

**Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) MINUTES****April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025****1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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**1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, Overview of Agenda, and Introductions**

- Ari Edgely, Foothills Gateway
- Bridie Smith, COLT
- Hannah Shelley, Transfort
- Melanie Royalty, Transfort
- Jenna Robinson, SAINT
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip
- Jaclynn Streeter, GoNoCo34
- Jason Brabson, Heart & Soul
- Nicole Limoges, Larimer County Office on Aging
- Katlyn Kelly, Transfort
- Heidi Pruess, Larimer County
- Jacque Penfold, Retired Social Worker
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility

**NFRMPO staff:**

- Tanya Trujillo-Martinez, Mobility Director
- Lisa Deaton, Mobility Specialist
- Aaron Hull, Mobility Planner

**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** January 28, 2025, minutes approved by Robinson and seconded by Edgeley.

**Activity**

**Group Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves and their organizations.

**Presentations – February Joint Boulder Mobility and Access Coalition (BMAC) & Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (NCMC) Meeting Recap**

Hull briefly reviewed the joint meeting with NCMC and BMAC. He discussed projects, action plans, campaigns, and priorities each agency works on. BMAC is working on its version of the MPO's Coordinated Plan, called the Mobility and Access for All Ages and Abilities Plan. BMAC is also working on a mountain volunteer driver program, racial equity training, and their Mobility Heroes Campaign. Hull updated the group on the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization's



(NFRMPO) and RideNoCo projects and mentioned a RideNoCo case study and how one was solved with the help of Foothills Gateway.

He discussed how the two groups talked about holding a Mobility Summit to bring the regions together to discuss what each group is working on and learn from each other.

### **Presentation – Transportation Solutions Group & SAINT Updates**

Robinson gave a brief history of SAINT, what is new, and their impact in 2024. She discussed that the last-minute cancellations are going down because they implemented an automated call reminder, and cancellations are down to 9%. Robinson said they are working on their scheduling accessibility and now have an online ride request form, where previously, people had to call and leave a message. She said another change that has been implemented is to limit the number of rides people can schedule at once. This would allow new riders to get on the schedule because of the limits on established riders. Robinson discussed funding and said they have received eleven grants instead of just three in the past. SAINT has committees working on fundraising and corporate sponsorships. She said they are working on expanding their volunteer opportunities, increasing community engagement, developing vendor relationships, and implementing a new scheduling system.

Robinson introduced the newly formed Transportation Solutions Group, which she helped create with the Interfaith Council, which serves Fort Collins and Loveland. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at various places from 9 to 10 a.m. and is open to anyone. The next meeting is May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Alpine Bank at College and Prospect.

She said there have been two meetings so far, and the first project is identifying those who provide rides, such as a church, a PTA, or anyone who is actively helping with transportation, and to begin compiling a list. The second project is to identify anyone with vehicles they no longer use, such as the City of Fort Collins or the City of Loveland. Also, look for discounted or free car repair services. She said this is an excellent opportunity for interns to research and engage in community engagement to bring awareness to the community's needs. Hull pointed out that this is a grassroots effort, and the group is not affiliated with the NFRMPO or other government agencies. Robinson said that she would like to add different voices that are not present in the group, such as those from kids' afterschool programs or immigrants.

### **Presentation – RideNoCo Updates**

Deaton shared the call center's year-to-date stats and demographics. She said that about 60% of calls are from Larimer County, mostly from Fort Collins and Loveland. People needing last-minute rides are up, and over half of the calls are for medical trips. Deaton shared outreach events that



RideNoCo and the NFRMPO will be attending this year and talked about the Larimer County Answers on Aging Fair, its success from last year, and how it will be bigger this year.

## Discussions

Hull gave an overview of letter writing to advocate for mobility and be sent to various councils, boards, and commissions. He said letters effectively communicate and voice concerns and are a standard tool to address topics and groups. Hull explained that it is a way to bring up subjects that these committee members may not be thinking about, but it is also a tool that can be used to start a conversation and bring awareness. Bitzer said it is an effective way to be seen and heard, especially by senators and representatives. Kelly added that the RideNoCo call center stats help demonstrate the public's needs.

Pruess shared ideas and asked what the goal of the letter was. She asked if it would bring awareness and if we expected something in return. Hull said bringing awareness is up to the mobility committee to decide the letter's goal. Pruess gave examples of what the council may want to hear from the group. Kaliczak mentioned that we all have different ideas and should figure out a way, such as an activity, at the next meeting to see what the ideas are. Robinson asked about breakout rooms in Teams. Kaliczak asked about the talking points from the last meeting. Hull suggested sharing our demographics to help people make their topic decisions. Hull confirmed we can do breakout rooms on Teams. Hull will email the group regarding the letter and the slides.

## Case Studies

Deaton shared two similar case studies. One of the trips was from Laporte to the Fort Collins Senior Center, and the other was from Livermore to the Loveland VA clinic. There are no affordable solutions. Deaton mentioned another call from a man who lives in Loveland and needs to get to work at the library in Red Feather Lakes three days a week. He recently had a seizure, and his driver's license has been suspended until they figure out the cause. It was suggested that the person who needs to go the Red Feather look into VanGo, but that would not work because it is a reverse commute. Penfold suggested that the person who needs to get to the VA clinic contact their case manager for assistance and mentioned Qualified Listeners. Kaliczak said the zTrip would do this trip, but it is a matter of funding. A conversation began about a carpooling platform to find potential rideshares.



## **Wrap-Up + Member Updates**

### **COLT & Transfort News & Updates**

Kelly shared that at the next LCMC meeting in July, the Transfort Staff will present their optimization study and look at the Transit Master Plan.

No Updates from COLT.

### **LCMC Member Updates**

Bitzer announced that Via Mobility Services is adding weekend service from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 9 am – 4 pm. Staff will be in the office to schedule same-day rides.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC): July 22, 2025
- b. Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (NCMC): May 27, 2025
- c. Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC): June 24, 2025