

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
December 17, 2025
1:01 p.m. – 2:29 p.m.**

TAC Members Present:

Nicole Hahn, Chair – Loveland
Evan Pinkham, Vice Chair – Weld County
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Brendan Cicone – CDPHE-APCD
Tim Hoos – Johnstown
Dana Hornkohl – Fort Collins
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath
Victoria Leonhardt – Greeley
Tom Moore – RAQC
Josie Thomas – CDOT
Eric Tracy – Larimer County

NFRMPO Staff:

Mykayla Graalum
Aaron Hull
Becky Karasko
Elizabeth Relford
Jerome Rouser
Jonathan Stockburger
Tahjiba Tarannum

TAC Members Absent:

Emma Belmont - FTA
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud
Town of Garden City
Kevin Koelbel – Milliken
Town of LaSalle
Wesley LaVanchy – Eaton
Shani Porter – Severance

In Attendance:

Ian Chase – HDR
AnnaRose Cunningham – Loveland
Hanna Feldmann – Greeley
Candice Folkers – COLT
Gina Fox – CDOT
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Joshua Ma – Transfort
Drew Pearson – Wilson & CO
Spencer York – CDOT

Call to Order

Chair Hahn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2025 TAC MINUTES

Hornkohl moved to approve the November 19, 2025 TAC Minutes. Pinkham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Air Quality Agenda

Regional Air Quality Updates

Moore provided an update on the EPA Ozone NAAQS timelines for the 75ppb standard. He shared that with the division requesting the reclassification to severe, there will be some time before we get to the monitoring period. Moore reminded everyone there are several pieces to develop from the Blueprint and shared the anticipated 2026 Blueprint actions the RAQC will be involved in. Moore shared the strategies that need further exploration from the board-endorsed Blueprint, including mobile sources, oil and gas production and pre-production, major stationary sources, electric generating units and large non-EGU facilities, and non-point sources. Moore stated the effects of existing rules also need further exploration. Moore discussed the evaluation methods for emission strategies and how they will be available.

APCD Updates

Cicione shared that at last month's AQCC meeting, there was a public hearing for proposed changes to the ozone SIP and revisions to associated regulations including number 3, 7, 11, 25, and 26 as well as the air quality standards designations and emissions budgets. Cicione stated that there is a rulemaking hearing at the upcoming ACQQ meeting from December 17 through December 19 on the proposed regulation 31, which is a new proposed regulation related to municipal solid waste, landfill greenhouse gas control, and monitoring requirements.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda

Consent Agenda

Hornkohl moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Pinkham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Action Items

2026 TAC Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Tracy nominated Hahn for 2026 TAC Chair. Hahn was elected via unanimous consent.

Hahn nominated Pinkham as the 2026 TAC Vice Chair. Pinkham was elected via unanimous consent.

2022-2026 NFRMPO Safety Performance Measures Targets

Graalum reviewed the federal requirements for establishing the five safety performance measure targets. She noted that both the TAC and the Planning Council agreed that the preferred approach for the 2022–2026 period is to use regional targets based on an ETS forecast equation. The proposed targets include the number of fatalities at 45, the rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled at 1.129, the number of serious injuries at 295, the rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled at 7.625, and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries at 50.

Leonhardt asked how the NFRMPO plans to coordinate the effort of creating a new regional safety policy. Graalum responded that staff is currently trying to figure that out. Karasko stated staff is exploring a

grant that could allow the NFRMPO to host a regional safety summit or similar event. Graalum added the grant is through the state's Highway Safety Office.

Hornkohl moved to recommend the Planning Council approve the 2022-2026 NFRMPO Safety Performance Measures Targets. Pinkham seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Presentations

Siphon Overpass Project

Hornkohl provided background on the Siphon Overpass project, noting that the Power Trail connection over the Union Pacific Railroad was ranked as the fifth priority project in the City of Fort Collins' 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Grade-Separated Crossing Prioritization Study. He described the local and regional trail connections associated with the project, including RATC 7. Hornkohl presented an overview of design considerations, funding sources, project schedule, and key construction milestones. He highlighted that the overpass fabrication was done locally in Loveland and finished the presentation with a time lapse of the overpass being placed.

Karasko asked how long it took to place the overpass. Hornkohl responded it took roughly two hours and fifteen minutes. Hahn asked where exactly the fabrication took place. Hornkohl responded it was at the place near the airport, and they have fabricated many pedestrian bridges throughout the western United States. Pearson asked if it was delivered in multiple parts to the project site. Hornkohl responded the bridge was delivered in four pieces.

US34 and Taft Intersection Project

Hahn provided an update on the US 34 and Taft Avenue Intersection Improvement project. She explained that Taft Avenue was originally designed as a narrow arterial, making roadway improvements a long-standing need. Hahn reviewed existing conditions, project scope, construction duration, and noted that a major utility project was completed right before this project to minimize roadway closures. She reported a reduction in average PM peak-period intersection delay following project completion and indicated that safety performance data is still being evaluated.

Leonhardt asked if the delay is in seconds or minutes. Hahn responded that the delay is measured in seconds per vehicle, and they collected delay data from this intersection before the project began to compare with post-construction data. Hahn stated that so far, they have seen the largest decrease in delay with vehicle through movements at the intersection.

Regional Wayfinding Project

Written report provided.

Discussion Item

US34 Transit Study

Chase presented an overview of the US 34 Transit Plan, including key considerations guiding its development. He reviewed the project schedule and summarized public and stakeholder engagement. He shared they are in the process of putting together the final report and plan to deliver it to the NFRMPO at the end of December or early January. Chase discussed proposed capital improvement locations, 10

percent design concepts and cost estimates, first and last-mile connections, route expansion analysis, and funding and implementation strategies. He concluded by outlining next-steps for finalizing and seeking approval of the plan.

Karasko asked the group if there is anything that needs greater emphasis in the upcoming presentation to the Planning Council. Hahn suggested an expansion of potential funding opportunities. Feldmann stated it is important to manage expectations when explaining service start-up operations and funding. Relford shared that CTE should be listed as a potential funding opportunity and that there needs to be greater emphasis on BRT regarding this project to be more competitive for funding from sources such as NAAPME. Chase stated he is hesitant to call it BRT. This is because the proposed service is closer to 'BRT Light' since there is no dedicated lane for buses.

Outside Partner Reports

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative

Written report provided.

Regional Transit Agencies

Ma thanked TAC members for their support on the Foothills Transit Station Project match relief. Ma shared Transfort was given a partial award to replace six CSU horn buses. Ma stated they applied for battery electric buses, but electrification efforts are not being supported right now. He announced Transfort started using 100% renewable natural gas as of last year which should lead to GHG emissions reductions.

Mobility Updates

Hull shared that the Planning Council adopted the 2025 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Service Transportation Plan at their December meeting. He reminded everyone that the TMO Call for Projects Workshop on Friday, December 19 is in-person or online. Hull stated there is also a Regional TDM Working Group Meeting on Friday, December 19 to discuss marketing strategies.

Reports

December Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft

Written report provided.

Mobility Committee Updates

Written report provided.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Written report provided.

Roundtable

Graalum shared that yesterday CDOT sent out a Notice of Funding Opportunity for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding for state fiscal year 2029 and that applications must be received no later than February 20. Graalum reminded TAC members to respond by end of day Friday, December

19 to the data request sent out on December 4 from her regarding ITS devices on regionally significant corridors in the region.

Stockburger stated the Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects (ALOP) has been sent out. Stockburger thanked everyone who sent him their agency's social media contact. Stockburger asked TAC members to take the freight stakeholder survey.

Rouser stated the active transportation and transit inventories as required in state Senate Bill 25-030 are due December 31, and he is available to meet if anyone has questions. Rouser shared the NFRMPO is beginning the 2055 RTP process and will send out a list of data requests to TAC once staff has finalized the list. Rouser added the NFRMPO's model update process will kickoff in March. Rouser announced that in January, the NFRMPO will be sending out a data request asking for an updated list of all plans from each community.

Leonhardt announced this is her last TAC meeting since she will be leaving the City of Greeley and going to the private sector in January. She shared that Hanna Feldmann will be the new TAC representative for Greeley. Leonhardt stated they have a lot of planning projects they are looking forward to next year and Greeley is hiring a new public works director.

Feldmann shared they are determining initial changes to GET based on their Mobility Development Plan. They are anticipating the first round of changes happening in May, mostly centered around recommended bus stop changes, and more changes to come in August with the launch of US34 transit service.

Karasko stated she will be sending out new TAC meeting calendar invitations for 2026. The first three meetings of the year will be through GoTo, and starting in April the NFRMPO will switch to Microsoft Teams.

Hahn shared the City of Loveland has hired Will Jones as the new Public Works Director, and he will start in January.

Meeting Wrap-Up

Final Public Comment

There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Mykayla Graalum, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, as a hybrid meeting.