# MEETING MINUTES of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

# North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council Hybrid Meeting April 16, 2025

1:07 - 3:21 p.m.

#### **TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Josie Thomas – CDOT R4 Eric Tracy – Larimer County

Nicole Hahn, Chair – Loveland Evan Pinkham, Vice Chair – Weld County Brendan Cicione – CDPHE-APCD Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath Victoria Leonhardt – Greeley Tom Moore – RAQC Shani Porter – Severance

### **NFRMPO STAFF:**

Tonja Burshek
Aaron Hull
Becky Karasko
Mykayla Marek
Jerome Rouser
Paul Sizemore
Jonathan Stockburger
Tanya Trujillo-Martinez

#### **TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Aaron Bustow- FHWA
Omar Herrera- Windsor
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud
Mazedur Hossain – Evans
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Town of Garden City
Town of Johnstown
Town of LaSalle

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

AnnaRose Cunningham- Loveland
Hanna Feldmann- Greeley
Candice Folkers- COLT
Marissa Gaughan- CDOT DTD
Bryan Harding- Loveland
Marilyn Hilgenberg- Loveland
David Kaspkzak- Loveland
Joshua Ma- Transfort
Dee McIntosh- CDOT R4
Desiree Moore- Drive Clean Colorado
Eric Patton- Fort Collins
Scott Pearson- Windsor
Luke Seeber- Berthoud
Phil Von Hake- CDOT DTD

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hahn called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 19, 2025 TAC MINUTES**

Hornkohl moved to approve the March 19, 2025 TAC Minutes. Koivuniemi seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **AIR QUALITY AGENDA**

**Regional Air Quality Updates** – Moore defined indirect sources of pollution and noted examples such as warehouses, airports, universities, and freight. Moore noted traditional air pollution control strategies include setting emission limits and establish successful rules and regulations. Indirect source emission reduction programs do not address individual vehicle emissions, but the collective emissions from existing VMT and projected growth. These strategies are more programmatic. Moore provided an update on the RAQC working groups. There is a Google Drive where work group participants can leave comments and suggestions. Moore noted the RAQC received a letter from the AQCC noting AQCC will be seeking a voluntary reclassification from Serious to Severe under the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone.

#### **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA**

# **Consent Agenda**

No items this month.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

**FY2026-2027 UPWP Tasks** – Karasko outlined the process to approve the UPWP and noted the NFRMPO Finance Committee was delayed a week.

Hornkohl moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the FY2026-2027 UPWP Tasks. Koivuniemi seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**April 2025 Off-Cycle TIP Amendment** – Stockburger noted the April 2025 Off-Cycle TIP Amendment included the addition of the Fort Collins and Larimer County *Taft Hill Road Corridor* project with \$653.440 in MMOF, the *Greeley Neighborhood Safety Program* with \$500,000 Federal EAR funding and \$103,938 local EAR funding, and the Greeley *GET US34 Bus Expansion 80/20* with \$3,508,404 Federal FTA 5339 funding and \$877,101 local funding.

Hornkohl moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the April 2025 Off-Cycle TIP Amendment. Tracy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **PRESENTATION**

**2050 Statewide Plan**- Marissa Gaughan, CDOT, gave an overview of Multimodal Planning at CDOT. She noted the Statewide Plan will be based on Policy Directive 14 (PD14), which provides three guiding principles: Advancing Transportation Safety, Fix Our Roads, and Sustainably Increase Transportation Choice. Gaughan outlined CDOT's public engagement which includes public surveys, stakeholder meetings, attending community meetings, and hosting telephone town halls. She provided a brief history of the 10-Year Plan.

Gaughan noted CDOT completed a Statewide Transportation Plan Data Visualizer to help provide stakeholders and public access to transportation data. Pinkham asked if this data includes traffic count data. Gaughan confirmed the data does include traffic counts. She stated the next 10-Year Plan will be for FY2027-2036. Gaughan outlined the vision for the next 10-Year Plan. Gaughan stated the desired outcomes of the 10-Year Plan include Fix Our Roads, make transportation safer, more transportation

choice, and to be accountable and transparent. One of the tools CDOT is using to inform public and stakeholder outreach includes the 2050 Long Range Transportation Planning Visualizer which is a new tool to help provide stakeholders and the public access to transportation data to help make data driven and informed decisions on statewide transportation plans and new transportation projects.

Pinkham asked if it includes traffic count data. Gaughan said yes. Gaughan noted the new 10-year plan will be for FY2027-2036 and is anticipated to be adopted in December 2025. This new 10-Year Plan will show any carryover from pre-2027.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Wilson Avenue Multiuse Path CRP Project Scope Change** – David Kasprzak, City of Loveland, noted the City of Loveland was awarded Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds in 2023 for a multiuse path along Wilson Avenue. The original scope of the project was 43<sup>rd</sup> Street between Wilson Avenue and Glen Isle Drive and Wilson Avenue from 43<sup>rd</sup> Street to 29<sup>th</sup> Street. City of Loveland staff are proposing splitting the project into phases with the CRP funds being used for phases one and two. The City of Loveland would like to reduce the scope of the project that is funded by CRP to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street from Glen Isle Drive to Wilson Avenue and Wilson Avenue from 43<sup>rd</sup> Street to 35<sup>th</sup> Street. TAC supported the project's scope change.

Regional Active Transportation Corridors (RATC) Update – Rouser gave an overview of the RATC visioning process and noted there are two major proposed changes to the RATC network. NFRMPO staff proposed expanding RATC #8: BNSF Fort Collins/Berthoud from its current northern terminus at the Poudre River Trail in Fort Collins to the northern NFRMPO boundary. This corridor will continue past the NFRMPO boundary into the Town of Wellington. Rouser noted the trail's proposed alignment is reflected in the City of Fort Collins' draft *Strategic Trails Plan.* NFRMPO staff proposed creating a new RATC along WCR17. RATC #13: Johnstown/Windsor's proposed southern terminus is at the RATC#2: Little Thompson River Trail on WCR17 in Johnstown and the proposed northern terminus is WCR76. Rouser noted the proposed alignment is reflected in the Towns of Johnstown and Windsor and the City of Greeley's plans. TAC recommended extending the northern terminus to SH14. Rouser will meet with the Town of Severance to determine the alignment through Severance and determine a northern terminus. TAC expressed support for the extension of RATC#8 and the creation of RACT#13.

NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List Scoring – Karasko outlined the proposed scoring criteria which is based on CDOT's PD 14 goal areas. She noted NFRMPO staff met with CDOT R4 to discuss CDOT R4's 10-Year List of Projects they will send to CDOT headquarters. CDOT R4's deadline to submit their proposed list of projects is July 11<sup>th</sup>. Karasko noted CDOT R4 staff will be presenting at the May and June Planning Council meetings. TAC discussed data needs for the NFRMPO 10-year priority list and expressed interest in adding non-CDOT corridors to the NFRMPO's list for internal use. TAC discussed the scoring criteria and the scoring process, including whether to allow municipalities to provide their own safety data. TAC's recommendation is to prioritize I-25 and US34 projects. TAC will continue to discuss regional priorities outside of CDOT's 10-year list.

#### **OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS**

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

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

**Mobility Updates** – Trujillo-Martinez introduced herself and noted she came from a public health background.

#### **REPORTS**

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

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

**Legislative Updates Report -** Written report provided.

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY2025 TIP Modifications- Written report provided.

#### **ROUNDTABLE**

Marek noted she sent out a Doodle Poll to TAC members to find a time to discuss safety data and will send out additional information once a time has been determined.

Porter recommended other TAC members to encourage developers and planning staff to coordinate with CDOT.

#### **MEETING WRAP-UP**

**Final Public Comment –** There was no final public comment.

**Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions:** 

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Jerome Rouser, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, as a hybrid meeting.