

MEETING MINUTES of the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council

Hybrid Meeting

October 15, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 2:17 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
Tim Hoos – Johnstown
Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins
Kevin Koelbel – Milliken
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath
Victoria Leonhardt – Greeley
Tom Moore – RAQC
Scott Pearson – Windsor
Josie Thomas – CDOT
Eric Tracy – Larimer County

NFRMPO Staff:

Aaron Hull
Becky Karasko
Mykayla Graalum
Elizabeth Relford
Jerome Rouser
Jonathan Stockburger
Tahjiba Tarannum
Tanya Trujillo-Martinez

TAC Members Absent:

Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud
Town of Garden City
Town of LaSalle
Wesley LaVanchy – Eaton
Shani Porter – Severance

In Attendance:

AnnaRose Cunningham – Loveland
Candice Folkers – COLT
Caleb Feaver- Fox Tuttle Transportation Group
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Renaee Jording – GET
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Joshua Ma – Transfort
Annareli Morales – Weld County
Desiree Moore – Drive Clean Colorado
Helen Migchelbrink – Toen of Mead
Eric Patton – Transfort
Drew Pearson – Wilson & Company
Erika Rasmussen – Town of Mead
Luke Seeber – Berthoud
Spencer York – CDOT

Call to Order

Chair Hahn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 TAC MINUTES

Hornkohl moved to approve the September 17, 2025 TAC Minutes. Leonhardt seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Air Quality Agenda

Regional Air Quality Updates

Moore stated APCD and RAQC will be briefing the AQCC on ozone season results. Moore noted rebuttal statements are due October 28th by 5:00 p.m. Moore stated 2025 has been the cleanest air quality year since 2019. Moore noted that RAQC will be presenting the Control Strategy Blueprint on November 7th. The AQCC hearing on the Control Strategy Blueprint is on Nov 20-21. Comments on the blueprint are due by October 24th. Moore noted that the RAQC has adjusted language to emphasize that these are proposed strategies and may not be implemented exactly as described.

Relford asked if RAQC is supporting AQCCs proposal for the SIP. Moore noted that RAQC coauthored the SIP chapters with AQCC. RAQC is supporting the regulations AQCC is moving forward, but AQCC has not partnered with RAQC on those regulations. Relford asked if the blueprint reflects the updated ozone emissions data. Moore confirmed RAQC will update the data with the new 2025 ozone season data.

APCD Updates

Cicione noted the AQCC set a hearing date for Regulation #7 to consider revisions addressing oil and gas operations impacted by EPA's Emission Guideline 40. AQCC set a hearing date for Regulation #28 to address technical corrections to the rule specifically related to agricultural buildings and utility subscription services. The October AQCC meeting will be a joint meeting with the Board of Health.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda

Action Items

October 2025 TIP Amendment

Stockburger noted the October 2025 TIP Amendment included the addition of the Larimer County, *County Road 50E Corridor Planning & Design* with \$1,160,850 Federal BUILD funding and \$290,215 in local funding in FY2026. The Amendment includes the removal of the Fort Collins project *On-route BEB Chargers- STC* and the Greeley project *10th Street Transit Vision* as a result of the MMOF reconciliation efforts.

Hornkohl moved to recommend Planning Council approve the October 2025 TIP Amendment. Tracy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Presentation Items

NFRMPO 101

Karasko gave an overview of the NFRMPO's formation and roles and responsibilities as an MPO. Karasko noted that the NFRMPO is both a Transportation Management Area (TMA) and an MPO. The NFRMPO covers 635 square miles and has a population of around 535,000. The NFRMPO is funded by Local, State, and Federal funding sources. Karasko stated the MPO has five urbanized areas: Fort Collins, Greeley, Johnstown, Severance, and Eaton. Karasko noted that the four federally required core MPO products are the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the TIP, the Public Involvement Plan (PIP), and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The NFRMPO is responsible for transportation planning, air

quality planning modeling and coordination, regional collaboration, mobility coordination, and VanGo™ Vanpooling and Ride Matching Services. Karasko outlined the UPWP and noted it is the NFRMPO staff workplan that is adopted biannually while the UPWP budget is adopted annually. Karasko discussed the 10 federally-required planning factors. NFRMPO plans include Freight Northern Colorado (FNC), Active Transportation Plan (ATP), Coordinated Plan, Title VI Plan, the PIP, TIP, UPWP, Congestion Management Process (CMP), and the RTP. Karasko gave an overview of the NFRMPO's Conformity and GHG Transportation Planning Standard requirements and outlined what constitutes an air quality significant project that would trigger conformity and the GHG Transportation Planning Standard.

Discussion Items

WCR38 Functional Classification Change Request

Karasko noted while the Town of Mead is a DRCOG community the project is within the NFRMPO boundary, the NFRMPO is the agency to approve the functional classification change request. Erika Rassmussen, Town of Mead, noted the request is to classify WCR 38 as a Rural Major Arterial from WCR 7 to WCR 9.5. CDOT's current classification is an Unclassified local roadway, and the corridor is classified as a collector in the NFRMPO's Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM). Pearson noted the Town of Mead is working through the CDOT 1601 process for a new interchange at I-25 and WCR38, which would significantly increase traffic volumes along the corridor. The NFRMPO must approve of the WCR38 Functional Classification Change to complete the 1601 process. TAC expressed support for the classification change. Next steps include NFRMPO Planning Council approval at their December meeting. If it is approved, the NFRMPO will send a Letter of Approval to CDOT and FHWA.

TMO Call for Projects

Hull gave an overview of the changes made since the previous TAC discussion in July. One significant change includes changing the Call for Projects from a TDM-based call to a TMO-based call. The scoring committee will consist of Mobility staff and one member of the Transportation Planning Team. This call will include updated eligibility criteria for project types to allow for on-going TMO management and TMO setup. Hull outlined the six TMO Call for Project goals. These goals are reducing congestion and improving air quality, strengthening regional links, investing in financially and technically sustainable projects, advancing mobility access for all, encouraging innovation in TDM, and building community support. The updated funding total for this call is \$400,000 across FY2025-2027. A local match of 17.21% is required per project. Hull outlined the scoring criteria and noted letters of support are required for this call.

GHG Transportation Report

Marek noted the GHG Transportation Report is open for public comment until November 4, 2025. She stated the Colorado GHG Transportation Planning Standard was adopted by the Transportation Commission (TC) in 2021. Marek stated the NFRMPO is in compliance with the GHG Transportation Standard for the 2050 RTP Amendment. NFRMPO staff presented the GHG Transportation Report results to Planning Council at the October Planning Council meeting. Marek noted the reduction values for 2029 and 2030 were slightly different than what was presented to the Planning Council due to an error in employment data in the 2030 model run. The NFRMPO is still in compliance for both impacted years. The NFRMPO submitted the GHG Transportation Report to CDOT and APCD on October 6th. Marek stated the GHG Transportation Report will go to TAC for approval at the November 19th meeting as well as at the

November 19th and November 20th TC workshop and meeting. The GHG Transportation Report, Conformity Report, and 2050 RTP Amendment will be going to the Planning Council for adoption at the December 4th Planning Council meeting.

Outside Partner Reports

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative

Written report provided.

Regional Transit Agencies

None.

Mobility Updates

Trujillo-Martinez noted the mobility program is continuing outreach and engagement. RideNoCo has received 5,138 website visits and 285 calls in 2025 so far. RideNoCo attended the Northern Colorado Workforce Symposium. RideNoCo staff will be attending the Weld County Senior Symposium and Weld County Project Connect.

Reports

October Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft

Written report provided.

Mobility Committee Updates

Written report provided.

Quarter 3 2025 TIP Modifications

Written report provided.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Written report provided.

Roundtable

Ma asked about the next steps about MMOF Reconciliation. Relford noted that change will be through the October TIP Amendment. Karasko noted Council Action was to approve of the MMOF Reconciliation plan. Once Council approves the TIP amendment, it will be sent to CDOT. Hahn asked when will agencies get IGAs for the affected MMOF projects. Thomas stated it should be able to begin once TC approves, but she will reach out and get more information.

Pinkham noted Weld County is moving forward with the Safety Action Plan.

Marek stated she will be bringing the safety performance measures to the November TAC meeting.

Rouser noted he will be pulling all of the known bike/ped projects from the 2050 RTP and the Regional Travel Demand Model to include in each communities' Active Transportation and Transit Inventory prior to sending out the request. MPO staff will also accept any submission format as long as it provides the necessary information.

Stockburger noted he has sent out the Freight Stakeholder survey and requested TAC to complete the survey and to inform him of any stakeholder who should take the survey. NFRMPO staff will also be posting the public survey.

Leonhardt thanked everyone who participated in the stakeholder meeting to rebrand GET.

Hahn noted the RFP is out for the Safety Action Plan and will close October 23rd.

Karasko stated NFRMPO staff have begun reaching out to local communities to schedule 2026 Planning Council meetings.

Relford noted Piper from CTIO will be presenting at the November Council meeting to discuss the beginning of tolling on I-25. The December meeting will have the state demographer to present on the region.

Hull requested TAC to provide any comments on the Coordinated Plan by October 20 something. Hull noted there is a Northern Colorado TDM Working Group and encouraged TAC members to attend if interested.

Meeting Wrap-Up

Final Public Comment

There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Jerome Rouser, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, as a hybrid meeting.