

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
May 21, 2025
1:09 – 2:30 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Hahn, Chair – Loveland
Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath
Omar Herrera - Windsor
Victoria Leonhardt – Greeley
Shani Porter – Severance
Josie Thomas – CDOT R4

NFRMPO STAFF:

Becky Karasko
Mykayla Marek
Jerome Rouser
Paul Sizemore
Jonathan Stockburger
Tanya Trujillo-Martinez

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Evan Pinkham, Vice Chair – Weld County
Aaron Bustow - FHWA
Brendan Cicione – CDPHE-APCD
Mazedur Hossain – Evans
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud
Pepper McClenahan – Milliken
Tom Moore – RAQC
Town of Garden City
Town of Johnstown
Town of LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

AnnaRose Cunningham - Loveland
Hanna Feldmann - Greeley
Candice Folkers - COLT
Carlos Tamayo – CEO
Russ Sands - CEO
Michael Snow - CDOT
Joshua Ma - Transfort
Katrina Klobberdanz - CDOT
Dee McIntosh - CDOT R4
Scott Pearson - Windsor
Gina Fox - CDOT
Luke Seeber- Berthoud
Spencer York - CDOT
Cameron Parrott – Weld County

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hahn called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 16, 2025 TAC MINUTES

Hornkohl moved to approve the April 16, 2025 TAC Minutes. Herrera seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

MMOF Updates – Michael Snow, CDOT, provided an update to the reductions in MMOF FY2025 funding. As part of settling a \$1.2B statewide budget deficit for FY2026, the Colorado General Assembly pulled back \$71.4M in existing funding in the local MMOF program. After an increase of \$18.2M with reconciled revenues, the net reduction of local MMOF funding is \$53.2M. The retail delivery fee has been updated to show future funding of \$1.75M. The total local MMOF allocation through FY2029 will be updated to \$227.9M. The years with overprogrammed MMOF funding include FY2023 to FY2025. Options for achieving compliance include delaying a project, reducing the funding for a project, or canceling a project. CDOT will allow projects to proceed when ready, advancing up to two years of MMOF awards to help minimize project delays, leverage unspent MMOF budgets, and reduce ongoing MMOF fund balances to reduce the likelihood of future legislative reductions.

Snow provided a spreadsheet to show the exact amounts that need to be reduced for the NFRMPO region as well as a list of all the MMOF projects awarded in the region from 2019 through 2024. NFRMPO staff and TAC will need to adjust the existing MMOF awards to ensure the region is in line with the new funding constraints. For local MMOF funding in the NFRMPO region specifically, FY2023 is overprogrammed by \$2,018,107, FY2024 is overprogrammed by \$790,061, and FY2025 is overprogrammed by \$1,285,759. Including the positive programmed amounts in FY2027 through FY2029, the NFRMPO has a total of \$2,262,205 in overprogrammed MMOF funds.

Karasko asked for the timeline of when the NFRMPO and the TAC need to know what adjustments they are making to the MMOF projects. Snow responded that it depends on the urgency of some projects. Karasko then asked if Snow and CDOT Region 4 should be a part of the MMOF project decision making process. Snow said it would be a good idea to have CDOT's input. Karasko stated that an MMOF review will be a Discussion item at the June TAC meeting.

Porter requested a memo of the MMOF information shared at this meeting to help relay the MMOF back to staff and officials. Snow said that it can be provided along with the presentation from the meeting.

AIR QUALITY AGENDA

Regional Air Quality Updates – No update was provided.

Air Pollution Control Division Updates – No update was provided.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGENDA

Consent Agenda

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

No items this month.

PRESENTATION

Colorado Energy Office (CEO) IMPACT Accelerator Grant Program – Russ Sands, CEO, and Carlos Tamayo, CEO, provided an update on the IMPACT Accelerator Grant Program, which is providing \$50M

toward local government policy adoption in four sectors: Buildings, Transportation, Land Use, and Waste.

The purpose of this grant is to build local resilience and reduce emissions through transformative policy adoption that extends beyond state requirements. Local governments and Colorado's two federally recognized tribes are eligible to apply for the grant. The two ways to apply for the grant are for policy adoption funding or for policy adoption with project funding. Policy funding is for stakeholder outreach, consultant support for technical analysis, studies that inform policy adoption, or small pilot projects. Project funding is for equipment purchases, rebate programs, reduced fee programs, consultant support for project implementation, studies that proceed or advance project implementation, larger pilot projects, or other incentives to increase policy impact.

The suggested maximum per grant for policy is \$200,000 and \$1.8M for projects. The CEO will consider requests that exceed these amounts. Applicants are asked to submit a constrained, standard, and vision budget. Eligible policies for buildings include promoting energy codes that exceed the forthcoming Model Low Energy and Carbon Code, energy performance standards, and energy efficiency initiatives. Eligible policies for land use include promoting compact housing, parking management, EV charging, renewable energy, and discouraging greenfield development. Eligible transportation policies include encouraging high quality active transportation infrastructure, transit prioritization, transportation demand management, and fee-based vehicle registration services. Eligible waste policies include increasing waste diversion, promoting reuse, and helping to convert trucks to zero-emission vehicles.

The application process starts with a letter of intent, then the agency will submit the full application if 'encouraged' by CEO, then have a kick-off meeting with CEO in 2026. Program guidance and FAQs will be published on June 2, 2025, and Round 1 opens on June 16, 2025. The second round will open on October 1, 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEM

NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List Scoring – Karasko discussed the 10-Year Priority List Scoring. She received nine complete scoring sheets from TAC members and provided the average scores for each project.

There was discussion around how the scoring should work if one community is unfamiliar with specific parts of another community's project. Two errors were noted in the data from CDOT that was sent about each project to help TAC members rank them. Katrina Klobardanz, CDOT, said she will review the data for those projects.

Hahn asked for a GIS tool during call for projects to be able to compare problems in the region. Leonhardt added that there needs to be a more future focused way of being able to measure projects instead of being reactionary. Karasko explained the status of the Regional Travel Demand Model update and noted it will likely take a couple months to have any kind of tool like the TAC is requesting.

After continued discussion, it was determined the TAC would have a remote workshop to work through the scoring as a group on May 23, 2025 to allow the ranked list to be discussed at the June Planning Council meeting.

OUTSIDE PARTNER REPORTS

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative – Written report was provided.

Regional Transit Agencies – No reports were provided.

Mobility Updates – Trujillo-Martinez talked about the work on The 2025 Coordinated Plan and mentioned that Hull will be at the TAC meeting next month to discuss progress on the plan. Hull will be back at the October TAC meeting to present the final plan before it is presented at the following Planning Council meeting. For RideNoCo updates, between January 1st and May 19th of 2025 there have been 140 calls and 2,348 website visits. Trujillo-Martinez also provided updates on the Mobility team's outreach season.

REPORTS

May Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft – Written report provided.

Mobility Committee Updates – Written report provided.

Legislative Updates Report - Written report provided.

Air Quality Related Activities Report – Written report provided.

ROUNDTABLE

Hornkohl asked when the next CDOT inactives list will be sent to TAC. Karasko responded CDOT is not providing those anymore, it will be a quarterly update from FHWA. Hornkohl mentioned improvements on College and Trilby have begun construction. Trilby Road will be closed at College Ave starting June 2nd. The Power Trail Underpass project has just been advertised.

Hahn mentioned LCR 30 is closed toward the frontage road for Amazon facility improvements. She also mentioned there will be a full closure of Madison and 47th St. for an intersection project. The intersection of Taft and US 34 is closed on the north side until the end of July for an intersection project.

Rouser mentioned the state legislative session for 2025 is over. He mentioned questions received about SB25-030, the mode-choice bill, and stated that he will reach out to the communities in the region to gather necessary inventories to comply with the bill over the next several months.

Porter mentioned a new stoplight on WCR 19 and WCR 74. She also discussed a study at Ponderosa and WCR 74. Lastly, Porter mentioned Severance's park update with the community park and a future park master plan update.

Sizemore mentioned this is his last TAC meeting and that his last day is on May 23, 2025. Karasko will be the acting Executive Director of the NFRMPO.

Marek reminded the TAC of the Crash Dashboard meeting on May 23, 2025.

Gina Fox, CDOT, mentioned an RFP that was put out for the traffic analysis on US 34. CDOT is currently in the process of selecting the consultant for the project. Fox also mentioned the I-25 and Mulberry project is hoping to begin looking at grants.

Herrera mentioned that 7th Street in Windsor is closed for a bridge rehab project during the summer.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions: – MMOF Reconciliation discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Jonathan Stockburger, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, as a hybrid meeting.