

## **NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

**Hybrid Meeting Agenda** — **REVISED** 

July 16, 2025

In Person: Larimer County Loveland Campus, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO

Virtual: Call-in Number: (224) 501-3412 Access Code: 115-932-509

Weblink: <a href="https://meet.goto.com/NFRMPO/2025nfrtac">https://meet.goto.com/NFRMPO/2025nfrtac</a>

Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item and Item Description	Presenter	Page Number	Time
1	Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, Introductions	Nicole Hahn, Chair	-	1:00
2	Public Comment - 2 min each	-	-	-
3	Approval of June 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes	Nicole Hahn	3	1:05

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

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4	Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) Updates	Tom Moore, RAQC	-	1:10
5	Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) Updates	Brendan Cicione, APCD	-	1:20

## **Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda**

### Action Item

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6	NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List of Projects	Becky Karasko	Handout	1:25

### **Discussion Items**

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7	Weld County STBG Project Scope Change Request	Evan Pinkham, Vice Chair	8	1:30
8	TDM Call for Projects	Aaron Hull	14	1:40
9	NFRMPO Call for Projects Federal Funds Reduction	Becky Karasko	16	1:50



## **Work Session**

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10	MMOF Funding Reconciliation	All	Handout	1:55

### **Outside Partner Reports**

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11	NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative	Verbal Report	-	-
12	Regional Transit Agencies	Verbal Report	-	-
13	Mobility Updates	Tanya Trujillo-Martinez	-	2:55

### Reports

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14	July Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft	Written Report	Handout	-
15	Mobility Committee Updates	Written Report	18	-
16	NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates	Written Report	23	-
17	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY2025 TIP Modifications	Written Report	27	-
18	Roundtable	All	-	3:00

### Meeting Wrap Up:

- Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
- Next NFRMPO TAC Meeting: August 20, 2025



### **MEMORANDUM**

Fo: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee

From: Becky Karasko Date: July 16, 2025

Re: Action - NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List Update

## **Objective**

TAC recommendation of Planning Council approval of the prioritized NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List of projects.

### **Summary**

On June 23, 2025, the NFRMPO Planning Council held a second joint workshop with TAC members and NFRMPO staff to prioritize projects for the NFRMPO's 10-Year Priority List. During the workshop, it was determined that the six priority corridors would ranked by Planning Council Members, with the results of the voting being:

- 1. US34
- 2. SH392
- 3. I-25
- 4. US287
- 5. SH14
- 6. US85

Following the ranking of the six priority corridors, it was determined to list the projects for each corridor in rank order from the previous TAC Scoring Workshop. Attached is the list of projects in ranked order in the corridor priority order.

#### Recommendation

NFRMPO Staff requests TAC members recommend Planning Council approval of the NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List at their August 7 meeting.

Corridor	Project	Score
Corridor Planning	I-25/Harmony Road Interchange Study	87
Studies	US34 Corridor within the NFRMPO boundary	48
	US34 and WCR 17	93
	US34/US287	67
	Rocky Mountain to Centerra Parkway along US34	65
US34	US34 and 35 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to US34 and 47 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	63
	LCR3 to Centerra Pkwy	58
	US34 and 131 <sup>st</sup> Street	50
	US34 and 11th Ave	49
	US34 and 65 <sup>th</sup> Ave	42
	US34 and 83rd Ave	37
	WCR21 to WCR19	79
	SH392/Timberline Road	72
SH392	I-25 to US287	65
	Highland Meadows Pkwy to Colorado Blvd.	65
	WCR23 to WCR21	62
I-25/SH14	Interchange	79
	US287 (College Ave) and Drake Rd	57
US287	SH287 and LCR17 (North Berthoud Parkway)	52
	Trilby to Harmony	47 38
	US287 Bridge over Big Thompson River	
SH14	SH14 and WCR23	55
US34/US85	Interchange	75
US85	US85 and O St/11 <sup>th</sup> Ave & connection to WCR 66	59



### **MEMORANDUM**

**To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee** 

From: Aaron Hull

**Date: July 16, 2025** 

Re: 2025 Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Call for Projects

### **Background**

The NFRMPO is preparing to hold a 2025 Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Call for Projects to award approximately \$376,000 in Federal funds for the period between fiscal years 2024 and 2027. The 2025 TDM Call for Projects will not be a consolidated call for all fiscal years between 2024 and 2027 for the TDM funding sources, but rather a call for fiscal year 2026.

This Call for Projects seeks to support TDM efforts in the region by funding initiatives that reduce single occupancy vehicle trips, improve regional air quality, and promote equitable access to transportation options. The program will provide clear guidelines for applicants, prioritize accessibility and regional impact, and ensure financial and organizational sustainability.

Funding for this program is sourced from the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), established through the 2021 Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation sources. The NFRMPO Planning Council has approved setting aside \$100,000 per year in CRP funds between 2024 and 2027 for TMO Incubator funding.

Following the 2022 MMOF Call for Projects, the Planning Council and TAC expressed interest in the NFRMPO developing guidelines for the CRP federal funding program. The NFRMPO staff worked with Steer Group to develop the TMO Guidebook, which developed guidelines for a TMO Business Plan Framework, Evaluation Metrics for measuring TMO success, and a Call for Projects Framework for the CRP fundings that provide guidelines and evaluation criteria for the TDM Call for Projects that will help to enable better implementation of regional goals and priorities.

The TMO Guidebook can be found at the following link:

TMO Guidebook - Implementation, Funding, and Oversight of Transportation Management Organizations

Staff will review the following during the TAC meeting:

- TDM program goals.
- The TMO Guidebook.
- Anticipated Call Timeline.



- Funding Information.
- TDM project types & categories.
- TDM program scoring criteria and committee information.

### **Action**

Staff request that TAC members be prepared to discuss the 2025 TDM Call for Projects.



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# **TDM Program Goals**



- **Reduce Congestion:** Encourage projects that reduce congestion by shifting single occupancy (SOV) trips to mass or low-impact transportation options.
- **Promote Regional Connectivity:** Support TDM programming that addresses transportation challenges in high-impact areas such as Regionally Significant Corridors (RSCs), Regional Transit Corridors (RTCs), Regional Active Transportation Corridors (RATCs), and Short-Trip Opportunity Zones.
- Advance Accessibility for all: Prioritize projects that expand accessibility and incorporate
  inclusive community outreach approaches better to reflect the needs and priorities of the
  community.
- Improve Air Quality: Support initiatives that decrease SOV trips and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), contributing to regional air quality improvements.
- **Encourage Local Commitment:** Incentivize collaboration from local jurisdictions and stakeholders to ensure community buy-in and support.

# **Anticipated Call Timeline**



Activity	Date
TAC Presentation / Discussion	July 16, 2025
Planning Council Presentation / Discussion	August 7, 2025
TAC Recommendations on Call Process	August 20, 2025
Planning Council Action on Call Process	September 4, 2025
Call for Project Opens	September 5, 2025
Applicant Workshop	September 22, 2025
Question and Answer Session	October 6, 2025
Project Descriptions Due	October 10, 2025
Draft Project Applications Due to NFRMPO for Review	October 15, 2025
Feedback on Draft Applications	October 22, 2025
Call for Projects Closes Applications Due to NFRMPO	October 31, 2025
Scoring Meeting	November 13, 2025
TAC Discussion-Staff Presentation	November 19, 2025
Council Discussion/Applicant Presentations	December 4, 2025
Announcement of Funding	December 5, 2025

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# **Funding Estimates**



- Funding for this program is sourced from the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
  - Established through the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in 2021
  - The purpose is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation sources.
- The NFRMPO Planning Council has approved setting aside \$100,000 per year in CRP funds between 2024 and 2027 for TMO Incubator funding.
- Of this, \$24,000 was allocated for setting up the Call for Projects and MPO TDM Program structure in FY24
- After the set-up cost \$376,000 is left and available funding for FY25-27, or \$125,000 per year, to support TDM initiatives in the North Front region.
- Local Match of 17.21 percent is required per project

Program	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Federal/State Funding Total
CRP	\$24,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$400,000

### **Minimum & Maximum Award Limits**



Program	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Federal/State Funding Total
CRP	\$24,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$400,000

Minimum Award Limit per year: 50% or \$62,500

Maximum Award Limit per year: 100% or \$125,000

Question for TAC:

Is this a reasonable minimum & maximum project award limit?

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# **The TMO Guidebook**



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TMO Guidebook -Implementation, Funding and Oversight of Transportation Management Organizations



North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization 24595101 steer

The TMO Guidebook provides comprehensive information to help the NFRMPO identify the role TMOs can play and how funding can be allocated to TMO programs and services via a Call for Projects process.

The TMO Guidebook includes:

- TMO Business Plan Framework: Introduces TMO's mission and operational framework to support the NRMPO in evaluating a TMO's long-term success.
  - **TMO Services:** Details TMO functions, partners, and typical strategies that TMOs would be expected to fulfill.
  - TMO Structure: Identifies organizational models, including standalone, partnership-based, and government-led TMOs.
  - Key Considerations: Outlines funding, staffing, program monitoring, and local context considerations for TMO operations.
- Evaluation Metrics: Highlights metrics for measuring TMO success and their contributions to regional goals.
- Call for Projects Framework: Provides eligibility criteria, scoring systems, and application guidance to align projects with NFRMPO's goals.

## **TDM Call for Projects: Eligible Applicants**



Eligible Applicants	Description
	Organizations that are dedicated to managing and
Non-Profit TMOs	implementing transportation solutions aligned
	with regional goals.
	Other non-profits with a broad regional interest in
Non-Profit	transportation, sustainability, or economic
	development have a dedicated arm/subsidiary
Organizations	focused on improving local or regional
	transportation and mobility options.
	Local government agencies can implement TDM
Governments	programming nested within government
	functions.

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# **TDM Project Types**



## **TDM Project Types**

TMO ongoing management

TDM projects, including but not limited to:

- Educational and awareness-based campaigns
- Incentives or a subsidy program for sustainable travel options
- Programs to promote bicycling, transit, carpooling, or vanpooling

Pilots to promote expanded or new transit services or transportation options

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# **TDM Project Requirements**



<b>Project Requirements</b>	Description
Geographic Relevance	<ul> <li>Determining the project's potential impact on regional mobility.</li> <li>Projects must serve one or more areas in the NFRMPO with significant transportation needs.</li> </ul>
Accessibility	<ul> <li>Accessibility is a focus in the evaluation of projects</li> <li>Prioritize work toward reducing transportation disparities by prioritizing safety and accessibility</li> <li>Support underserved communities and vulnerable populations.</li> <li>Addressing historical biases in transportation planning</li> <li>Enhancing safe mobility options for all travelers</li> <li>Fostering inclusive economic development.</li> </ul>
Financial Viability & Technical Capacity	<ul> <li>Demonstrate the financial viability of the organization or project.</li> <li>Required to justify the grant in a manner consistent with the project narrative.</li> <li>Funding for a TMO's ongoing management should have a business plan for financial sustainability.</li> <li>Projects should also demonstrate technical capacity to execute the project.</li> <li>As part of the staffing plan, key personnel should be identified with relevant TDM or transportation-related qualifications to deliver the work.</li> </ul>
Project Readiness (Optional)	Projects that can demonstrate community buy-in and dedication via letters of support and other agreements will receive additional scoring.

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## **TDM Call for Projects Scoring Criteria Categories**



Category	Description				
Congestion Mitigation	Reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips by shifting people to low-impact transportation options.				
Multimodal Options					
Financial Viability & Technical Capacity	Ensure projects have realistic budgets and technical capacity to deliver.	20%			
Accessibility  Reduce impacts to disadvantaged communities by prioritizing TDM programming for underserved communities and vulnerable populations.		20%			
Innovation	Promote innovative approaches to deliver TDM programming.	10%			
Project Readiness	Demonstrate community buy-in and support for project delivery to ensure effective implementation.	5%			
	Total Weight (%)	100%			

## TDM Call for Projects Scoring Criteria Pt. 1



Category	Criterion	Specific Measure	Scoring	Weight (%)
	Reduce sin	gle-occupancy vehicle trips by	shifting people to low-impact transportation options.	25%
Congestion	Ridership	Narrative of how the project will reduce congestion (SOV trips and VMT) by increasing the utilization of low-impact travel options	Low potential impact on SOV trips and VMT     Moderate impact on SOV trips and VMT     High, quantifiable reduction in SOV trips with supporting data	15%
Mitigation	Awareness	Narrative of how the project will contribute to greater awareness of low-impact travel options	1 - Low potential for increasing awareness of low-impact travel options     3 - Moderate potential for increasing awareness of low-impact travel options     5 - High potential for increasing awareness of low-impact travel options	10%

# TDM Call for Projects Scoring Criteria Pt. 2



Category	Criterion	Specific Measure	Scoring	Weight (%)
	Promote low-impact travel options and services along multimodal transportation corridors.			20%
Multimodal	Regional Corridor Coverage	Projects serving RSCs, RTCs, or RATCs as identified in the RTP and related plans	<ul> <li>1 – Partial focus on designated corridors</li> <li>3 - Fully focused on one corridor</li> <li>5 - Fully aligned with and supporting multiple corridors</li> </ul>	15%
Options	Short Trip Opportunity Zone	Projects promoting walking, biking, or transit within short trip zones with high potential for mode shifts.	0 - Minimal short trip zone impact 3 - Moderate alignment with short trip areas 5 - Strong integration with short trip opportunities	5%

## TDM Call for Projects Scoring Criteria Pt. 3



Category	Criterion	Specific Measure	Scoring	Weight (%)
Financial Viability & Technical	Ensure projects have realistic budgets and technical capacity to deliver.			20%
	Project Budget	Realistic cost estimates detailing projected expenses and other existing and potential funding sources	1 – Minimal cost estimates are provided 3 – Moderate-level cost estimates are provided 5 – A detailed breakdown of costs, including all labor, direct costs, and other financial commitments from jurisdictions and stakeholders, is provided	10%
Capacity	Technical Capacity	Staffing plan	<ul> <li>1 - The staffing plan identifies key personnel 10%</li> <li>3 - Staffing plan identifies key personnel and resources to deliver and scale up</li> <li>5 - Staffing plan demonstrates strong key personnel and established partnerships for optimizing project delivery</li> </ul>	10%

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# TDM Call for Projects Scoring Criteria Pt. 4



Category	Criterion	Specific Measure	Scoring	Weight (%)
Accessibility	Reduce impacts to disadvantaged communities by prioritizing TDM programming for underserved communities and vulnerable populations.			20%
	Accessibility	Narrative of how the project will improve access to multi-modal options and employment opportunities	1 – Minimal improvement of access to multimodal options and employment opportunities     3 – Moderate improvement of access to multimodal options and employment opportunities     5 – Strong improvement of access to multimodal options and employment opportunities	10%
	Community Engagement & Outreach  Narrative of how the project will capture and prioritize community needs	1 - Minimal engagement with underserved communities and vulnerable populations     3 - Moderate engagement with underserved communities and vulnerable populations     5 - Strong engagement with underserved communities and vulnerable populations	10%	

## **TDM Call for Projects Scoring Criteria Pt. 5**



Category	Criterion	Specific Measure	Scoring	Weight (%)
	Promote innovati	ve approaches to deliver	TDM programming.	10%
Innovation	Level of Innovation & Uniqueness	Narrative of how the project will incorporate novel approaches	1 - Continuation of existing programs     3 – The project demonstrates some innovation     5 - Project demonstrates unique approaches	10%
Project Readiness	Demonstrate community buy-in and support for project delivery to ensure effective implementation.			
	Buy- In/Dedication from relevant local and regional stakeholders	Letters of support and other agreements	0 - No demonstrated buy-in 3 - Moderate commitment from stakeholders with letters of support 5 - Strong dedication with letters of support, signed agreements or formal commitments	5%

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# **Scoring Committee**



- Scoring committee made up of one scoring member from each NFRMPO Community
- Any community or project applying for funds must have one member on the committee
- Communities may not score their project
- Voting representative from NoCo Bike and Ped, Mobility, and Transit

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# **Next Steps**



- August 7th
  - Planning Council Discussion and Presentation
- August 20th
  - TAC Recommendation on Call Process
- September 4, 2025
  - Planning Council Action on Call Process
- September 5, 2025
  - Call for Project Opens

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# **Questions?**



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### **MEMORANDUM**

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee

From: Becky Karasko Date: July 16, 2025

Re: MMOF Reconciliation Work Session

### Summary

During the 2025 Legislative Session, the Colorado General Assembly pulled back \$71.4M in existing funding in the local MMOF program as part of settling a \$1.2B statewide budget deficit for FY2026, the Colorado General Assembly. After an increase of \$18.2M with reconciled revenues, the net reduction of local MMOF funding was \$53.2M. The retail delivery fee has been updated to show future funding of \$1.75M and the total local MMOF allocation through FY2029 will be updated to \$227.9M. The MMOF funds removal has resulted in years FY2023 to FY2025 being overprogrammed. Options for achieving compliance with the funding reduction include delaying a project, reducing the funding for a project, or canceling a project.

This Work Session is a follow up to the June Work Session. The updated worksheets with MMOF project information were sent to TAC members on Monday, July 14.

### Recommendation

NFRMPO Staff requests TAC members with MMOF projects in the impacted years come prepared to discuss project delay, reduction, or removal due to the State Legislature's removal of MMOF funds.

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the**

# North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council **July 10, 2025**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

James **moved** to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. The motion was **seconded** by Heid and **passed** unanimously.

#### AIR QUALITY AGENDA

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates – Dena Wojtach, Two Roads Environmental, noted the APCD held an Ozone Reduction Planning Meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned the RAQC is holding an Ozone Forum meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup> which members of the public can attend. Wojtach noted the APCD is developing a SIP to address challenges with meeting federal standards. The hearing about the Serious SIP will be in July. Lastly, Wojtach noted ozone monitors in the NFRMPO region are starting to see higher readings, as is typical during hot summer days.

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) – Karasko noted the RAQC emission reduction programs are coming to the North Front Range region. The Non-Attainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) Board approved \$1.5M for the RAQC to expand its emission reduction programs to Larimer and Weld counties beginning in 2026. Karasko noted the RAQC is holding Control Strategy Blueprint Workshops for developing a strategic framework for air pollution control strategy options over the next five years. The first workshop is this month in Denver and the second one will be on August 18<sup>th</sup> in Fort Collins.

Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) – Karasko noted the June NAAPME meeting where board members selected five fully funded projects and one partially funded project from the North Front Range region.

# METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AGENDA REPORTS:

Report of the Chair – Chair Olson noted the NFRMPO Executive Director interviews are complete and announced that Elizabeth Relford has preliminarily accepted the Executive Director position.

*Executive Director Report* – Karasko noted updates to the MMOF reconciliation process. There was a workshop at the June TAC meeting and there will be another workshop at the July TAC meeting. Karasko noted the new Transportation Modeler will start on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### PRESENTATION ITEM:

Front Range Passenger Rail District Update – Nancy Burke, Front Range Passenger Rail District, provided an update on progress with the Front Range Passenger Rail. Burke discussed what the Front Range Passenger Rail District is and where the initial and future stops are located. She noted why the creation of the rail is important, citing population growth, congestion, economic costs, and personal impacts as reasons. Burke discussed the benefits the rail would have, including connectivity, job creation, local economic impacts, sustainability, and safety. The initial starter service is anticipated to begin in 2029 between Denver and Fort Collins. Burke noted progress with the Service Development Plan, which defines a full-build vision and outlines the implementation steps for rail service along the Front Range, which is a key step to help secure Federal funding. The Plan is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year.

#### **ACTION ITEM:**

*Emergency Off-Cycle June 2025 TIP Amendment* – Stockburger noted the Emergency Off-Cycle June 2025 TIP Amendment included the addition of the CDOT Region 4 new project ER CO60 East of Johnstown with \$750,000 State TCC funding.

James **moved to** approve *RESOLUTION 2025-15 APPROVING THE EMERGENCY OFF-CYCLE JUNE 2025 AMENDMENT TO THE FY2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP).* The motion was **seconded** by Paranto and **passed** unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

2025 Coordinated Plan Update— Hull provided an update on the 2025 Coordinated Plan. He provided an overview of the NFRMPO Mobility Program, including the information hub, committees, funding, planning efforts, and the overarching goals of the program. Hull provided a background for the Coordinated Plan process as well as explaining its purpose. He noted gaps in service that have been identified from calls received in the RideNoCo Call Center. Hull noted potential future ideas, strategies, and projects the Mobility Program will look into pursuing. He noted the 2025 Coordinated Plan Public Survey is available. Lastly, Hull walked through comments received from the June TAC meeting when he presented the 2025 Coordinated Plan update to them.

*NFRMPO 10-Year Priority List Scoring Workshop #2* – Karasko noted that on June 23<sup>rd</sup> a second NFRMPO Priority List Scoring Workshop was held. There were two exercises during this workshop: one to prioritize the corridors and the second to prioritize the projects based on score order within the corridors. Council did not have discussion around the list but requested TAC review and recommendation.