



North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council

Hybrid Meeting Agenda—**REVISED**

October 2, 2025

In Person: Colorado River Room, 222 LaPorte Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80521

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1	Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance	Johnny Olson, Chair	-	6:00
2	Public Comment - 2 min each <i>(accepted on items not on the Agenda)</i>	<i>Anyone in the audience will be given time to speak to items on the Consent Agenda. Please ask for that item to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Items pulled will be heard at the beginning of the regular agenda. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak to all other items prior to Council action being taken.</i>	-	-
3	Councilmember Announcements	Johnny Olson	-	6:05

Consent Agenda

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4	Approval of Minutes – Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality/MPO – September 4, 2025	Johnny Olson	10	6:10
5	MMOF Funding Reconciliation Resolution 2025-19	Becky Karasko	30	-

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

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6	Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)	Written Report	Handout	-



7	NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates	Dena Wojtach, Two Roads Environmental	15	6:10
8	Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)	Kristin Stephens, Vice Chair	21	-
9	Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME)	Kristin Stephens	-	-

Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda

Reports

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10	Report of the Chair	Johnny Olson	-	6:20
11	Executive Director Report	Elizabeth Relford, Executive Director	-	6:25
12	Finance Committee	Written	Handout	-
13	TAC	Written	28	-

Action Items

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14	FY2025 TIP Delay Review Resolution 2025-18	Jonathan Stockburger, Transportation Planner I	Handout	6:35
15	VanGo™ Extenuating Circumstances Policy Resolution 2025-20	Elizabeth Relford	Handout	6:50

Presentation

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16	VanGo™ Program Update	Shane Armstrong, Operations and Fleet Manager	Handout	7:00

Discussion Items

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17	NFRMPO Executive Director Policies	Elizabeth Relford	35	7:15
18	GHG Transportation Report	Becky Karasko	Handout	7:30

***Council Reports***

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19	Transportation Commission	Cecil Gutierrez, Transportation Commissioner	-	7:50
20	STAC Report	Liz Heid, NFRMPO STAC Representative	43	-
21	US34 Coalition	Julie Cline, Mayor Town of Windsor	-	-
22	I-25 Coalition	Scott James, Weld County Commissioner	-	-
23	Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)	Written Report	45	-
24	Front Range Passenger Rail District	Tricia Canonico, City of Fort Collins Councilmember Jon Mallo, Past Chair	-	-
25	Host Council Member Report	Tricia Canonico, City of Fort Collins Councilmember	-	8:00

Meeting Wrap Up:

- Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
- Next NFRMPO Council Meeting: November 6, 2025 – Hosted by the City of Loveland



MPO Planning Council

City of Greeley and Greeley Evans Transit (GET)

Johnny Olson, Councilmember –Chair

Alternate- Brett Payton, Mayor Pro Tem

Larimer County

Kristin Stephens, Commissioner – Vice Chair

Alternate- Jody Shaddock-McNally, Commissioner

City of Loveland

Jon Mallo, Mayor Pro Tem – Past Chair

Town of Berthoud

William Karspeck, Mayor

Alternate- Mike Grace, Mayor Pro Tem

Town of Eaton

Liz Heid, Mayor Pro Tem

Alternate- Glenn Ledall, Trustee

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Alternate- Brittany Vandermark, Mayor Pro Tem

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Bill Jenkins, Councilmember

Town of Windsor

Julie Cline, Mayor

Alternate- Ron Steinbach, Mayor Pro Tem

Weld County

Scott James, Commissioner

Alternate- Perry Buck, Commissioner

CDPHE- Air Pollution Control Division

Jessica Ferko, Manager, Planning & Policy Program

Colorado Transportation Commission

Cecil Gutierrez, Commissioner

Alternate- Heather Paddock, Region 4 Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20
OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL
AMENDING THE VANGO™ VANPOOL SERVICES FARE AND PAYMENT POLICIES

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (dba NFRMPO) has been formed under the powers set forth in Article XIV, Section 18 (2) of the Colorado Constitution and Part 2 of Article 1 of Title 29, C.R.S., as amended ; and

WHEREAS, the NFRMPO Council agrees to revise the VanGo™ Fare and Payment Policies last updated in 2020 to address COVID-19 operations; and

WHEREAS, the NFRMPO Council realizes there are other extenuating circumstances that may affect the VanGo™ Program besides Public Health emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the NFRMPO recognizes certain extenuating circumstances may significantly impact the ability of existing vanpoolers to maintain consistent access to transportation during unique situations, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this policy is to allow temporary Program adjustments to support existing customer accounts from being temporarily decommissioned and potentially a route being eliminated during times of extraordinary situations, and

WHEREAS, the NFRMPO wants to support our existing customers affected by circumstances beyond their control, and

WHEREAS, the NFRMPO wishes to update the VanGo™ Vanpool Services Fare and Payment Policies to allow the Executive Director and the VanGo™ Operations Manager flexibility to manage the program when unexpected situations occur for existing customers, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council hereby approves the amended VanGo™ Vanpool Fare and Payment Policies to be effective starting the beginning of Fiscal Year 2026 or October 1, 2025.

Passed and approved at the regular meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council held this 2nd day of October 2025.

Kristin Stephens, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Relford, Executive Director

VanGo™ Program Extenuating Circumstances Policy

Purpose:

The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) recognizes that certain extenuating circumstances may significantly impact the ability of existing vanpoolers to maintain consistent access to transportation during unique situations. The purpose of this policy is to allow temporary program adjustments to support existing customer accounts from being temporarily decommissioned and potentially a route being eliminated in order to address immediate individual needs during times of hardship or extraordinary situations.

Policy Overview:

The VanGo™ Program may waive or reduce fares for eligible essential employees facing unique or challenging circumstances that create a barrier to accessing their VanGo™ vanpool. These circumstances may include, but are not limited to:

- Natural disasters or declared states of emergency
- Public health emergencies
- Government shutdown
- Sudden changes in work location or schedule due to employer-mandated emergency response

Eligibility:

To qualify for fare assistance under this policy, individuals should:

- Be classified as an essential or furloughed employee
- Be a current VanGo™ rider
- Provide written documentation or statement outlining the nature of the extenuating circumstance

Approval Process:

Fare waivers or reductions will be granted on a known group or case-by-case basis, dependent on the situation, at the discretion of the NFRMPO VanGo™ Operations Manager. Requests should be submitted via e-mail and will be evaluated based on:

- The severity and duration of the circumstance
- The applicant's role as an essential employee
- The potential impact on the continuity of essential services

Duration of Assistance:

Assistance may be granted for up to ninety (90) days, with an option to request an extension if the extenuating circumstances persist. Extensions are subject to review and reapproval.

Program Funding and Limitations:

Fare assistance is subject to availability of program funding and resources. The VanGo™ Program reserves the right to limit or suspend fare waivers.

VanGo™ 2020 COVID-19 Policy Exceptions

At VanGo™ we understand each and every participant has a unique situation on a normal basis, but these remain quite unnormal times, therefore we are making some temporary adjustments to the program to help meet your individual needs, immediately. These changes are outlined below and are effective with the June billing cycle and will remain in effect through December 31st, 2020.

Thanks go out to the many of you I was able to correspond or speak directly with who shared your situation and ways you felt VanGo™ could meet your needs during these times.

- Seat Reservation Policy
 - There will be no charges levied to hold your seat on your route
 - Any payments made for June will be applied to charges when you return
 - The 90-day limit on seat reservations is eliminated
 - You can hold your seat on your route at no charge until December 31st, 2020
- Van Occupancy Minimum limits
 - To keep a route active there must be at least 2 approved drivers, one of which must hold the responsibility of being Coordinator.
 - There will be no empty seat fees levied through December 31st, 2020
- Reduced Schedule Participation
 - Your days of riding do not need to be static
 - We recognize your employers may need more flexibility from you
 - You are allotted 10 days of riding per month
 - This is an increase of two days per month; also done as we recognize the flexibility you may need in working with your employer.
 - The fare remains ½ the normal fare
- Coordinator Stipend
 - Coordinators who are active (not a reservation status) will receive a \$50 stipend for completing the duties required.
 - This increase is to help reflect the extra time that you may need to coordinate the flexibility of the temporarily changed reduced schedule policy exceptions.

All other current policies will remain unchanged but please reach out if you have any questions.

VanGo™ was started nearly 30 years ago and we wish to ensure you that we will be here in the future for your commuting needs. While the above changes are temporary for 2020 please know we are well aware that the culture of work and commuting has taken a shift and we plan to investigate further how the program will continue to grow, thrive, and serve our participants needs going forward.

I appreciate every single one of you and thank you so much for your support of our program and the many kind words that have been exchanged over the last few months. I know many of you miss your van-mates, and I know they miss you as well. This 'season' shall pass and while the next 'season' may be different than what we've known, your friendships formed commuting will return.

Stay safe!

Shane Armstrong

Operations Services Coordinator