

MEETING MINUTES of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council

Hybrid Meeting

September 17, 2025

1:05 p.m. – 2:59 p.m.

TAC Members Present

Nicole Hahn, Chair – Loveland
Evan Pinkham, Vice Chair – Weld County
Emma Belmont – FTA
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Brendan Cicione – CDPHE-APCD
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Tim Hoos – Johnstown
Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath
Wesley LaVanchy – Eaton
Victoria Leonhardt – Greeley
Tom Moore – RAQC
Shani Porter – Severance
Eric Tracy – Larimer County

NFRMPO Staff:

Aaron Hull
Mykayla Marek
Elizabeth Relford
Jerome Rouser
Jonathan Stockburger
Tahjiba Tarannum
Tanya Trujillo-Martinez

TAC Members Absent:

Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud
Town of Milliken
Town of Garden City
Town of LaSalle

In Attendance:

AnnaRose Cunningham – Loveland
Cody Davis – Muller Engineering
Candice Folkers – COLT
Renaë Jording – GET
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Joshua Ma – Transfort
Dee McIntosh – CDOT
Eric Patton – Transfort
Drew Pearson – Wilson & Company
Scott Pearson – Windsor
Jaclynn Streeter – GoNoCo34 TMO

Call to Order

Chair Hahn called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 20, 2025 TAC MINUTES

Hornkohl moved to approve the August 20, 2025 TAC Minutes. Pinkham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

2050 RTP Amendment

Pinkham moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the 2050 RTP Amendment. Hornkohl seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Air Quality Agenda

Regional Air Quality Updates

Moore summarized what is included in the updated Blueprint. This includes draft recommendations, ozone air quality planning context for the NFRMPO region, emission control strategies, a control strategy blueprint summary for stakeholder review, and a blueprint endorsement consideration process by the RAQC board. Moore reminded the TAC of the Control Strategy Blueprint timeline. He summarized the engagement opportunities throughout the Blueprint process, including workshops, comment opportunities, RAQC Board meetings, Control Strategy Committee meetings, Indirect Source Emission Reduction Workgroup meetings, and Air Quality Control Commission meetings. Moore explained the supplemental documents included in the Blueprint, such as 20 briefing papers for control strategy concepts, a Stakeholder Engagement Information document, and the Blueprint Development Policy document. Moore reminded everyone that the primary recommendation of the Blueprint is to achieve attainment of the 70 ppb National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone in the 2030-32 period.

Relford asked if the RAQC would continue to look through the new data on background ozone and posting it to the website, which was brought up in previous meetings. Moore responded that they are currently redoing their modeling with that data. Moore stated the modeling results will be available at a virtual forum at the end of October or beginning of November.

APCD Updates

Cicione noted the hearings from the August AQCC meeting. Cicione stated the first hearing was to consider a designation recommendation for EPA's revised secondary SO₂ NAAQS standard. He stated the second hearing was for the Commission to consider establishing a new regulation number 31, the landfill methane regulation, to address municipal solid waste for landfill greenhouse gas controls and monitoring requirements. Cicione highlighted the upcoming AQCC meeting in October, which will be a joint meeting with the Board of Health. Cicione stated the October meeting will also include a review of the 2025 ozone season and monitoring data. Cicione announced that the Clean Fleet Enterprise is accepting applications for the Clean Fleet Vehicle and Technology Grant Program from September 15, 2025 to October 24, 2025.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda

Presentation Items

GoNoCo34 TMO Presentation

Jaclynn Streeter, GoNoCo34 TMO, introduced the TMO and provided updates on what the organization has been working on. Streeter explained the TMO's services and activities which fall under three buckets: outreach and education, transportation services, and regional collaboration. She provided a FY2024-2025 year in review, presented the Q1 workplan recently approved by the TMO Board, explained she is a part-time Executive Director of the TMO, and that the TMO is constantly seeking additional funding to expand to full-time operations

Hahn reminded local agencies to keep the TMO in mind during budget conversations for next year. Hahn recommended that local agencies should connect developers along the US34 corridor with the TMO and the City of Loveland has already been doing this. Streeter added it would be helpful to have contact information for groups to present to or for groups that should be involved in the TMO such as development groups or Chamber of Commerce organizations.

Relford asked Streeter to explain what else the TMO does for the local communities and connecting people with programs such as VanGo™. Streeter shared the TMO has a fee for service option if membership, sponsorship, or donations are not a right fit for local governments. Streeter stated this is for anyone that needs help on a specific project with outreach, communications, or marketing. She explained the TMO can be hired to implement these portions of a project. Streeter mentioned they push programs such as VanGo™ to people interested in alternative transportation options along the US34 corridor.

Action Items

FY25 TIP Delay Review

Stockburger explained that 26 projects were subject to the FY25 TIP delay review procedure, with six projects delayed for the 1st time, one project delayed for the 2nd time, four projects delayed for the 3rd time, and 15 additional projects subject to the delay review but met the milestone deadline to not be delayed. Stockburger announced that communities with projects up for a 3rd delay should be prepared to provide a 2-minute presentation at the October Planning Council meeting about why the project is delayed, how certain the Ad Date provided is, and what steps are being taken to ensure the milestone is met.

Stockburger discussed some of the projects that are not delayed or potentially not delayed anymore. Stockburger announced that the 59th Avenue and O Street Roundabout project went to Ad and is not delayed anymore. Stockburger asked if the US287 Intersection Improvements project went to Ad. Hornkohl responded that it has not, and they are only waiting on FHWA and are positive the project will go to Ad before September 30. Stockburger stated this project will be designated as not delayed.

Stockburger stated there will be a follow up for the TIP Delay with the MMOF projects once the reconciliation gets approved.

Hahn asked for clarification on the projects that will need to be presented at the October Planning Council meeting. Stockburger responded that the projects are the WCR13 Alignment Improvements from Windsor, CR19 (Taft Hill Road) Improvements from Fort Collins, US34 Widening – Boise to Rocky

Mountain from Loveland, and 83rd Ave Roadway Improvements from Greeley. Pinkham asked what the 83rd Ave Roadway Improvements project from Greeley includes. Leonhardt responded she would check with City of Greeley engineers.

Hornkohl moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the FY25 TIP Delay Review for 1st delays. Pinkham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Hornkohl moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the FY25 TIP Delay Review for 2nd and 3rd delays. Koivuniemi seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FY2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Stockburger explained the TIP narrative and tables provide an overview of the TIP process and various projects and funding information. Stockburger described the updates made to the TIP narrative and tables. Stockburger stated the public comment period opened on September 5, 2025, and will close on October 6, 2025. Relford mentioned there is an additional modification being made to the FY2026-2029 TIP which is due to CDOT completing negotiations for construction package 3 for I-25 Segment 5. Relford explained the modification is to move some funding for the project from FY25 to FY26, and TAC recommendation would include this modification.

Hahn asked if the updated CDOT 10-Year Plan has been approved yet. Relford responded it has not, but the funding for this was identified in the previous CDOT 10-Year Plan which has already been approved.

Hornkohl moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the FY2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Pinkham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MMOF Funding Reconciliation

Hahn stated the three scenarios for MMOF Funding Reconciliation were presented at Planning Council in September, and Planning Council was in support of Scenario 3. Hornkohl summarized all three scenarios, which included funding amount changes for impacted projects. He explained Scenario 3 removes the Fort Collins Route Battery Electric Bus Chargers, takes a portion of the \$1M to fully fund Foothills Transit Station and removes the funding from Greeley's 10th St Transit Vision with this project being waitlisted for future available funding, takes a portion to fully fund MERGE, the removal of \$170k of the NFRMPO's RideNoCo Sustainable Funding Project, and distributes the remaining needed reduction across the remaining five projects. Hornkohl stated each remaining project has a funding reduction of 12.44 percent.

Hahn stated that in future calls for projects, it would make sense to prioritize funding the projects from Fort Collins and Greeley that had funding completely taken away through this reconciliation process.

Pinkham moved to recommend the Planning Council approve Scenario 3 for the MMOF Funding Reconciliation. Koivuniemi seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

GHG Transportation Report

Rouser provided an overview of the draft GHG Transportation Report. He explained this is a requirement of Colorado's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Planning Standard adopted by the Transportation Commission in 2021. Rouser presented the approval schedule, what is new in this version of the report, what stayed the same, the amount of GHG reductions required by year, and summarized the strategies used to reduce GHG. Rouser explained that due to modeling issues, the numbers for modeled GHG reductions by year are not yet available but will be shared as soon as they are. Rouser shared that the concurrent process for the NFRMPO's Conformity Determination passed for all compliance years.

Drew Pearson, Wilson & Company, asked about frequency of the Conformity Determination. Relford responded that a Conformity Determination must be done when an RTP update or amendment is done that includes projects that meet the criteria for regional significance. Relford explained this includes a capacity expansion project on a regionally significant corridor. Pearson asked what the frequency of the GHG process is. Relford responded that GHG compliance is done at the same time as Conformity Determinations.

SB25-30 Update

Rouser provided updates on SB25-30: Increase Transportation Mode Choice Reduce Emissions. He explained it is required for local governments with a population of more than 5,000 within an MPO boundary, and this applies to all NFRMPO communities except Garden City and LaSalle. Rouser described what needs to be included from NFRMPO communities in their transit and active transportation inventory and that it must be submitted to the NFRMPO by December 31, 2025. Rouser stated the MPO deadline to complete the transit and active transportation inventory using the inventory information submitted by NFRMPO communities is July 1, 2026. Additionally, by October 1, 2026, CDOT and MPOs must provide a report on the inventories to the Transportation Legislative Review Committee (TLRC). Rouser provided a list of project types to be included in this inventory, which includes projects that address walkability, bikeability, transit, and are multimodal. Rouser also provided a list of ineligible project types for this inventory.

Hahn asked for clarification on why this requirement is being introduced. Rouser explained that SB25-30 originally was introduced with more requirements such as creating a Mode Choice Plan, but the bill got watered down to an inventory and not a plan. Rouser stated that his best guess as to why this was introduced was to inform the TLRC on active transportation funding needs.

Hahn asked if the NFRMPO considered having communities submit this using GIS or a similar tool. Rouser responded that he could investigate it as an additional submission, but the spreadsheet submittal would still be required.

TAC Members discussed how burdensome the requirements are and if it is possible to bring this to the attention of their elected officials and to the Transportation Commission.

Hornkohl asked what non-compliance looks like for the NFRMPO and local communities. Rouser and Relford responded that there is no punishment for not submitting the inventory other than the TLRC might not see the active transportation funding needs.

Outside Parter Reports

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative

Written report provided.

Regional Transit Agencies

Ma shared that Transfort is undergoing a system optimization study.

Hahn shared that the FLEX bus service has been undergoing some changes through a collaborative effort with other communities.

Mobility Updates

Trujillo-Martinez stated they have been busy with engagement out in the community and with their partners. Trujillo-Martinez shared that they have created a new Riders Guide and are in the process of creating a robust Providers Guide.

Reports

September Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft

Written report provided.

Mobility Committee Updates

Written report provided.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Written report provided.

Roundtable

Pinkham shared that Weld County is wrapping up their Safety Action Plan, and they will have a final Safety Task Force Meeting and a final meeting with their Board of County Commissioners in October. He stated they anticipate adopting the plan in October.

Tracy stated that Larimer County's Transportation Master Plan is going to their Planning Commission tonight. He shared that originally, their Board of County Commissioners recommended adopting the plan, but in between the meeting with the Board and their Planning Commission, they received a letter from the US Attorney General about removing certain language from the plan. Tracy shared they had to go through the plan, remove the language, and then brought the plan to their Planning Commission and

they did not approve it since it changed from when the Board recommended approval. Their Board has now recommended approval with the changes, so they anticipate the Larimer County Planning Commission will approve the plan tonight.

Hornkohl shared that the Fort Collins Strategic Trail Plan was adopted earlier in the summer. Hornkohl stated that the Power Trail underpass at Harmony Road was readvertised, and construction will begin in November of this year. He explained that the Siphon overpass is currently under construction, but they are waiting on an opportunity to deenergize the PRPA line immediately adjacent to the project.

Relford mentioned the MPO has been discussing not using GoTo for meetings anymore. Relford stated the MPO is working on many plans right now, including the 2025 Coordinated Plan which will be shared with TAC Members for their feedback.

Koivuniemi shared Timnath will be putting out an RFP for a Safety Action Plan soon.

Hahn shared that Loveland will also be putting out an RFP for a Safety Action Plan soon.

Meeting Wrap-Up

Final Public Comment

There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Mykayla Marek, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, as a hybrid meeting.