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## June 2025 Report from the Air Pollution Control Division to the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council Thursday, July 10, 2025

### Air Pollution Control Division (Division) Public Participation Opportunities:

- **Developing Colorado's Industrial Decarbonization Fund:** The division is holding two public informational sessions in July on the development of the state-managed Industrial Decarbonization Fund. Industrial decarbonization is reducing greenhouse gases from sites like steel mills, meat packing plants, or glass factories. The fund is required under Colorado Air Quality Control Commission Regulation 27. These sessions will provide an overview of requirements in Regulation 27 and the timeline for concept development, rule drafting, and stakeholder engagement. Both public informational sessions will be held virtually over Zoom. Translation or interpretation services will be provided upon request. Verbal comments will not be accepted during this meeting. Written comments may be shared by emailing [climatechange@state.co.us](mailto:climatechange@state.co.us) using the subject line "Industrial Decarbonization Fund." Both meetings will cover the same information. Register to join the Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 2-3 p.m. and register to join the Wednesday, July 30, 2025, 6-7 p.m. The division must propose an Industrial Decarbonization Fund under Colorado's Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy Management for Manufacturing Phase 2 Rule, or GEMM 2. The division will present a proposal to the commission for consideration by the end of 2025.
- **Air toxics monitoring report:** The division is holding public meetings in July to review the first year of the state's air toxics monitoring program. The division installed monitors at three new air monitoring sites around Colorado to gather air toxics measurements. The division will share preliminary results and trends observed from these new air monitoring sites during 2024. The division is seeking input on what questions the public would like the division to try to address when the division publishes the report in October 2025. The new monitors and annual reports are required under House Bill 22-1244: The Public Protections from Toxic Air Contaminants Act. Register for an upcoming public meeting to learn more and share your thoughts on what questions you would like answered in the draft report. Both meetings will cover the same information. Register to join the Thursday, July 24, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and register to join the Thursday, July 31, 6-8 p.m.
- **Oil and gas methane reduction public meeting:** The division is considering revisions to AQCC Regulation Number 7 related to the "designated facilities" identified in EPA's



oil and gas Emission Guidelines and New Source Performance Standards that would reduce methane emissions. The Division is also considering refinements related to the upstream oil and gas greenhouse gas provisions. The July 26 meeting will also include potential updates to several Air Quality Control Commission regulations including Regulation 6, part A; Regulation 8, parts A & E; Regulation 28; and Common provisions. These proposed updates would be primarily administrative in nature. Register for the public meeting on [Saturday July 26, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.](#)



## Air Quality Control Commission (Commission) Updates:

### June 26-27, 2025 Commission Annual Planning Retreat - Salida

- **Programmatic Issues:** The commission will discuss the Division's structure and program-by-program activities. The commission will discuss the progress made in achieving goals, milestones, and other relevant air quality policy matters. The commission will identify and discuss items for inclusion on the Long Term Calendar including regulatory/policy issues and potential facility tours.
- **Legislative Session:** Commission staff will provide an overview of the 2025 legislative session and implications for the Commission.
- **Election of Officers:** The Commission will elect Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary) to the Executive Committee of the Commission for the upcoming year. The Commission Administrator will facilitate the nomination and election process.

### July 17, 2025 Commission Meeting

- **Common Provisions:** The Division will request that the Commission set a hearing to consider revisions to the Common Provisions regulation to address HB20-1143 with respect to inflation adjustments for maximum fines and penalties for air quality control violations.
- **Regulation Number 6, Part A - Stationary Source Performance Standards:** The Division will request that the Commission set a hearing to consider a proposal to revise Regulation Number 6, Part A (NSPS) to incorporate by reference changes the EPA made to its New Source Performance Standards and/or Emission Guidelines.
- **Regulation Number 8, Parts & E - Hazardous Air Pollutants Performance Standards:** The Division will request that the Commission set a hearing to consider revisions Regulation Number 8, Parts A and E (MACT Standards) to incorporate by reference changes the EPA made to its National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants rules.
- **Ozone State Implementation Plans (SIP) and Associated Regulations:** The Division will request that the Air Quality Control Commission set a hearing for proposed elements to Colorado's State Implementation Plans (SIP) under the 2008 and 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and revisions to associated regulations including Regulation Number 3, Regulation Number 7, Regulation Number 11, Regulation Number 25, Regulation Number 26 and the Air Quality Standards, Designations and Emission Budgets.



# Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) - MINUTES

June 25, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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## Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, and Overview of Agenda

### Introductions & Icebreaker

Both virtual and in-person attendees introduced themselves and their organizations.

- Co-Chair Nichole Seward, Weld County Area Agency on Aging
- Co-Chair Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services
- Ashley McClain, 60+Ride
- Ernest Cienfuegos-Baca, United Way Weld County
- Jill Matlock, Weld County Health Department
- Adriana Torres, Via Mobility Services
- JoAnn Herkenhoff, UCHealth
- Ty Lamm, Weld County United Way
- Robin Blakley, 60+ Ride
- Nichole Seward, Weld County AAA
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip
- Celest Ewart, Envision
- Jill Matlock

NFRMPO staff: Aaron Hull, Lisa Deaton, Tanya Trujillo-Martinez

### Public Comment

None

### Approval of the March Meeting Minutes

Celest Ewart approved the March 25, 2025, meeting minutes, which Nichole Seward seconded.

### Meeting Location Discussion

Aaron Hull discussed that Steve Teets requested at the March WCMC meeting that the WCMC be held in a hybrid format instead of virtually. Hull presented and discussed the Mobility Committee Bylaws, noting that meetings had previously been held in person but were



## Virtual Meeting

switched to virtual due to COVID-19. He then discussed locations for a hybrid meeting. Ewert spoke on behalf of Teets in his absence, and he wanted the WCMC to know that he preferred the meeting to be held in person. Cienfuegos-Baca stated that Teets is a highly active community member and has a voice in the community. He supports holding a hybrid meeting and has volunteered the WCMC to host it at the United Way office in Greeley. Kaliczak suggested a convenient location, such as near a bus line. Ewert said that when the WCMC was held in person, the meetings would be held in various places, changing with each meeting. Ewert said that the United Way is an excellent location. Lamm said that the LINC library is often booked out. Ewert motioned to hold a hybrid meeting at the United Way location in Greeley, which Lamm seconded. The WCMC took a vote, and the motion passed with a unanimous 10-0 vote.

### **September meeting date discussion**

Hull said that the meeting date in September is scheduled during the CASTA conference, which Staff will be attending, and inquired about rescheduling it due to this conflict for Staff, offering alternative options. Hull mentioned that he can send out a Doodle poll with dates, as the Board is not ready to make a motion. However, with further discussion, the WCMC agreed to move the date to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Cienfuegos-Baca motioned to change the September meeting to September 30<sup>th</sup>, and Seward seconded. The motion was voted on and approved by a unanimous 10-0 vote.

### **RideNoCo Update**

Deaton provided an update on the call center, sharing year-to-date call and website visit statistics, as well as discussing upcoming outreach events.

### **What's to Come**

Hull discussed mobility management and TDM, expansion of TDS, and identifying and addressing regional transportation gaps.

### **Presentations**

#### **Provider Spotlight Presentation: 60+ Ride**

Blakely introduced herself and explained how long she had been the Director of 60plus. Blakely discussed the mobility matters study and described 60+ as a non-profit organization in Greeley that serves all of Weld County. Blakely mentioned that clients can also live in Greeley and be served. Blakely discussed that 60plus has three programs: Greeley in-town program



## Virtual Meeting

with 3 P/T drivers that stays in Greeley/Evans city limits, the second program they have is a rural and handicap-accessible van program for older adults in rural areas that has 40 hours a week, full-time drivers, and the third program is Aging in Place: Good Neighbor Program that uses volunteer drivers who use their cars. Blakely shared stats, cities served, and types of rides. Blakely focused on transportation as a crisis that you cannot see, and it impacts everyone. Blakely discussed how transportation is the #1 unmet need for older adults and emphasized the critical importance of access, as older adults often feel invisible and stuck at home. Blakely mentioned that medical appointments are usually missed because there are not enough volunteer drivers. Blakely said that the number of people needing a ride tripled last year, and they were unable to accommodate them all. Due to this, the Mobility Matters Study was born. Blakely discussed how 60plus secured an intern to assist with outreach and contribute to the study. Blakely discussed how the study is currently being conducted in Weld County, utilizing surveys, interviews, and listening sessions that focus on adults aged 60 and above, caregivers, and others. Blakely displayed some of the questions that will be asked, which are: Who is being left behind, what is working, and what is missing? How to create solutions that fit each rural town? What is the transportation connection to the medical world? Blakely discussed a ten-city survey, "Wellness of Wheels" (what medical schedulers know about transportation), Driving Wellness Training for Volunteer Drivers, and the questions that the survey will ask. Ewert asked about rural and handicap boundaries. Blakely said that they can be picked up in the rural parts of Weld County. Lamm inquired about denied rides and the reasons behind them. Blakely said that more volunteers are needed across the county. Herkenhoff asked about funding. Blakely said they have received cuts and are trying to determine how to offset them, but that 60plus does receive private donations and interns.

## Presentation

### MyWayToGo Introduction

Hull introduced the MyWayToGo program and platform. Hull discussed how MyWaytoGo was created by DRGOC to help employers and commuters find commute options. Hull mentioned that the program is free and that the NFRMPO's version of the program is called RideNoCo. Hull discussed that the City of Fort Collins program is called Shift Your Ride. Hull highlighted the features of MyWayToGo, including the SchoolPool and Colorado Clean Commute (Colorado's Alternative Transportation Tax Credit). Hull discussed the challenges and incentives that employers can create to encourage their employees to use alternative transportation. Hull



## Virtual Meeting

showed how to sign up for MyWayToGo. Herkenhoff asked if the school owns the school pool platform, and if there is an option for the MPO to own it and create a similar program for older adults.

## Discussion

### Case Study

Deaton led the Mobility Case Study discussion, which included input from the members on how individuals could receive a ride, concluding with a recommendation for them to reach out to 60plus for more information.

### Greeley Evans Transit News & Updates

Hull updated the WCMC that the GET buses will be free fare this summer, which includes paratransit.

### WCMC Member Updates & Roundtable

Torres mentioned that Via is providing weekend service from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the summer.

Ewert announced that Envision will be hosting a Health and Wellness Fair on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00 pm for their approximately eighty employees, and they are seeking vendors to participate at no cost. Ewert mentioned that they had twenty vendors last year.

### Public Comment

None

### Agenda Suggestions

None

## Meeting Adjournment

Seward motioned to adjourn, seconded by Torres.

## Upcoming Meetings:

1. Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC): July 22, 2025
2. Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (NCMC): May 27, 2025
3. Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC): September 30, 2025\*

**\*WCMC-Please note:** The new WCMC date and change to **hybrid** meetings to be held at The United Way Weld County. New meeting invites will be sent next week.

# Quarterly Snapshot

## April - June 2025



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**73 Calls received to the RideNoCo Call Center**

- 65.8% of the callers were over the age of 60
- 2.7% of the callers were Veterans

### TRIP PURPOSE



**Medical 54%**



**Misc. 19%**

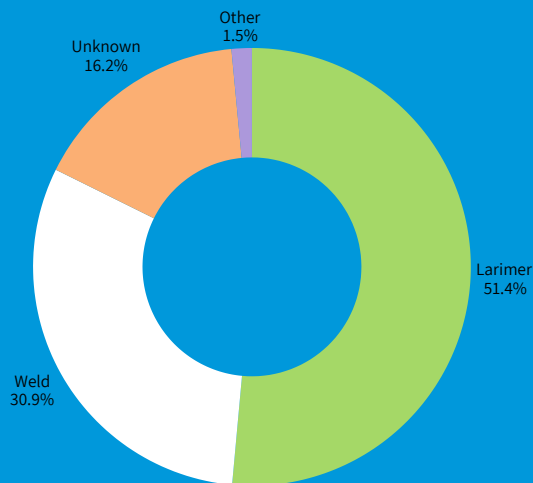


**Grocery 4%**



**1,777 visits to the RideNoCo website**

### CALLS BY COUNTY



**During the second quarter of 2025, RideNoCo received 73 calls for transportation assistance.**

**This is a 12% decrease from the second Quarter of 2024.**

**Website visits increased by 54%**

### GAPS

**68% of callers faced one or more gaps that prevented them from accessing their destination because they were last-minute trips, out of county or excluded from the service area, and not affordable.**



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# Front Range Passenger Rail District Update

**Nancy Burke**  
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July 10, 2025

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## Where We Started

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## What is the Front Range Passenger Rail District?

- Largest special district in Colorado
- Created by the legislature through SB21-238
- Statutory direction to plan, finance, construct, and operate intercity passenger rail
- 24 Board members across the 13 counties
- Upon voter approval, can levy taxes to fund the service
- Working with local communities to support station development; has authority to create station area improvement districts



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## Highways + Population Impact

*Each year Coloradans are stuck in more than 54 hours of traffic.*

- **Population Growth:** 3 million additional Colorado residents expected by 2050
- **Congestion:** I-25 experiences 8+ hours of daily traffic congestion
- **Economic Cost:** \$3.5 billion annually in lost time and fuel costs
- **Personal Impact:** Average driver spends two days per year in traffic



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## Passenger Rail Benefits

### Connectivity

- Access to economic centers, medical care and services, higher education key destinations

### Job Creation

- An investment of \$1 billion in public transportation supports 36,000 jobs (USDOT)

### Local Economic Impact

- Increased visitors; additional spending support area businesses and local sales tax base

### Sustainability and Safety:

- Reduced pollution supports Colorado's air quality goals
- Reduced highway congestion, traffic crashes and fatalities
- Reduced road maintenance costs



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## Not Every Town Will Have a Station

### Directives:

- Statutory Directive – to implement “Intercity” service
- Statutory Directive -- competitive travel time with automobiles
- Intercity Federal Classification – 10-25 miles between stops
- Federal Railroad Administration Policy: Station areas in downtown/high activity areas for walkability



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## But Every Town Can Benefit

- **Construction and infrastructure Jobs**  
Building and maintaining rail infrastructure requires engineers, construction workers and technicians
- **Operations and Maintenance Jobs**  
Requires both entry and skilled labor
- **Eased Congestion**  
Reduce the number of cars on highway
- **Transit Connections**  
Working with local and state transit providers to provide convenient local and regional access to stations for travelers



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## Front Range Passenger Rail Overview

- Using existing freight rail saves on costs and expedites service start time
- Fewer stops than commuter rail
- Intercity rail service - 79 MPH
- Nine primary stations from Fort Collins to Pueblo
- Long-term vision of connecting to New Mexico and Wyoming
- Initial starter service in 2029
- Travel time estimate from Fort Collins to Pueblo is 3.5 hours (includes station stops)



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# Front Range Passenger Rail *Service Development Plan*

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## Service Development Plan

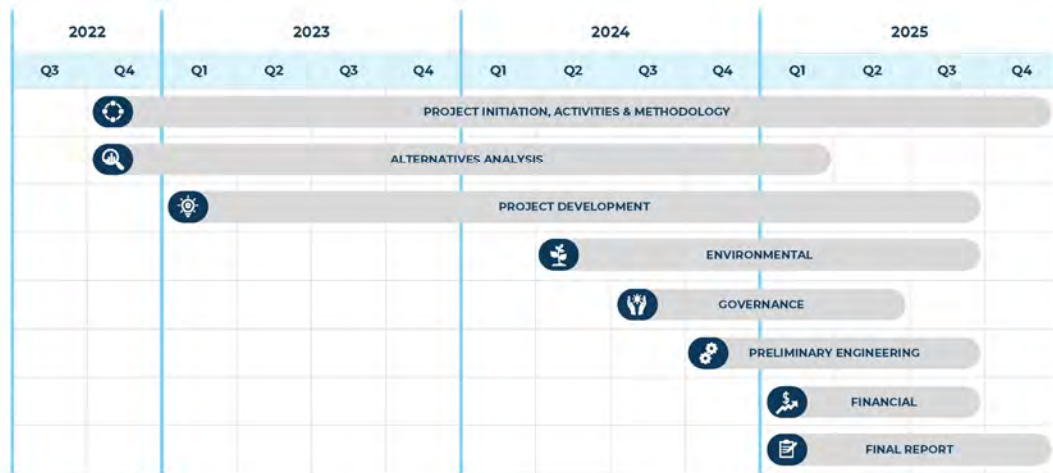
The SDP is developed with the Federal Railroad Administration, CDOT and the host freight railroads.

- Comprehensive planning document
- Defines a full-build vision and outlines the implementation steps to realize passenger rail along the Front Range
- Federal planning phase for project
- Key step to secure federal funding for implementation
- **Route**
- **Major Markets for Stations**
- **Service Frequency**
- **Onboard Amenities**
- **Fare Structure**
- **Infrastructure Improvements**
- **Costs and Financing Plan**
- **Implementation Plan**



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## The Service Development Plan Concludes This Year!



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## Spring/Summer 2025 Online Open House

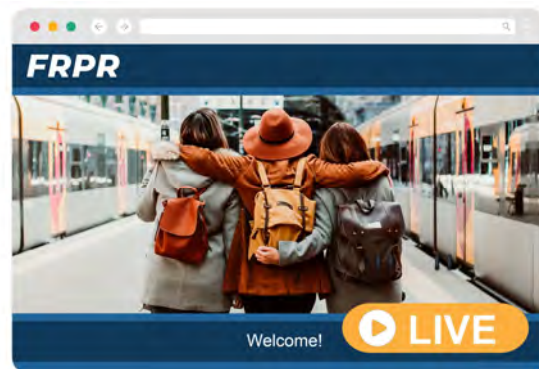
The Alternatives Analysis (AA) online open house was a self-guided opportunity for participants to learn about the recommended alternative, what full service could look like by 2045 and expected train frequency, travel times and maximum speeds. The public was able to provide comments that will help shape future planning decisions.

**Dates Ran:** May 12 to June 15, 2025

### Participation:

- 308 comments on clarification
- 2100 total attendance
- 270+ comments on how you would ride the train

**Key Themes:** Speed, Schedule, Frequency, Route and Cost/Funding



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## Recommended Alternative: 10 Trips at 79 mph

### 10 trips identified as ideal frequency:

- Based on preliminary operations analysis
- Fits anticipated ridership demand
- Likely has little to no negative impact to existing and future freight operations after constructing capacity improvements

### 79 mph maximum operating speed:

- Alignment geometries prevent higher speeds for most of the corridor
  - *Only 14 miles of the 180-mile corridor could achieve higher speeds*
  - *90 mph maximum speed reduces end-to-end journey time by only 4 minutes, yet costs significantly more to construct*



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## Early Action on a First Phase *Joint Service*

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# Progress toward a First Phase Starter Service

- **SB24-184 directs partner collaboration toward first phase** of passenger rail service from Denver to Fort Collins by 2029
- Partnership between the Governor's Office, CDOT, CTE, CTIO, RTD and FRPRD
- Three round trips daily from Denver Union Station to Fort Collins
- Joint Service could be funded with existing resources prior to going to voters
- Infrastructure improvements required for future FRPR service
- June 2025 – All agency Boards adopted the IGA to form Joint Service Executive Oversight Committee



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## Comparing RTD's NWR Peak Service, Front Range Passenger Rail, and Joint Service

	RTD NWR Peak Service	Front Range Passenger Rail	Joint Service
What	Commuter Rail	Intercity Passenger Rail	Hybrid Intercity Passenger Rail
Where	Denver to Longmont	Fort Collins to Pueblo	Denver to Fort Collins
Stops	10 stops	5 stops between Denver and Fort Collins; 4 additional stops south of Denver	8 stops
Frequency	3 daily (3AM, 3 PM)	6 – 10 RT; frequency related to ridership	3 daily RT
Funding Source	RTD FasTrak Sales Tax	FRPRD Ballot Measure Federal Grants State Fees	RTD & State Fees
Timing	Projected 2050 earliest	Initiate Following Successful Ballot Measure	Start by 2029

Joint Corridor Service

3 daily round trips starting in 2029

- Fort Collins
- Loveland
- Longmont
- Boulder
- RTD Station (Louisville)
- RTD Station (Broomfield)
- RTD Station (Westminster)
- Denver Union Station



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# Where We're Going

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## Next Steps

### Front Range Passenger Rail

- Service Development Plan for full corridor FRPR Service
  - *Stakeholder Briefing and Public Input Opportunity - Fall 2025*
- NEPA
- Outreach and Coalition Building

### Joint Service

- Fort Collins and Loveland Station Planning
- BNSF Negotiations
- Financial Plan



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## Stay in Touch

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