	-	7:30
19	STAC Report	Written Report	31	-
20	Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)	Written Report	33	-
21	I-25 Coalition	Scott James, Weld County Commissioner	-	-
22	Front Range Passenger Rail District	Tricia Canonico, City of Fort Collins Councilmember Jon Mallo, Past Chair	-	-



23	Host Council Member Report	Mark Clark, Mayor, City of Evans	-	7:45

**Meeting Wrap Up:**

- Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
- Next NFRMPO Council Meeting: May 1, 2025 – Hosted by the Town of Milliken



## MPO Planning Council

### *City of Greeley and Greeley Evans Transit (GET)*

**Johnny Olson, Councilmember –Chair**

Alternate- Brett Payton, Mayor Pro Tem

### *Larimer County*

**Kristin Stephens, Commissioner – Vice Chair**

Alternate- Jody Shadduck-McNally, Commissioner

### *City of Loveland*

**Jon Mallo, Mayor Pro Tem – Past Chair**

### *Town of Berthoud*

**William Karspeck, Mayor**

Alternate- Mike Grace, Mayor Pro Tem

### *Town of Eaton*

**Liz Heid, Mayor Pro Tem**

Alternate- Glenn Ledall, Trustee

### *City of Evans*

**Mark Clark, Mayor**

### *City of Fort Collins*

**Tricia Canonico, Councilmember**

Alternate- Melanie Potyondy, Councilmember

### *Town of Garden City*

**Fil Archuleta, Mayor**

### *Town of Johnstown*

**Andrew Paranto, Councilmember**

### *Town of LaSalle*

**Paula Cochran, Trustee**

### *Town of Milliken*

**Dan Dean, Trustee**

Alternate- Elizabeth Austin, Mayor

### *Town of Severance*

**Matt Fries, Mayor**

Alternate- TBD

### *Town of Timnath*

**Bill Jenkins, Councilmember**

### *Town of Windsor*

**Julie Cline, Mayor**

Alternate- Ron Steinbach, Mayor Pro Tem

### *Weld County*

**Scott James, Commissioner**

Alternate- Perry Buck, Commissioner

### *CDPHE- Air Pollution Control Division*

**Jessica Ferko, Manager, Planning & Policy Program**

### *Colorado Transportation Commission*

**Cecil Gutierrez, Commissioner**

Alternate- Heather Paddock, Region 4 Director



## **MPO MEETING PROCEDURAL INFORMATION**

1. The order of the agenda will be maintained unless changed by the MPO Planning Council Chair (MPO Chair).
2. "Public Comment" is a time for citizens to address the Planning Council on matters that are not specifically on the agenda. Each citizen shall be limited to a total of two (2) minutes time for public comment, or at the discretion of the MPO Chair.
3. Before addressing the Planning Council, each individual must be recognized by the MPO Chair, come and stand before the Council and state their name and address for the record. (All proceedings are taped.)
4. For each Action item on the agenda, the order of business is as follows:
  - MPO Chair introduces the item; asks if formal presentation will be made by staff
  - Staff presentation (optional)
  - MPO Chair requests citizen comment on the item (two minute limit for each citizen)
  - Planning Council questions of staff on the item
  - Planning Council motion on the item
  - Planning Council discussion
  - Final Planning Council comments
  - Planning Council vote on the item
5. Public input on agenda items should be kept as brief as possible, and each citizen shall be limited to two (2) minutes time on each agenda item, subject to time constraints and the discretion of the MPO Chair.
6. During any discussion or presentation, no person may disturb the assembly by interrupting or by any action such as applause or comments. Any side conversations should be moved outside the meeting room. Courtesy shall be given to all speakers.
7. All remarks during the meeting should be germane to the immediate subject.

## GLOSSARY

5303 & 5304	FTA program funding for multimodal transportation planning (jointly administered with FHWA) in metropolitan areas and States
5307	FTA program funding for public transportation in Urbanized Areas (i.e. with populations >50,000)
5309	FTA program funding for capital investments
5310	FTA program funding for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities
5311	FTA program funding for rural and small Urban Areas (Non-Urbanized Areas)
5326	<b>FTA program funding to define “state of good repair” and set standards</b> for measuring the condition of capital assets
5337	FTA program funding to maintain public transportation in a state of good repair
5339	FTA program funding for buses and bus facilities
3C	Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative
7th Pot	<b>CDOT’s Strategic Investment Program and projects</b> —originally using S.B. 97-01 funds
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials
ACP	Access Control Plan
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
ADT	Average Daily Traffic (also see AWD)
AIS	Agenda Item Summary
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
APCD	Air Pollution Control Division (of Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment)
AQCC	Air Quality Control Commission (of Colorado)
ATP	Active Transportation Plan
AWD	Average Weekday Traffic (also see ADT)
BUILD	Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (the competitive federal grant program that replaced TIGER)
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (federal)
CBE	Colorado Bridge Enterprise funds
CDOT	Colorado Department of Transportation
CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (an FHWA funding program)
CMP	Congestion Management Process
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
CO	Carbon Monoxide
COLT	City of Loveland Transit
CPG	Consolidated Planning Grant (combination of FHWA PL & FTA 5303 planning funds)
CFY	Calendar Fiscal Year
DOT	(United States) Department of Transportation
DRCOG	Denver Regional Council of Governments
DTD	CDOT Division of Transportation Development
DTR	CDOT Division of Transit & Rail
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EJ	Environmental Justice
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency

GLOSSARY (cont'd)

FAST ACT	<b>Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (federal legislation, signed December 2015)</b>
FASTER	Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery ( <b>Colorado's S.B. 09-108</b> )
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FNC	Freight Northern Colorado Plan
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal Year (October to September for federal funds; July to June for state funds; January to December for local funds)
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year
GET	Greeley-Evans Transit
GOPMT	Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
HPTE	High-Performance Transportation Enterprise (Colorado)
HTF	Highway Trust Fund (the primary federal funding source for surface transportation)
HUTF	<b>Highway Users Tax Fund (the State's primary funding source for highways)</b>
INFRA	Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (a competitive federal grant program for freight improvements)
I&M or I/M	Inspection and Maintenance program (checking emissions of pollutants from vehicles)
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
LCMC	Larimer County Mobility Committee
LRP or LRTP	Long Range Plan or Long Range Transportation Plan
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (2012 federal transportation legislation)
MAPG	Mobility and Access Priority Group, formerly known as the Senior Transportation Coalition (STC)
MMOF	Multimodal Options Fund (state funds allocated to MPOs and TPRs in SB18-001)
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MVEB	Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget
NAA	Non-Attainment Area (for certain air pollutants)
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NARC	National Association of Regional Councils
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFRT & AQPC	North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (also NFRMPO)
NFRMPO	North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (also NFRT & AQPC)
NHS	National Highway System
NMP	Non-Motorized Plan
NoCo	Northern Colorado Bicycle and Pedestrian Collaborative
NOx	Nitrogen Oxides
OBD	<b>On-Board Diagnostics (of a vehicle's engine efficiency and exhaust)</b>
O <sub>3</sub>	Ozone

GLOSSARY (cont'd)

PL	Federal Planning (funds)
PIP	Public Involvement Plan
POP	Program of Projects
PPP (also P3)	Public Private Partnership
R4 or R-4	Region 4 of the Colorado Department of Transportation
RAQC	Regional Air Quality Council
RNMC	Regional Non-Motorized Corridor
RPP	Regional Priority Program (a funding program of the Colorado Transportation Commission)
RSC	Regionally Significant Corridor
RTC	Regional Transit Corridor
RTD	Regional Transportation District in the Denver Region or Regional Transportation Director for CDOT Regions
RTE	Regional Transit Element
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
SH	State Highway
SIP	State Implementation Plan (air quality)
SOV	Single Occupant Vehicle
SPR	State Planning and Research (federal funds)
SRTS ( <i>see TA</i> )	Safe Routes to School (a pre-MAP-21 FHWA funding program)
STAC	Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
STBG ( <i>previously STP-Metro</i> )	Surface Transportation Block Grant (a FAST Act FHWA funding program)
SWC&FRPRC	Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee (of the NFRMPO)
TA ( <i>previously TAP</i> )	Transportation Alternatives program (an FHWA funding program)
TAZ	Transportation Analysis Zone (used in travel demand forecasting)
TC	Transportation Commission of Colorado
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
TIGER	Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (a competitive federal grant program from 2009-2017 replaced by BUILD)
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
Title VI	U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting discrimination in connection with programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance
TMA	Transportation Management Area (federally-designated place >200,000 population)
TOD	Transit Oriented Development
TPR	Transportation Planning Region (state-designated)
TRAC	Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (for CDOT)
UFR	Upper Front Range TPR
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
WCMC	Weld County Mobility Committee



## Meeting Minutes of the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council

### March 6, 2025 Hybrid Meeting in Larimer County, CO

#### Voting Members Present:

Johnny Olson- Chair  
Kristen Stephens – Vice Chair  
Jon Mallo – Past Chair  
Tricia Canonico  
Mark Clark  
Dan Dean  
Julie Cline  
Paula Cochran  
Cecil Gutierrez  
  
Liz Heid  
Bill Jenkins  
Will Karspeck

-Greeley  
-Larimer County  
-Loveland  
-Fort Collins  
-Evans  
-Milliken  
-Windsor  
-LaSalle  
-Transportation  
Commission  
-Eaton  
-Timnath  
-Berthoud

#### Voting Members Absent:

Fil Archuleta  
Jessica Ferko  
Matthew Fries  
Scott James  
Andrew Paranto

-Garden City  
-APCD  
-Severance  
-Weld County  
-Johnstown

**MPO Staff:** **Paul Sizemore**, Executive Director; **Becky Karasko**, Transportation Planning Director; **Jerome Rouser**, Transportation Planner II; **Mykayla Marek**, Transportation Planner I; **Aaron Hull**, Mobility Planner.

**In Attendance:** Dan Betts; Brad Buckman; Rich Christy; Jim Eussen; Gina Fox; Nicole Hahn; Omar Herrera; Will Jones; Katrina Klobberdanz; Kim Koivuniemi; Pamela Massaro; Dee McIntosh; Beks Michaelson; Victoria Leonhardt; Mark Peterson; Evan Pinkham; Justin Stone; Josie Thomas; Eric Tracy; Keith Wakefield.

Chair Olson called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Heid **moved to** *APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RESOLUTION 2025-09*. The motion was **seconded** by Canonico and **passed** unanimously.

#### Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

Chair Olson opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

#### REPORTS:

### *Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)*

A written report was provided.

### *NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates*

Wojtach highlighted several items in the report provided in the packet and focused on two main topics, the CMAQ funding and the potential for it go away; however, at the February RAQC meeting Darius Pakbaz, CDOT, assured members that the funding was secure. She also discussed the upcoming SIP the RAQC is developing and the slate of emissions reduction strategies options they have developed for consideration for inclusion in the SIP. She then walked through the RAQC's recent Concept Paper on Mobile Source Emissions Budgets, which is scheduled for discussion at the RAQC Board in May.

Commissioner Stephens requested feedback for her to take to the RAQC Board meetings as the NFRMPO RAQC Member and whether MPO staff thinks this is achievable or not.

### *Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)*

Stephens discussed the on-going RAQC Board review of the draft SIP chapters and the upcoming release of SIP modeling results for discussion at the March Control Strategy Committee meeting.

### *Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME)*

Stephens noted NAAPME met on February 27 and approved the enterprise's budget, which included an increase to the delivery fee being tied to inflation. She mentioned 15 funding requests for the Clean Transportation Call currently open, with \$17M available.

## Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair Olson opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

### REPORTS:

#### *Report of the Chair*

Chair Olson discussed the FY2026 CDOT Budget, which was presented at the March STAC meeting. He also mentioned the changes in FHWA Colorado Division staffing.

#### *Executive Director Report*

Sizemore discussed the recent Intermountain West MPO letter submitted to the new EPA Administrator, Lee Zeldin, regarding the issue with background ozone in the Western US. He also provided additional information on the current state of federal funding specifically as it relates to MPOs. Sizemore also discussed the new MPO Controller, who will begin on March 24.

#### *Legislative Updates Report*

A written report was provided.

#### *TAC*

A written report was provided.

### *Mobility*

A written report was provided.

#### ACTION ITEM:

*Front Range Passenger Rail District Board NFRMPO Representation* – Olson opened the discussion on the representation for the NFRMPO as one of two Directors for the MPO. Karspeck discussed his tenure on the Board of Directors and recommended Jon Mallo to take his place. Mallo accepted the nomination and thanked Karspeck for his service on the Board.

Karspeck **moved to** approve *RESOLUTION 2025-10 APPROVING NFRMPO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS removing Councilmember Karspeck representing the Town of Berthoud and replacing with Councilmember Jon Mallo with the City of Loveland*. The motion was **seconded** by Gutierrez and **passed** unanimously.

#### DISCUSSION ITEM:

*NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List* – Karasko discussed the outcome of the February TAC Discussion of the 10-Year Priority List compiled following the results of the January 30<sup>th</sup> Joint TAC-Council Workshop. Following discussion of the projects in the list and the new CDOT Region 4 timeline, the Planning Council requested TAC review the Tier 1 projects and provided a prioritized list for Council review at their next meeting.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS:

*Transportation Commission* – Commissioner Gutierrez discussed the outcomes of the February Transportation Commission meeting as well as the changes to the budgets across all departments within the State. He then discussed items from CTIO meeting and recent reports submitted on March 1<sup>st</sup>, including CTIO Multimodal Strategic Capital Plan and the Federal Funding Analysis Report. Both reports are available to review online.

*STAC Report* – A written report was provided.

*Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)* – A written report was provided.

*I-25 Coalition* – Sizemore noted there were updates on I-25 projects and a presentation from the Town of Timnath on the I-25/Harmony Road interchange. The April meeting will be an in-person meeting to discuss the future of the Coalition. Gutierrez mentioned the presentation from Region 1 on Segment 3b and a portion of Segment 2 and the mobility hubs along those sections.

*Front Range Passenger Rail District* – Canonico discussed the February Front Range Passenger Rail District meeting and the Board's review of the Service Development Plan and discussed the lowest cost starter service from Denver to Fort Collins, adding three more stations to the route, with the Town of Berthoud being the only community on the corridor without a stop/station. This starter service would

include 3-roundtrips a day, with 200 seats on each train trains. This would also involve implementing Positive Train Control (PTC) along the corridor and a total cost of \$885M.

*Host Council Member Report* – Stephens discussed transportation projects in the County, including the RAISE/BUILD funding for the Country Club Road corridor, currently on hold due to the agreement not being completed prior to January. The County received MMOF funding from the NFRMPO for the Taft Hil project, in conjunction with the City of Fort Collins. ROW plans for Poudre Trail project have been approved by CDOT and negotiations with property owners will begin soon. The County is working on a punch list for the US34 and Glade Road closeout. Additionally, US287 and 57<sup>th</sup> Street project should be out for bid soon and construction should start at the end of May.

**MEETING WRAP-UP:**

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions –

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Becky Karasko, NFRMPO Staff



# UPDATE FOR NFRMPO TAC: OZONE PLANNING UPDATES & CHAPTERS

**NFRMPO TAC Meeting**

**March 19, 2025**



## 2025 SERIOUS OZONE ATTAINMENT PLAN (2015 NAAQS): CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

RAQC Board Meeting	Chapters for Review & Endorsement
February 7*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter 7: Reasonably Available Control Measures</li> <li>Chapter 9: New Source Review</li> <li>Chapter 12: Clean Fuel Fleet</li> </ul>
March 7*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter 1: Background/overview</li> <li>Chapter 2: Monitor info</li> <li>Chapter 6: Reasonably Available Control Technology</li> </ul>
April 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter 3: 2017 Base &amp; 2023 milestone year inventories</li> <li>Chapter 8: Motor vehicle inspection and maintenance</li> </ul>
May 2*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter 4: 2026 Attainment year inventory &amp; reasonable further progress</li> <li>Chapter 11: Motor vehicle emission budgets</li> </ul>
June 6*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Summary</li> <li>Chapter 5: Attainment demonstration and weight of evidence</li> <li>Chapter 10: Contingency measures</li> </ul>

\* Milestone update on slate of new control strategies under development, for Board endorsement as needed by June  
All chapters are developed in collaboration with the Air Pollution Control Division



# BOARD & STAKEHOLDER REVIEW OF STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN CHAPTERS

- Chapters will be posted online and shared via email with the Board about a week prior to each Board meeting [2026 Serious State Implementation Plan Draft Chapters](#)
- RAQC, in coordination with APCD, will introduce each chapter briefly at CSC and Board meetings and answer questions
  - Where chapters are especially relevant to control strategy and attainment discussions, RAQC will provide additional overview of updates and chapter contents
- RAQC staff will share a summary of comments received at Board meetings as relevant
  - Any substantive comments or requests for detailed discussion will be addressed at an upcoming Control Strategy Committee meeting
- RAQC will share updated chapters as needed ahead of Board members approving the SIP as a whole at the June Board meeting
  - Updates/edits may include addressing comments and ensuring accuracy regarding evolving policies and programs

RAQC Ozone Planning Update for NFRMPO TAC – March 19, 2025



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# FEBRUARY – APRIL 2025 DRAFT SIP CHAPTER REVIEW PROCESS

- **February's draft chapters:**
  - Oral feedback provided at February meeting. No written Board member comments received.
  - Written comments from members of the public will be considered in preparing final versions of chapters 7, 9, and 12 for Board consideration in June.
- **March 28<sup>th</sup>:** Deadline for initial questions or comments on drafts of Chapters 1, 2, and 6
  - All are welcome to review the chapters and provide written comments or questions via email to [emissioncontrols@raqc.org](mailto:emissioncontrols@raqc.org)
- **Draft chapters for April Board meeting:** Review deadline will be April 25<sup>th</sup>

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# CHAPTER 3: 2017 BASE & 2023 MILESTONE YEAR INVENTORIES

- The Clean Air Act (CAA) requires nonattainment areas to develop and submit comprehensive, accurate, and current emissions inventories of all sources operating within a nonattainment area (NAA).
- Provides a history of NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC emissions inventories developed for the NAA
- The 2017 base year inventory establishes the baseline from which Reasonable Further Progress must be calculated
- A 2023 inventory is included as a milestone year, prior to the 2026 attainment deadline
- Discusses data sources and an overview of the inventory development process for each sector



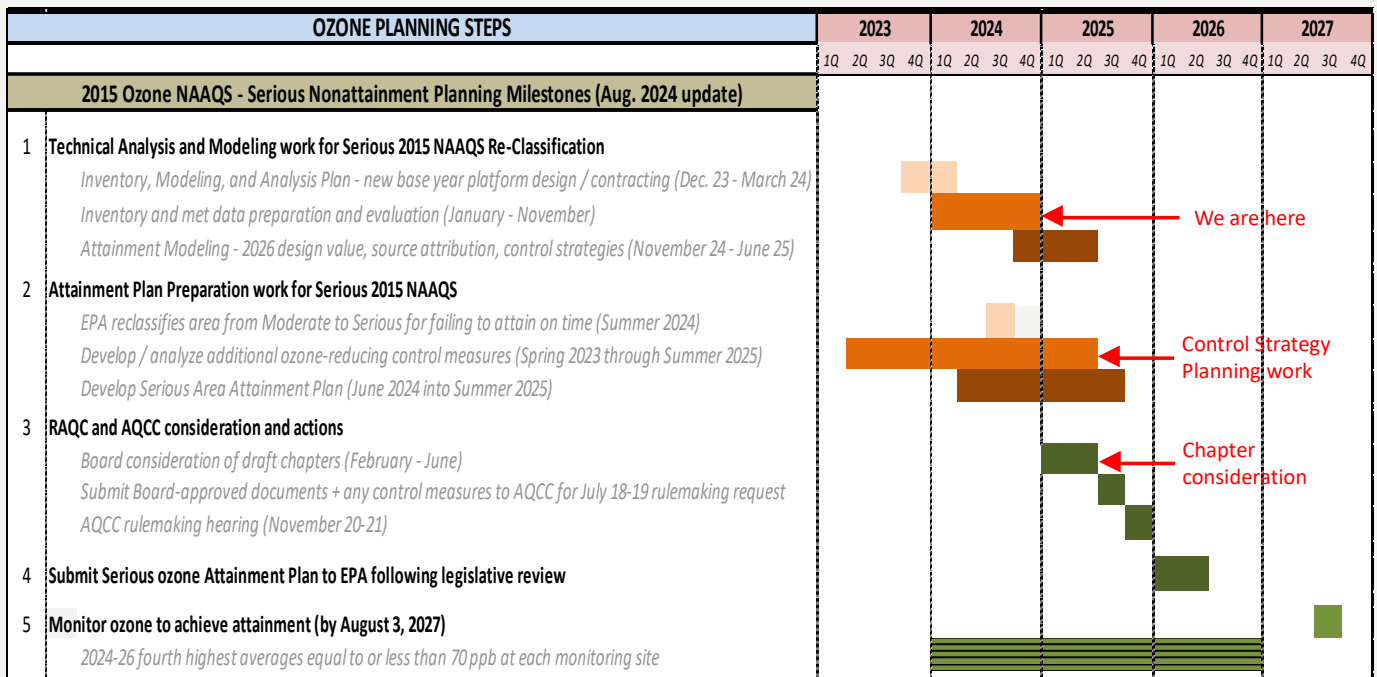
# CHAPTER 8: MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE (I/M) PROGRAM

- An enhanced I/M program is required for the Denver Metro/North Front Range (DM/NFR) under the CAA to reduce automotive emissions that contribute to the area's ozone air quality issues
- Describes the history of the DM/NFR I/M program, including:
  - program modifications over time to make use of additional technologies and tools for I/M and to employ more stringent emissions standards
  - Boundaries of the enhanced I/M program, beginning with the Denver metro area and expansion to include north central Colorado in 2010
- Demonstrates that the DM/NFR region's I/M program meets the enhanced I/M requirement through a performance standard modeling equivalency demonstration



# AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS WORK UPDATE

## Serious 70 ppb Ozone Attainment Planning Timeline: Major Milestones



Register for April 2<sup>nd</sup>: [Spring 2025 Ozone Attainment Forum](#)





# UPCOMING CONTROL STRATEGY PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

## UPDATED CONTROL STRATEGY DEEP DIVE, SLATE PREPARATION, AND MODELING RESULTS SCHEDULE

Month	Board Topic(s)	CSC Topic(s)	Meeting Dates	Slate Update?
January	Venting & Blowdowns ✓	Attainment planning ✓	Board – Jan. 3 CSC – Jan. 15	No
February	Landscape Maintenance ✓	Consumer Products ✓	Board – Feb. 7 CSC – Feb. 19	Yes
March	Consumer Products ✓	Zero Emission Forklifts; Mobile Source Emission Targets	Board – Mar. 7 CSC – Mar. 19	Yes – Board only
April	Zero Emission Forklifts; Mobile Source Emission Targets; Initial 2026 Ozone design values; Next steps on modeling & control strategies	Indirect Sources	Board – Apr. 4 CSC – Apr. 16	No
May	Indirect Sources; draft slate options review & discussion	Slate options review & discussion prior to Board decision	Board – May 2 CSC – May 21	Yes
June	Slate options review & endorsement	Board meeting recap & next steps on control strategies	Board – Jun. 6 CSC – Jun. 18	Yes

- ❖ Revisit previously discussed strategies with new info/updates and/or discuss other potential strategies as needed
- ❖ Overviews at: <https://raqc.org/control-strategy-concept-overviews/>
- ❖ Sign up for all meetings at <https://raqc.org/meetings>

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Meeting Minutes of the  
Finance Committee of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council

March 20, 2025  
3:00 p.m.  
Microsoft Teams

<b>Members</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Kristin Stephens	Paul Sizemore
Bill Jenkins	Becky Karasko
Jon Mallo	Michelle Edgerly, Go Figure
Matthew Fries	Barbara Bills
	Suzette Mallette, Compass Consulting

The meeting was called to order by Fries at 3:03 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mallo made the motion to approve the December 19, 2024, meeting minutes, and Jenkins seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

**Draft FY2026 Budget Discussion:**

First, Sizemore discussed the draft FY2026 VanGo budget, totaling \$970,369, highlighting the benefits of the Fort Collins Exchange Funds, the purchase of 10 vans, and the possible timing of delivery since supply chain issues seem to be resolved. Sizemore also discussed a change in insurance policy that would result in an increase in the line item for deductibles.

Next, he explained the three program areas of the MPO budget: Planning, Mobility, and Administration. The total budget is \$2,426,777. He went into detail concerning CDOT's use of toll credits replacing the CPG portion of the local match in 2025 and 2026. He also announced the hiring of a new Mobility Director.

Finally, he requested support for the use of the 2022 STBG funds in 2025 in place of MMOF funds for Mobility activities and he asked for their recommendation on the use of and amount requested for SPR funds. The committee indicated support for using the STBG funds to preserve MMOF for 2026, and they suggested the MPO request SPR funds to cover as much of the 2026 STBG usage as possible.

The final budget will go to the Finance Committee in April and to Council in May for adoption.

**Other Items:**

Mallo asked if the freeze on Federal funds was going to be a problem. Sizemore referenced a memo from the AMPO explaining that contracts that were already executed should/would be paid and newer grant request would undergo additional review.

Sizemore indicated that the new Controller, Tonja Burshek, was beginning the following week.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council  
March 19, 2025**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**March 2025 TIP Amendment** – Stockburger presented the March 2025 TIP Amendment, which includes four additional projects and three revisions. Additional projects include Greeley’s *10<sup>th</sup> Street Transit Vision* project, the *Greeley Active Modes Plan* project, Loveland’s *US34 Transit Sidewalk Connectivity* project, and the *Weld County On-Demand Transit Program* project. Projects being revised include Greeley’s *US34 and 35<sup>th</sup> Ave Interchange* project, Greeley’s *US34 and 47<sup>th</sup> Ave Interchange* project, and the Fort Collins *Foothills Transit Station & Roundabout* project. Hornkohl moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the March 2025 TIP Amendment. Koivuniemi seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Harmony Road/N I-25 Interchange Project** – Martina Wilkinson, Next Phase Engineering, discussed the interchange project at Harmony Road/WCR 74 and I-25 that Timnath and Fort Collins are working on together. Wilkinson described the 1-mile stretch of Harmony Road that the project is focused on as well as the current and future average annual daily traffic (AADT), Level of Service (LOS), the number of crashes, Level of Safety Service (LOSS), and delays in emergency response time within the project area.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**NFRMPO Safety Dashboard** – Marek presented a draft version of the NFRMPO Safety Dashboard, which includes serious injury and fatal crashes from 2019 to 2023 in the NFRMPO region. Marek explained the features of the dashboard and gave a demonstration on how to use it. Marek discussed with TAC what features or revisions they would like to see for the dashboard and how to get current crash data into the dashboard from NFRMPO member communities. Marek informed TAC members the dashboard can be viewed until 5:00PM on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and requested any additional feedback through email.

**FY2026-2027 UPWP Tasks** – Karasko stated that the NFRMPO has been working to develop tasks for the FY2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Karasko described the tasks that have been removed from the updated UPWP due to being complete. Karasko requested TAC members to review the FY2026-2027 UPWP Tasks and provide comments by Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> by 5:00PM.

**NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List Update** – Karasko discussed the scoring criteria for the 10-Year Priority List. Karasko explained the current criteria were developed in 2020 and includes categories for Safety, Mobility, Economic Vitality, Asset Management, Strategic Nature, Regional Priority, and Project Readiness. TAC members discussed the changes they would like to see regarding the scoring criteria, the data that could be used to score projects, and if the region should prioritize specific projects versus corridors.

## MEMORANDUM

**To: NFRMPO Planning Council**  
**From: Jonathan Stockburger**  
**Date: April 3, 2025**  
**Re: Action – March 2025 TIP Amendment**

### Objective

To approve the January 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment for the *FY2024-FY2027 TIP*.

### Summary

The March 2025 TIP Amendment includes 4 additions and 3 revisions from various regional agencies:

- Revising the Greeley *US34 and 35<sup>th</sup> Ave Interchange* project by adding \$14,719,972 Federal RAISE grant in FY25.
- Revising the Greeley *US34 and 47<sup>th</sup> Ave Interchange* project by adding \$14,719,972 Federal RAISE grant in FY25.
- Adding the Greeley new project *10<sup>th</sup> Street Transit Vision* with \$432,043 State MMOF funding and \$145,000 Local funding in FY25, \$17,957 State MMOF funding and \$5,000 Local funding in FY26.
- Revising the Fort Collins *Foothills Transit Station & Roundabout* project by adding \$107,504 State MMOF funding in FY25 and \$210,165 State MMOF funding in FY26.
- Adding the Greeley new project *Greeley Active Modes Plan* with \$117,661 State MMOF funding, \$50,000 Local funding, and \$32,339 Local Overmatch funding in FY26.
- Adding the Loveland new project *US34 Transit Sidewalk Connectivity* with \$139,807 State MMOF funding in FY27 and \$1,247,490 State MMOF funding, \$462,766 Local funding, and \$500 Local Overmatch funding in Future Funding (FY28).
- Adding the Loveland new project *US34 Transit Sidewalk Connectivity* with \$139,807 State MMOF funding in FY27 and \$1,247,490 State MMOF funding, \$462,766 Local funding, and \$500 Local Overmatch funding in Future Funding (FY28).
- Adding the Weld County new project *Weld County On-demand Transit Program* with \$152,250 State MMOF funding and \$54,693 Local funding in FY26, \$201,930 State MMOF funding and \$54,693 Local funding in FY27, and \$213,581 State MMOF funding, \$54,693 Local funding, and \$63,500 Local Overmatch funding in Future Funding (FY28).

The 30-day Public Comment period for the March 2025 TIP Amendment began on March 13, 2025, and concludes on April 11, 2025.

### ***Funding Types and Uses***

The **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** is a federal discretionary grant program supports projects in urban and rural areas to complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects.



**Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF)** is a funding source established by the State through Senate Bill (SB) 18-001 and amended with SB21-260 with the goal to complete an integrated multimodal system. Projects eligible for MMOF include operating and capital cost for fixed-route or on-demand transit, Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs, multimodal mobility projects enabled by new technology, multimodal transportation studies, bicycle and pedestrian projects, modeling tools, and greenhouse gas mitigation projects.

### **Analysis**

- **Advantages:** Approval by the NFRMPO Planning Council will ensure available funds are assigned to projects in a timely manner and the *FY2024-2027 TIP* remains fiscally constrained.
- Disadvantages: None

### **Recommendation**

TAC recommended Planning Council approval of the January TIP Amendment to the FY2024-2027 TIP at their meeting on March 19, 2025.

### **Attachments**

- March 2025 Policy Amendment Form

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11**  
**OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**APPROVING THE MARCH 2025 AMENDMENT TO THE**  
**FY2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

**WHEREAS**, 23 CFR §450.326 requires the development of a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Metropolitan Planning Organizations through the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (“3C”) multimodal transportation planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the agency responsible for developing the TIP in accordance with the above stated regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, transportation projects programmed in the current TIP for FY2024-2027 are consistent with the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), adopted September 7, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Air Quality Conformity Findings conducted on the FY2024-2027 were positive and this TIP Amendment does not change the positive conformity findings on the FY2024-2027 TIP; and

**WHEREAS**, the March 2025 TIP Amendment increases the amount of emissions benefits and either improves or does not substantially reduce the cost effectiveness of those emissions benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY2024-2027 TIP remains fiscally constrained.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council hereby amends the FY2024-2027 TIP by adding and revising the following project:

- Revising the Greeley *US34 and 35<sup>th</sup> Ave Interchange* project by adding \$14,719,972 Federal RAISE grant in FY25.
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**Resolution No. 2024-06**

Passed and approved at the regular meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council held this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2025.

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Johnny Olson, Chair

ATTEST:

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Paul Sizemore, Executive Director

## MEMORANDUM

**To: NFRMPO Planning Council**

**From: Becky Karasko**

**Date: April 3, 2025**

**Re: 2025 NFRMPO Title VI Plan**

### Background

The Planning Council approved the 2022 NFRMPO Title VI Plan on May 5, 2022. The NFRMPO 2022 Title VI Plan received concurrence from CDOT in May 2022, with the requirement for the Title VI Plan to be updated on a triennial basis.

On December 1, 2016, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) notified the NFRMPO of CDOT's responsibility to oversee the NFRMPO's compliance with Title VI Program requirements established by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) due to the NFRMPO's status as a subrecipient of FHWA funds. Due to this, the NFRMPO must meet both FTA and FHWA-specific Title VI program requirements for MPOs. To address these requirements, the FY2025 NFRMPO Title VI Plan has been updated with the following:

- Incorporates the 2022 Public Involvement Plan (PIP), adopted December 1, 2022;
- Updated Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan;
- Updated demographic information for the region (2019-2023);
- Strategies for ensuring non-discrimination in primary program areas; and
- Procedures for identifying potential discrimination.

The adoption of the 2025 Title VI Plan will allow the NFRMPO to remain compliant with federal and state requirements. The 2025 Title VI Plan is available at: <https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025 Title VI Plan DRAFT.pdf>.

### Action

Staff requests the Planning Council review the 2025 NFRMPO Title VI Plan.





## **MEMORANDUM**

**To: NFRMPO Planning Council**

**From: Becky Karasko**

**Date: April 3, 2025**

**Re: FY2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Tasks**

### **Background**

The NFRMPO staff has drafted the Tasks and Products for the FY2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The Finance Committee will review the FY2026 Budget at their March 20 and April 17 meetings and it is anticipated they will recommend Planning Council approval at the May 1, 2025 meeting. The FY2026-2027 UPWP and FY2026 Budget will go to Planning Council for their approval at their May 1, 2025 meeting to allow CDOT and FHWA approval prior to October 1, 2025.

The Draft FY2026-2027 UPWP Tasks can be accessed here: [https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/FY2026-2027-UPWP\\_DRAFT-Tasks.pdf](https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/FY2026-2027-UPWP_DRAFT-Tasks.pdf).

### **Action**

NFRMPO staff requests Planning Council members review the FY2026-2027 UPWP and provide comments.

## MEMORANDUM

**To: NFRMPO Planning Council**

**From: Paul Sizemore, Executive Director  
Suzette Mallette, Compass Consulting**

**Date: April 3, 2025**

**Re: FY2026 Draft Budget Discussion Item**

### BACKGROUND

The NFRMPO prepares an annual budget for the organization and the VanGo™ program. The budget is developed for the calendar year and accounts for federal fiscal year requirements. The federal budget component is used to develop the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is typically approved by Council in May so that MPO staff can submit the scopes of work to CDOT for the contracts that are renewed by 9/30/2025. Additionally, CDOT is now accepting applications for SPR funds to support MPOs in their work tasks if the CPG carryover is less than 25%. These applications are due to CDOT by the end of March.

### VanGo™

The VanGo™ program operates as an enterprise fund. It uses no State or Federal funds to operate and is addressed in the UPWP Appendix A. The funds that operate the program are fare revenues, vehicle sales, and Fort Collins exchange funds. Fort Collins Exchange funds come from vanpool operations. MPO staff submit mileage and other factors to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and we receive FTA funds back. Since most of the FTA funds are for vehicle purchases, which is substantially more than we could use, we have an agreement with the City of Fort Collins where they retain the federal funds and provide us with sales tax dollars, giving us more flexibility.

The total budget is \$970,369. The largest expenses are payroll, fleet maintenance and vehicle purchases. There is a full-time operations person, accounting staff time, and the Executive Director is the supervisor of the program. There is \$430,000 to purchase up to ten vehicles, an increase over the five vehicles purchased in 2025. Since federal employees are required to return to the office, there has been an uptick in van ridership which we expect to continue.

### MPO

The MPO side has three program areas. They are Planning, Mobility and Administration. Planning has five team members, and they are responsible for the federal and state requirements that pertain to MPOs such



as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and all the supporting plans and programs.

Mobility was created by the NFRMPO Council in 2020 and has three team members. They have created a One Call/One Click Center (RideNoCo) geared to people with disabilities and older adults and are advancing this work to as many providers as possible. The team is also responsible for the federally required Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) and has standing meetings with the Weld County Mobility Committee, the Larimer County Mobility Committee, and jointly as the Northern Colorado Mobility Committee.

Administration covers accounting and the Executive Director. This team prepares the budget, works with external auditors in performing the annual audit, submitting billings to CDOT for reimbursement, reconciling bank statements, contract monitoring and the overall financial oversight of the organization. The total budget is \$2,426,777. The largest expenses are payroll (\$1,324,505), rent (\$206,468), software licenses (\$53,880), and consultants (\$412,675). This budget is larger than the 2025 budget largely due to increases in salary from benchmarking positions and the beginning of the travel model development for the next RTP. Local match will be lower in 2026 due to CDOT using toll credits to cover match on the CPG grant. It is expected that 2026 is the final year that CDOT will be applying the toll credits to local match.

Revenue comes from the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE), FTA 5310, MMOF, State Planning and Research funds (SPR).

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

At the March 20<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting, the Committee discussed the draft budget and provided guidance on several key questions which will be incorporated into the final budget that will be presented for adoption in May. One topic of discussion included the use of 2022 STBG funds for Mobility Program operations in 2025, thus preserving 2025 MMOF funds to be used in the FY2026 budget. Another area of discussion involved the NFRMPO's annual request of SPR funds to supplement CPG for MPO operations. The Committee also discussed a change to the budget to include an additional \$13,500 in the VanGo™ direct costs to account for an increase in insurance deductibles.

## **ACTION**

In April the Finance Committee will make a formal recommendation on the FY2026 Budget. The Final Budget will be brought to Council for adoption in May.

**Attachments: Draft VanGo™ Budget Summary  
Draft MPO Budget Summary**

WORK TASK	percent	FY 2026	other	TOTAL	INDIRECT	TOTAL	FC	VanGo	Van	Use	FY 2026 GRAND TOTAL
	of total time	personnel costs	direct costs	COST	SPREAD	SPREAD	Sales Tax	Fares	Sales	of investments	
<b>Operations</b>											
Vanpool service	74.12%	\$119,899	\$93,928	\$213,827	\$94,230	\$308,057	\$259,412	\$175,000		-\$126,354	\$308,057
Vanpool Billing and Grant Reporting	15.29%	\$24,741	\$104,228	\$128,969	\$19,444	\$148,413	\$53,529			\$94,884	\$148,413
Outreach	2.35%	\$3,806	\$37,300	\$41,106	\$2,991	\$44,098	\$8,235			\$35,862	\$44,098
Vehicle acquisition & Management	5.88%	\$9,516	\$430,000	\$439,516	\$7,479	\$446,994	\$20,588		\$150,000	\$276,406	\$446,994
Grant management	2.35%	\$3,806	16,035	\$19,841	\$2,991	\$22,833	\$8,235			\$14,598	\$22,833
		\$161,769			\$127,136		\$350,000				
	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$161,769</b>	<b>\$681,490</b>	<b>\$843,260</b>	<b>\$127,136</b>	<b>\$970,396</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$295,396</b>	<b>\$970,396</b>

**NFRMPO  
FY2026 Proposed Budget  
Direct Costs**

2026
MPO Budget

	Payroll	1,324,505
514000	EAP Employee Assistance Program	1,770
514010	FSA Fee	1,411
514015	Pension Fees	1,030
519000	Payroll Processing Fees	6,176
514020	Workers Comp	1,922
522000	Fleet Insurance	-
522020	Fleet Motor Fuel & Oil	-
522029	Fleet Repairs & Maintenance - Tires	-
522030	Fleet Repairs & Maintenance	-
522031	Fleet Repairs & Maintenance - Labor	-
522032	Insurance Deductible	-
522040	Total Fleet Other	-
522041	Guaranteed Ride Home	-
522042	Riders Incentive	-
524010	Total Dues and Subscriptions	14,883
524020	Insurance	6,112
524030	Total Office Equipment-Non Cap	6,900
524040	Office Supplies	891
524045	Office Equipment Lease Payments	9,751
524050	Phone	11,312
524055	Printing	-
524060	Postage	769
524070	Total Rent	206,468
524080	Total Repairs & Maintenance	200
524090	Advertising-Employment	3,100
524100	Business Merchant Card Fees	-
524110	Total Other Office Expense	2,611
526005	Total Temporary Employees-Contract	-
526010	Total Consultants	412,675
526015	Professional Services	51,500
526020	Data Acquisitions-non capital	50,000
526030	Total Event/Meeting	4,685
	Total Maintenance Agreement contracts	56,839
526050	Total Outreach	21,570

<b>526055</b>	<b>Total Software Licenses</b>	62,560
<b>526057</b>	<b>IT Backups</b>	5,562
<b>526060</b>	<b>Total Website Expense</b>	2,630
<b>526065</b>	<b>Total Other operating expenses</b>	100
<b>526070</b>	<b>Passthrough Funds</b>	-
<b>526080</b>	<b>Total Bad Debt Expense</b>	-
<b>527010</b>	<b>Total In state Travel</b>	17,460
<b>528000</b>	<b>Total Out of State Travel</b>	30,650
<b>611000</b>	<b>Total Capitalized Equipment</b>	8,690
<b>612000</b>	<b>Capatilized Vehicles</b>	-
<b>721000</b>	<b>Fund Reserve</b>	-
	<b>Transfer to MPO</b>	-
	Loan Payment to VanGo Leashold Imp	-

2,426,777

# Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

## Meeting Summary

Date/Time: March 6, 2025; 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

### General Legislative Update

- The legislative session is halfway through and every option is still being explored. CDOT continues to advocate for the reduced budget reduction proposal.

### State Legislative Update

- CDOT is supporting SB-25-69, which is awaiting appropriations, SB-25-161, which has passed the committee, and SB-25-030, which is awaiting an amendment that shifts the focus on identifying existing mode choice gaps.
- CDOT is opposing HB-25-1127 and HB-25-1122, as well as a number of bills that repeal various existing fees and revenue sources.
- CDOT is monitoring HB-25-1228 and HB-25-1286.

### Federal Legislative Update

- Next Friday, March 14th, there is a possible government shutdown, although there will most likely be another continuing resolution put into place that would extend through the end of the Fiscal Year. Grant agreements that are awaiting approval and environmental agreements are still on pause, but at this point it is past the initial 30 days outlined by the administration, so there should be movement soon.

### FY25-26 Final Annual Budget Overview (Action Item) - Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT Chief Financial Officer, Bethany Nicholas, Deputy CFO

- The FY25-26 Annual Budget revenue sources and allocations were presented upon, and the [full revenue allocation report](#), with appendices, can be found on the CDOT website.
- The proposed changes to the budget reduction were reviewed. These proposed changes to the General Fund Transfer would result in reductions increasing by roughly \$25 million annually in FY26 and FY27, and then decrease in the out years, with a \$50 increase in total General Fund Transfer over the current proposal in FY33, which works out to be a net neutral situation. While this scenario results in reductions to the 10-Year Plan allocations, it increases the funding towards FASTER and Asset Management.
- The Transportation Committee will be asked to review and adopt the FY25-26 Annual Budget Allocation Plan at their next meeting in March, the approved FY25-26 Final Annual Budget Allocation Plan will be submitted to the Governor's Office and the Legislature in April, in June the Governor will approve the budget, and funds will be available in the system by July 1st.

### Discussion

- Representative Papsdorf asked about the apparent \$25 million reduction in the 10-Year Plan line item instead of the expected \$100 million. It was clarified that funding varies yearly, with most of the \$100 million General Fund Transfer allocated to the 10-Year

Plan. The reduction is mainly due to a \$65 million General Fund cut and Federal funding adjustments. Federal funds follow a waterfall allocation, prioritizing Asset Management and Debt Service before the 10-Year Plan, resulting in a smaller residual amount going towards the 10-Year Plan this year.

- Representative Williams asked about the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) section of the revenue sources, which represents a summation of revenue coming from all the enterprises.
- Chair Beedy inquired about the portion of off-the-top funding going to the State Patrol, which can be found in the full [forecast report and budget document](#) on the CDOT website.

**STAC Action:** STAC voted to recommend the TC approve the FY 2026 proposed budget.

#### Green House Gas (GHG) Modeling Data Overview (Informational Item) - Erik Sabina, DTD Deputy Director

- CDOT's Travel Model & GHG Analysis uses data from multiple sources, including surveys, traffic counts, and census data. An important data source is the Statewide Travel Diary Survey, which is currently underway, surpassing its data target with 50,000 participants to ensure a representative sample.
- The Travel Model builds step-by-step from travel diary data to simulate travel behavior for all individuals in Colorado. The purpose of the Model is to test scenarios for future transportation planning based on factors like population, job growth, and future infrastructure projects. It operates like Google Earth, mapping transportation networks and estimating travel choices using a discrete choice model. The key outputs include road traffic, speeds, and transit ridership, which are validated and adjusted with real-world data.
- GHG emissions estimation relies on the EPA's MOVES tool, as direct measurement is impractical.
- Trends show per-capita Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) has declined since the mid-2000s, while total VMT still rises, and fuel sales are slowly decreasing with increasing EV adoption.

#### Discussion

- Chair Beedy asked how the Travel Model accounts for cross-county workforce movement. The model includes a location choice component that predicts where individuals will work based on job availability and population. It is validated using U.S. Census "journey to work" data, which tracks county-level commuting patterns.

#### Other Business - Gary Beedy

- Next STAC meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2025 and 8:30 am





## Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)<sup>1</sup> Board of Directors Minutes

**Held: Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**

The CTIO meeting was broadcast on YouTube Live. A recording of the first part of the meeting can be found [here](#) for six months after it was held. After that time, it will be archived.

The regular meeting of the CTIO Board of Directors was convened in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following Directors present:

- Karen Stuart, Chair (remote)
- Cecil Gutierrez, Vice-Chair (remote)
- Nellie Moran (remote)
- Nissa Erickson (remote)
- Eula Adams (remote)
- Shelly Cook (remote)
- Gina Sacripanti (remote)

### Roll Call Regular Meeting

All board members, with the exception of Director Moran, were present. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### Comments from Directors

There were no comments from CTIO Directors.

Director Moran joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

### Director's Report

Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, provided the Director's Report, which included information on the following:

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<sup>1</sup> The High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) is now doing business as the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO). CTIO is how the enterprise will refer to itself now and in the future, however, the HPTE name is retained for legislative and legal documents.

- Update on collections of the Congestion Impact Fee.
- Update on the Multimodal Strategic Capital Plan and Federal Funds Report that are due to be published by March 1, 2025.
- The 2024 annual report has been published and sent to the TLRC by the February 15th legislative deadline. SB184 required CTIO to include new information in the report on greenhouse gas emission by March 1st. CTIO staff will order hard copies for all board members once the new information has been integrated, aiming to distribute them at the next meeting.
- A kickoff meeting was held for the commercial back office implementation at the beginning of February.
- Materials were included in the board packet related to the Floyd Hill Project because CTIO will be involved in financing part of the project. This information is being discussed with the Transportation Commission in a workshop.
- Kelly Brown, Chief Toll Operations Officer, also introduced the newest member of the CTIO staff - Dina Hildreth, Safety and Toll Enforcement Program Administrator.

#### **Discussion**

- CTIO Board members and staff discussed the Floyd Hill Project financing and also welcomed new staff to the team.

### **Construction/Operations/Maintenance updates and questions from Directors**

Mithun Patel, Major Projects Manager, and Josh Gerace, Deputy Chief of Tolling Operations, provided information to the board related to construction on the I-25 South Gap and its impact on the public and the possible timing of tolling commencement on I-25 North (Berthoud to Fort Collins).

#### **Discussion**

- CTIO Board members discussed the outreach efforts associated with any construction disruption, requested additional information with more specifics, and also share materials with the Transportation Commission (TC) for awareness.

### **Consent Agenda**

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Gutierrez and second by Director Sacripanti, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #460, January 15, 2025 minutes, was unanimously approved.

### **Senate Bill 24-184 Update: Mountain Rail**

Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, and Paul Desrocher, CDOT Director, Division of Transit and Rail, provided a short presentation to the CTIO Board on Mountain Rail. It included information on the following:

- Program background
- Procurement Delivery Team
- Program Procurement
- Financial Plan
- Next steps

#### **Discussion**

- CTIO Board members and staff discussed the following:

- The team assembled to pursue the mountain rail procurement.
- Possible structure of the financing and approach to the procurement.
- Timeline and possible future action from the board.

## **Legislative Update**

Emily Haddaway, CDOT Legislative Liaison, provided the legislative update to the board, which included details on the CDOT legislative priorities for the transportation bills introduced so far in the session.

## **Globeville and Elyria Swansea (GES) Tolling Equity Program Changes**

Simon Logan, CTIO Special Projects Lead and Policy Analyst, provided a short overview of the requested action associated with changing the income eligibility related to the GES Tolling Equity Program.

### **Discussion**

- CTIO Board members and staff discussed the change and acknowledged the work that had gone into the program so far.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Director Cook and second by Director Moran, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #461, First Amendment to the GES Tolling Equity Program, was unanimously approved.

## **Safety and Toll Enforcement Program - Safety Patrol Sponsorship**

Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, provided a short overview of the requested board action related to safety patrol sponsorship on I-70 in the mountains, noting that this item had been discussed in January with the board and the resolution would also be brought before the TC for approval.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Gutierrez and second by Director Erickson, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #462, Safety and Toll Enforcement Program - Safety Patrol Sponsorship, was unanimously approved.

## **Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Update**

Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, provided a short overview of the budget amendment and changes outlined in the materials shared with the board, noting that action is not required until March.

### **Discussion**

- CTIO Board members requested that staff break out the budget by segment on I-25.

## **Second Amendment to Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Budget**

Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, provided a short overview of the Second Amendment and requested board approval of the associated resolution.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Gutierrez and second by Director Moran, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #463, Second Amendment to Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Budget, was unanimously approved.

## **Adjournment**

The CTIO Board adjourned at 11:41 p.m.