



North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council

Hybrid Meeting Agenda

March 5, 2026

In-Person: Larimer County Offices Building, 200 W. Oak Street, 1st Floor Hearing Room,
Fort Collins, CO 80521

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| 1 | Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance | Kristin Stephens, 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 | Kristin Stephens | - | 6:05 |

Consent Agenda

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| 4 | Approval of Minutes – Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality/MPO – February 5, 2026 | Kristin Stephens | 10 | 6:10 |

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

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| 5 | Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) | Written | 17 | - |
| 6 | NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates | Dena Wojtach, Two Roads Environmental | Handout | 6:15 |
| 7 | Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) | Kristin Stephens | - | - |
| 8 | Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) | Kristin Stephens | - | - |



Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda

Reports

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| 9 | Report of the Chair | Kristin Stephens | - | 6:30 |
| 10 | Executive Director Report | Elizabeth Relford, Executive Director | 19 | 6:35 |
| 11 | Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) | Tricia Canonico | 20 | 6:45 |
| 12 | Front Range Passenger Rail District | Tricia Canonico Jon Mallo | - | 6:50 |
| 13 | Finance Committee | Written | Handout | - |
| 14 | February 2026 TAC Executive Summary | Written | 23 | - |
| 16 | VanGo™ Dashboard Quarter 4 2025 | Written | Handout | - |
| 17 | 2026 Colorado Legislative Updates | Written | Handout | - |
| 18 | Mobility Program Updates | Written | Handout | - |

Action Item

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| 19 | February 2026 TIP Amendment Resolution 2026-04 | Jonathan Stockburger, Transportation Planner I | 24 | 7:00 |

Discussion Items

| Agenda Item Number | Agenda Item and Item Description | Presenter | Page Number | Time |
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| 20 | NFRMPO Planning Council Transit Representative | Elizabeth Relford | - | 7:05 |
| 21 | Amended FY2026-2027 UPWP FY2026 Budget | Elizabeth Relford | Handout | 7:15 |
| 22 | 2025 TMO Call for Projects | Tanya Trujillo-Martinez, Mobility Director | 32 | 7:25 |
| 23 | 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Kick-Off | Jerome Rouser, Transportation Planner II Mykayla Graalum, Transportation Planner I | 34 | 7:35 |



Council Reports

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| 24 | Transportation Commission | Cecil Gutierrez, Transportation Commissioner | - | 7:55 |
| 25 | STAC Report | Kristin Stephens, NFRMPO STAC Representative | 35 | - |
| 26 | Host Council Member Report | Kristin Stephens | - | 8:05 |

Meeting Wrap Up:

- Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions
- Next NFRMPO Council Meeting: April 2, 2026 – Weld County



MPO Planning Council

Larimer County

Kristin Stephens, Commissioner – Chair

Alternate- Jody Shaddock-McNally, Commissioner

Town of Eaton

Liz Heid, Mayor Pro Tem – Vice Chair

Alternate- Glenn Ledall, Trustee

City of Greeley and Greeley Evans Transit (GET)

Johnny Olson, Councilmember – Past Chair

Alternate- Brian Rudy, Councilmember

Town of Berthoud

William Karspeck, Mayor

Alternate- Mike Grace, Mayor Pro Tem

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Jeff Crabtree, Councilmember

Alternate- Mark Clark, Mayor

City of Fort Collins

Chris Conway, Councilmember

Alternate- Anne Nelsen, Councilmember

Town of Garden City

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Town of Johnstown

Andrew Paranto, Councilmember

Town of LaSalle

Paula Cochran, Trustee

City of Loveland

Patrick McFall, Mayor

Alternate- Laura Light-Kovacs, Councilor

Town of Milliken

Dan Dean, Trustee

Alternate- Elizabeth Austin, Mayor

Town of Severance

Matt Fries, Mayor

Alternate- Brittany Vandermark, Mayor Pro Tem

Town of Timnath

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



MPO MEETING PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

1. The order of the agenda will be maintained unless changed by the MPO Planning Council Chair (MPO Chair).
2. "Public Comment" is a time for citizens to address the Planning Council on matters that are not specifically on the agenda. Each citizen shall be limited to a total of two (2) minutes time for public comment, or at the discretion of the MPO Chair.
3. Before addressing the Planning Council, each individual must be recognized by the MPO Chair, come and stand before the Council and state their name and address for the record. (All proceedings are taped.)
4. For each Action item on the agenda, the order of business is as follows:
 - MPO Chair introduces the item; asks if formal presentation will be made by staff
 - Staff presentation (optional)
 - MPO Chair requests citizen comment on the item (two minute limit for each citizen)
 - Planning Council questions of staff on the item
 - Planning Council motion on the item
 - Planning Council discussion
 - Final Planning Council comments
 - Planning Council vote on the item
5. Public input on agenda items should be kept as brief as possible, and each citizen shall be limited to two (2) minutes time on each agenda item, subject to time constraints and the discretion of the MPO Chair.
6. During any discussion or presentation, no person may disturb the assembly by interrupting or by any action such as applause or comments. Any side conversations should be moved outside the meeting room. Courtesy shall be given to all speakers.
7. All remarks during the meeting should be germane to the immediate subject.

GLOSSARY

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| §5303 & §5304 | FTA program funding for multimodal transportation planning (jointly administered with FHWA) in metropolitan areas and States |
| §5307 | FTA program funding for public transportation in Urbanized Areas (i.e. with populations >50,000) |
| §5309 | FTA program funding for capital investments |
| §5310 | FTA program funding for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities |
| §5311 | FTA program funding for rural and small Urban Areas (Non-Urbanized Areas) |
| §5326 | FTA program funding to define “state of good repair” and set standards for measuring the condition of capital assets |
| §5337 | FTA program funding to maintain public transportation in a state of good repair |
| §5339 | FTA program funding for buses and bus facilities |
| 3C | Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative |
| 4P | CDOT Project Priority Programming Process |
| 7th Pot | CDOT’s Strategic Investment Program and projects—originally using S.B. 97-01 funds |
| AASHTO | American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials |
| ACP | Access Control Plan |
| ADA | Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 |
| ADT | Average Daily Traffic (also see AWD) |
| AIS | Agenda Item Summary |
| AMPO | Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations |
| APCD | Air Pollution Control Division (of Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment) |
| AQCC | Air Quality Control Commission (of Colorado) |
| ARPA | American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 |
| ATP | Active Transportation Plan |
| AWD | Average Weekday Traffic (also see ADT) |
| BIL | Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (federal legislation, signed November 2021) |
| BUILD | Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (the competitive federal grant program that replaced TIGER) |
| CAAA | Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (federal) |
| CAC | Community Advisory Committee (of the NFRMPO) |
| CBE | Colorado Bridge Enterprise funds |
| CDOT | Colorado Department of Transportation |
| CDPHE | Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment |
| CEO | Colorado Energy Office |
| CMAQ | Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (an FHWA funding program) |
| CMP | Congestion Management Process |
| CNG | Compressed Natural Gas |
| CO | Carbon Monoxide |
| COG | Council of Governments |
| COLT | City of Loveland Transit |
| CPG | Consolidated Planning Grant (combination of FHWA PL & FTA §5303 planning funds) |
| CFY | Calendar Fiscal Year |
| CRP | Carbon Reduction Funds |

GLOSSARY (cont'd)

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| CTIO | Colorado Transportation Investment Office (formerly High-Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE)) |
| DOLA | Department of Local Affairs |
| DOT | (United States) Department of Transportation |
| DRCOG | Denver Regional Council of Governments |
| DTD | CDOT Division of Transportation Development |
| DTR | CDOT Division of Transit & Rail |
| EIS | Environmental Impact Statement |
| EJ | Environmental Justice |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |
| EV | Electric Vehicle |
| FAST ACT | Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (federal legislation, signed December 2015) |
| FASTER | Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (Colorado's S.B. 09-108) |
| FHWA | Federal Highway Administration |
| FNC | Freight Northern Colorado Plan |
| FRA | Federal Railroad Administration |
| FRPR | Front Range Passenger Rail District (Replaced SWC&FRPRC) |
| FTA | Federal Transit Administration |
| FY | Fiscal Year (October to September for federal funds; July to June for state funds; January to December for local funds) |
| FFY | Federal Fiscal Year |
| GET | Greeley-Evans Transit |
| GHG | Greenhouse Gas |
| GOPMT | Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets |
| GVMPO | Grand Valley MPO (Grand Junction/Mesa County) |
| HOV | High Occupancy Vehicle |
| HSIP | Highway Safety Improvement Program (FHWA Safety Funds) |
| HTF | Highway Trust Fund (the primary federal funding source for surface transportation) |
| HUTF | Highway Users Tax Fund (the State's primary funding source for highways) |
| IACT | State Interagency Consultation Team (for GHG) |
| ICG | Inter-Agency Consultation Group for Ozone Nonattainment Area |
| IGA | Intergovernmental Agreement |
| IIJA | Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also known as BIL) |
| IMW MPO | Intermountain West MPO Group |
| INFRA | Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (a competitive federal grant program for freight improvements) |
| I&M or I/M | Inspection and Maintenance program (checking emissions of pollutants from vehicles) |
| ITS | Intelligent Transportation Systems |
| LCMC | Larimer County Mobility Committee |
| LRP or LRTP | Long Range Plan or Long Range Transportation Plan |
| LUAM | Land Use Allocation Model (of the NFRMPO) |

GLOSSARY (cont'd)

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| MAP-21 | Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (2012 federal transportation legislation) |
| MAPG | Mobility and Access Priority Group, formerly known as the Senior Transportation Coalition (STC) |
| MMOF | Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Funds (state funds allocated to MPOs and TPRs in SB18-001) |
| MOA | Memorandum of Agreement |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| MPO | Metropolitan Planning Organization |
| MVEB | Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget |
| NAA | Non-Attainment Area (for certain air pollutants) |
| NAAPME | Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise |
| NAAQS | National Ambient Air Quality Standards |
| NARC | National Association of Regional Councils |
| NCMC | Northern Colorado Mobility Committee (also known as the Joint Mobility Committee) |
| NEPA | National Environmental Policy Act |
| NFRT & AQPC | North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (also NFRMPO) |
| NFRMPO | North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (also NFRT & AQPC) |
| NHS | National Highway System |
| NoCo | Northern Colorado Bicycle and Pedestrian Collaborative |
| NOFO | Notice of Funding Opportunity |
| NOx | Nitrogen Oxides |
| OBD | On-Board Diagnostics (of a vehicle's engine efficiency and exhaust) |
| O₃ | Ozone |
| OIM | Office of Innovative Mobility, division of CDOT |
| PACOG | Pueblo Area Council of Governments |
| PL | Federal Planning (funds) |
| PIP | Public Involvement Plan |
| POP | Program of Projects |
| PPACG | Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (Colorado Springs) |
| PPP (also P3) | Public Private Partnership |
| R4 or R-4 | Region 4 of the Colorado Department of Transportation |
| RAQC | Regional Air Quality Council |
| RATC | Regional Active Transportation Corridor |
| RPP | Regional Priority Program (a funding program of the Colorado Transportation Commission) |
| RSC | Regionally Significant Corridor |
| RTC | Regional Transit Corridor |
| RTD | Regional Transportation District in the Denver Region or Regional Transportation Director for CDOT Regions |
| RTDM | Regional Travel Demand Model (of the NFRMPO) |
| RTP | Regional Transportation Plan |
| SH | State Highway |
| SIP | State Implementation Plan (air quality) |
| SOV | Single Occupant Vehicle |

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GLOSSARY (cont'd)

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| SPR | State Planning and Research (federal funds) |
| SRTS (<i>see TA</i>) | Safe Routes to School (a pre-MAP-21 FHWA funding program) |
| SS4A | Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Program |
| STAC | Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee |
| STIP | Statewide Transportation Improvement Program |
| STBG (<i>previously STP-Metro</i>) | Surface Transportation Block Grant (a FAST Act FHWA funding program) |
| SWC&FRPRC | Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission (2017-2022) |
| SWMPO | Statewide MPO Committee |
| SWP | Statewide Plan (CDOT) |
| TAC | Technical Advisory Committee (of the NFRMPO) |
| TA (<i>previously TAP</i>) | Transportation Alternatives program (an FHWA funding program) |
| TAZ | Transportation Analysis Zone (used in travel demand forecasting) |
| TC | Transportation Commission of Colorado |
| TDM | Transportation Demand Management |
| TERC | Transportation Environmental Resource Council |
| TIGER | Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (a competitive federal grant program from 2009-2017 replaced by BUILD) |
| TIP | Transportation Improvement Program |
| Title VI | U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting discrimination in connection with programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance |
| TMA | Transportation Management Area (federally designated place >200,000 population) |
| TMO | Transportation Management Organization, also known as TMA – Transportation Management Association |
| TOD | Transit Oriented Development |
| TPR | Transportation Planning Region (state-designated) |
| TRAC | Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (for CDOT) |
| UFR | Upper Front Range TPR |
| UPWP | Unified Planning Work Program |
| UrbanSIM | Land Use model software licensing company used by the NFRMPO for the LUAM |
| VMT | Vehicle Miles Traveled |
| VOC | Volatile Organic Compound |
| WCMC | Weld County Mobility Committee |

Meeting Minutes of the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council

February 5, 2026

Virtual Meeting

Voting Members Present:

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| Kristin Stephens – Chair | -Larimer County |
| Liz Heid – Vice Chair | -Eaton |
| Julie Cline | -Windsor |
| Dan Dean | -Milliken |
| Matt Fries | -Severance |
| Cecil Gutierrez | -Transportation Commission |
| Scott James | -Weld County |
| Bill Jenkins | -Timnath |
| Will Karspeck | -Berthoud |
| Patrick McFall | -Loveland |
| Chris Conway | -Fort Collins |
| Brain Rudy | -Greeley, Alternate |

Voting Members Absent:

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| Fil Archuleta | -Garden City |
| Jeff Crabtree | -Evans |
| Paula Cochran | -LaSalle |
| Andrew Paranto | -Johnstown |
| Jessica Ferko | -APCD |

MPO Staff: Elizabeth Relford, Executive Director; Becky Karasko, Transportation Planning Director; Tanya Trujillo-Martinez, Mobility Director; Jonathan Stockburger, Transportation Planner I; Mykayla Graalum, Transportation Planner I; Tahjiba Tarannum, Transportation Modeler; Aaron Hull, Mobility Planner.

In Attendance: Brad Buckman; Rich Christy; Hanna Feldmann; Will Jones; Mallo; Dee McIntosh; Scott Pearson; Lynette Pepler; Justin Stone; Denise Staley; Josie Thomas; Ron Steinbach; Eric Tracy; Jim Eussen; Ray Cundiff; Robin Keen.

Chair Stephens called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

No comments were submitted.

Announcements

Chairman Stephens introduced the new Council member from Fort Collins, Chris Conway, to the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

Chair Stephens opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

REPORTS:

Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)

Written Report was provided.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Wojtach noted the January AQCC meeting focused on recent air quality rulemaking highlights and their implications for the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO). She stated the importance of improving air quality performance to support progress toward attainment status, while acknowledging ongoing negative air quality challenges within the region. Wojtach discussed several legislative and regulatory updates, including Senate Bill (SB) 26-22, which would provide extensions to utilities subject to the 80 percent reduction for GHG emissions, as well as SB 26-21, which expands the Clean Fleet Enterprise Authority to support both public and private sector fleet support. She noted that SB-26-003 provisions related to electric batteries and their relevance to emissions reduction efforts.

Wojtach also discussed the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) proposal to significantly recalibrate the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFÉ) program, including amending the USDOT's fuel economy standards for light-duty vehicles for model years 2022-2026 and 2027-2031. These potential changes to the CAFÉ standards and the implications to motor vehicle emissions budgets and maintaining conformity within the nonattainment area were discussed as well as possible unintended consequences and the need for additional mitigation strategies or budget adjustments.

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

RAQC did not meet in January.

Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME)

NAAPME did not meet in January.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair Stephens opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

REPORTS:

Report of the Chair

No additional items were reported.

Executive Director Report

Relford noted staff submitted the Council letter supporting Bustang service through the Division of Transit and Rail. She stated that sustainable funding for Bustang service was discussed, along with whether any new N I-25 projects could move forward if additional funding becomes available. Relford also noted the comment period for the CDOT 10-Year Plan comments will close on Monday, February 9, at 4:00 p.m., and emphasized the importance of regional support and partnerships in advancing these efforts.

Relford stated the audit services RFP was awarded to a firm based in Washington, D.C., and that a kickoff meeting is scheduled for February 10, noting that this firm differs from the auditor used over the past five years and staff will evaluate whether the project schedule can be maintained. She noted appreciation for Council Member Jenkins' participation in the IT Services RFP review process, stating 16 proposals were received, scored, and narrowed to three firms, with interviews scheduled and the goal of executing a contract by mid-March.

Relford further noted staff met with the Intermountain West MPO air quality team to discuss the opportunity to host a regional background ozone air quality conference in northern Colorado in 2026. She stated the conference would focus on unique regional air quality issues, with a draft agenda already developed, outreach underway to intermountain west state partners and agencies, and preliminary discussions occurring on the cost of hosting a two-day conference. Relford noted other MPOs expressed support and willingness to attend, and the EPA indicated interest in participating, with potential partnerships involving Colorado State University and the University of Northern Colorado.

Relford noted that the Mobility Team shared handouts and presented a new poster highlighting their mission of "Mobility for All". Relford stated the team is currently participating in joint outreach efforts and events, with materials and promotional items available for engagement. Relford also noted the mobility team identified opportunities for budget savings by transitioning the RideNoCo website to a new platform, which will allow staff to manage the site internally, reduce reliance on third-party vendors, and improve efficiency. Relford mentioned the Mobility Team applied for an \$8,125 CDOT Mini Safety Grant with no local match requirement to support a community safety fair planned for this summer, emphasizing transportation safety will remain a priority topic throughout the year and also additional safety grant opportunities are being pursued, including a CDOT highway safety office grant which will open later this month and close in March, with outreach planned to communities, first responders, schools, and school districts across northern Colorado to address safety and fatality reduction goals.

Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)

Canonico provided updates from the January CTIO discussion regarding funding allocation and coordination between the Transportation Commission and CTIO. She discussed the review of projects within the CDOT 10-Year Plan for Regions 1, 2, and 4, with emphasis on coordination and funding discussions between CTIO and CDOT. The discussion included Region 4 projects such as Colorado SH 14

intersection safety improvements, operational improvements along key corridors, the I-76 overlay project, Colorado SH 52 north corridor improvements, and US 287 corridor improvements. Intersection safety improvements at US 34 and US 287 were also highlighted, along with improvements to segments of I-25 and related corridor enhancements. Intersection safety was discussed as a multimodal improvement effort. Canonico also noted coordination efforts related to matching funds and allocation adjustments associated with these projects.

Front Range Passenger Rail District

Mallo provided an update on recent Passenger Rail Board activities, noting three meetings have occurred since late November, including a meeting in January with Colorado Rail. Highlights included continued coordination among 13 Front Range counties regarding the proposed passenger rail service between Trinidad and Fort Collins, with discussion of a full-service plan that would include multiple daily round trips. The full-service plan remains contingent upon RTD providing funding for a starter service, with future service expansion anticipated. Station planning efforts continue in Denver, Westminster, Broomfield, Louisville, Boulder, Longmont, Loveland, and Fort Collins. Mallo noted the full-service plan will not advance to final implementation planning until the starter service is operational. Preliminary cost estimates were discussed, including an estimated \$885M for the concept of service, with RTD's financial contribution still to be determined. Mallo added negotiations are underway with BNSF regarding shared rail access and operating agreements, acknowledging the coordination required with freight rail operators. Additional communities have expressed interest in expanded service, with planning efforts ongoing in various communities, including station area coordination and development of partnership frameworks. Mallo noted at the January District Board they discussed station area planning and partnership frameworks necessary to support future rail implementation. A board retreat is scheduled for February 29, 2026, which will further address station area planning, community partnerships, governance, outreach, board engagement, and branding options for the service.

Canonico added she is actively working with the Front Range Passenger Rail outreach team and mentioned the suggested branding options, including potential names such as "Colorado Connector", "Colorado Ranger" and "FRED". Further updates will continue as planning progresses.

Finance Committee

A written report was provided.

TAC

A written report was provided.

Quarter 4 2025 TIP Modifications

A written report was provided.

VanGoTM Dashboard Quarter 3 2025

A written report was provided.

2026 Colorado Legislature Updates

A written report was provided.

Mobility

A written report was provided.

ACTION ITEMS:

January 2026 TIP Amendment Resolution 2026-03

Stockburger stated the January 2026 TIP Amendment includes one project addition submitted by Transfort, for the purchase of compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. He noted the project is funded with \$4,838,610 in Federal Transit Administration §5339-C funds and \$852,875 in Clean Transit Enterprise (CTE) funds, all programmed in Fiscal Year 2025, and will support the purchase of six CNG buses. Stockburger stated the public comment period for the Amendment opened on January 15 and will close on February 17, and that approval of the Amendment is contingent upon no public comments being received. Stockburger noted staff identified no disadvantages associated with the Amendment and TAC recommended Council approval of the January 2026 Amendment to the Fiscal Years 2024–2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at their January 21 meeting.

James **moved** to approve RESOLUTION 2026-03 APPROVING THE JANUARY 2026 AMENDMENT TO THE FY2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) The motion was **seconded** by Cline and **passed** unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MMOF and RMS Funding Deadlines

Karasko provided an update to ensure project sponsor awareness of upcoming MMOF and RMS project deadlines. She noted MMOF and RMS projects funded with ARPA–SLFRF funds have a work completion deadline of December 11, 2026, and an invoice submission deadline of January 4, 2027. Karasko clarified that these deadlines apply specifically to projects receiving ARPA–SLFRF funding. She stated only one North Front Range project has been identified under this funding category, and staff conducted outreach with the impacted project sponsor.

Karasko further noted the second funding notification applies to MMOF and RMS projects funded with HB 1466 funds, which have a work completion deadline of December 31, 2026, and an invoice submission deadline of January 31, 2027. She stated five North Front Range projects were identified under this funding category. Karasko indicated coordination occurred with CDOT and the respective project sponsors, and feedback confirmed the projects are either completed or remain on track to meet the established deadlines. She emphasized the purpose of the update was to maintain transparency, confirm project status, and proactively avoid any potential issues related to project closeout or invoicing requirements.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Transportation Commission

Transportation Commissioner Gutierrez provided an update on CDOT's 10-Year Plan and noted the plan is currently available online for public comment and encouraged members to review the plan on CDOT's website and submit comments. He stated at the prior meeting Regions 1, 2, and 4 presented projects, and he noted that he serves on the 10-Year Plan subcommittee and the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) committee, which reviewed the presentations and provided comments and suggestions. Gutierrez reported during the N I-25 corridor overview, information regarding Bustang service funding was presented which had not been shared with the subcommittee in advance. He referenced language indicating that any new N I-25 improvement projects in the plan would be predicated upon fully funding Bustang mainline services at expanded service levels on routes serving I-70 and I-25. Gutierrez noted the presentation also included positive performance information, including approximately 353,000 trips in FY2025 and a 245 percent increase in ridership since the program launched in 2015, and the North Line recovered approximately 31 percent of operating expenses through farebox revenue in FY2025. He stated, given these performance figures, he questioned why additional N I-25 projects would be predicated on funding Bustang service on other corridors and noted CTIO members were asked about their intentions to fund improvements on I-25 and I-270, as well as support funding for Bustang. Gutierrez expressed support for funding Bustang, but conveyed concern that the framing of the plan language could be connected to potential upcoming legislation which may seek to amend CTIO's authorizing documents to allow CTIO funding to be used for Bustang operations, and he stated additional details are expected as the budget and funding numbers are finalized.

Gutierrez reported, based on his experience with CTIO budgeting, he believes it may be possible to fully fund N I-25 improvements using revenue from tolling, although he noted full revenue projections are expected in March and he will provide an update following the March meeting. Gutierrez also stated I-270 remains a larger funding challenge that may require additional CTIO resources and expressed the opinion it could be difficult to advance I-270 without first completing planned N I-25 improvements. Gutierrez noted adoption of the 10-Year Plan is anticipated in April, and indicated it may be delayed further, potentially to allow related legislative actions to be addressed prior to plan approval. During discussion, James asked about the guardrails governing the CTIO enterprise dollars and whether the Legislature has authority to modify those requirements. Gutierrez responded CTIO operates within significant statutory guardrails and the Legislature can change provisions; however, he noted constitutional and TABOR-related issues must be considered to avoid jeopardizing CTIO's enterprise status. James commented on the importance of maintaining transparency regarding the use of toll revenues and expressed concern redirecting enterprise funds away from the facility generating the revenue could be perceived as disingenuous to users. Additional discussion noted that N I-25 toll revenues are a major funding source for the enterprise and a joint CTIO and Transportation Commission workshop is expected to provide more detail regarding Bustang funding needs to address an estimated \$30-\$40M shortfall. Gutierrez stated he intends to request additional information on farebox recovery across Bustang corridors, including comparisons among N I-25 and I-70 segments.

Relford asked whether Gutierrez's comments should affect the NFRMPO's approach to submitting comments on the 10-Year Plan, including whether opposing the "predicated" language could negatively affect N I-25 project advancement. Gutierrez stated the term "predicated" was interpreted as requiring Bustang funding to be addressed before additional N I-25 projects move forward. Relford suggested the NFRMPO's comments could express support for Bustang service while recommending operations be supported through an appropriate funding source that does not delay or condition improvements N I-

25. Stephens noted Bustang’s value in reducing roadway demand and encouraged careful wording in the NFRMPO’s comments. Gutierrez reiterated he supports Bustang but expressed concern regarding the use of conditional language as a tool to influence legislative outcomes. The Council agreed that each community would submit their own comments and the MPO comments would reflect support of the 10-year plan.

STAC Report

Stephens added regional updates were provided for Regions 1, 2, and 4, and acknowledged the ongoing coordination efforts related to funding and policy matters. She noted discussions are underway regarding potential updates to the PD 1601 interchange approval process. Relford added CDOT is beginning discussions on revisions to the PD 1601 Policy Directive and Procedure Directive, and there will be future opportunities for stakeholder input and comment.

Host Council Member Report

Cline provided updates on recent and upcoming construction projects within the community. She noted the meeting was being held at the new Community Development Building, which includes the following divisions: water resources, economic development, engineering, building and planning staff. Cline outlined several upcoming and ongoing transportation projects. The Colorado Boulevard and Crossroads Boulevard roundabout project which includes utility relocation and widening to four lanes. The Town received official notification of approximately \$500k in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for the project, along with approximately \$1.1 Min STBG funding. Utility work is underway, with construction anticipated in spring 2026. She also discussed the 13th Street and Colorado Boulevard realignment project near Kaiser Reservoir, with an estimated cost of approximately \$2.2 million, with construction anticipated to begin this summer. Additional improvements include the Crossroads Boulevard railroad crossing project in coordination with Great Western Railway near SH 257, which includes replacement of crossing panels, track work, railway approaches, striping, sidewalks, and related safety improvements, with work anticipated this spring. Three additional projects are currently in design and study phases, including County Road 70 extension connecting County Road 19 to SH 257, which will create a new roadway connection and provide improved access to the Police Department while reducing traffic on Main Street. Final design is expected to be completed within the next year, with construction anticipated in 2027–2028. Cline also provided an update on the SH 392 corridor safety study from County Road 21 to N I-25, building upon the community’s roadway action plan, and noted ongoing concerns regarding safety at the SH 392 and N I-25 interchange. The SH 392 widening design from Highland Meadows to Colorado Boulevard remains under development, with an estimated construction cost of approximately \$34M due to bridge and river-related constraints. The Town is pursuing federal grant opportunities, including a BUILD grant application for replacement of the bridge.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Next Month’s Agenda Topic Suggestions – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Tahjiba Tarannum, NFRMPO Staff



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February 2026 Report from the Air Pollution Control Division to the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council Thursday, March 5, 2026

Air Pollution Control Division (Division) Public Participation Opportunities:

- **Stationary Source Control Fund meeting:** Join the upcoming [Stationary Source Control Fund](#) meeting to learn more about the fund, share your feedback, and ask questions. The meeting will cover Financial review, Change management approach and progress, and Determine future meeting dates and topics. Register to join the upcoming meeting on [Wednesday, March 11, 9-10:30 a.m.](#)
- **Oil and gas emission control updates:** Join a public meeting to learn the division's proposed updates to controlling pollution in the oil and gas industry. The proposals would include revisions to [Air Quality Control Commission Regulation 7](#) and [Regulation 19](#). The division will also share a brief update on controlling lead hazards. Register to join an upcoming meeting on [Tuesday, April 21, 6-8 p.m.](#) Register to join an upcoming meeting on [Wednesday, June 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.](#) Register to join an upcoming meeting on [Saturday, July 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.](#)
- **Lawn and garden in-use requirements:** Join a public meeting to learn the division's planned proposal to expand requirements for lawn and garden equipment. Colorado currently has [lawn and garden equipment requirements for government agencies](#) in place, and the proposal would expand requirements to commercial operators. The proposed rule would include revisions to [Air Quality Control Commission Regulation 29](#). The regulation aims to reduce emissions that form ground-level ozone pollution in the [parts of Colorado that do not meet federal standards](#). Register to join an upcoming meeting [Wednesday, May 27, 1-2:30 p.m.](#) Register to join an upcoming meeting on [Tuesday, June 2, 6-8 p.m.](#)



[Air Quality Control Commission](#) (Commission) Updates:

February 18-20, 2026 Commission Meeting

- **Regulation Number 9 Boulder County Parks & Open Space:** The Division and the Boulder County Parks & Open Space presented to the Commission its significant user prescribed fire planning renewal document. The Commission adopted the Division's recommendations for Boulder County's Colorado significant user planning document in its current form.
- **Particulate Matter (PM10) Maintenance Plan Revisions:** After a presentation on PM10 from the Division, the Commission scheduled a rulemaking hearing in July to consider revisions to Regulation Number 1, Regulation Number 4, Regulation Number 16, State Implementation Plan, Specific Regulations for Nonattainment-Attainment/Maintenance Areas (Local Elements), and Air Quality Standards, Designations and Emission Budgets that impact PM10 maintenance plans (Canon City, Pagosa Springs, Telluride, Denver Metro, Aspen, Steamboat Springs, Lamar). The proposal will evaluate potential revisions to remove federal enforceability of PM10 emission control requirements, if no longer necessary, and make them state-only requirements.
- **Regulation Number 27 - Manufacturing Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards:** The Commission set a rulemaking hearing to consider revisions to Regulation Number 27 to address greenhouse gas emissions from the industrial and manufacturing sector which revisions follow the Commission's request that the Division review and evaluate the ability of the rule adopted in 2023 to assure sufficient compliance by and compliance pathways for the affected sources. The rulemaking hearing is set for July.
- **Regulation Number 7 - Oil & Gas Operations:** The Commission adopted revisions to Regulation Number 7 to address oil and gas operations impacted by EPA's Emission Guideline 40 CFR Subpart OOOOc, correct any typographical and grammatical errors, update cross-references to reflect changes in the rule, and update the Statement of Basis and Purpose as needed to conform to these rule changes.

March 2026

- The Commission does not plan to meet in the month of March



2024 VS 2025 Traffic Fatalities in Colorado, Weld County, and Larimer County

| Area | 2024 Traffic Fatalities | 2025 Traffic Fatalities |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Colorado | 689 | 707 |
| Weld County | 67 | 78 |
| Larimer County | 35 | 37 |

Data Source: [CDOT Colorado Traffic Fatalities Dashboard](#)

Data last updated on 2/18/2026. County data includes crashes for the entire county. 2025 crash data is still being processed and final numbers are subject to change.



Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)¹ Board of Directors Minutes

Held: Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 11:30 a.m.

The CTIO meeting was broadcast on YouTube Live. A recording of the meeting is available [here](#) for the 11:30 am - 12:30 pm section, and this [link](#) is for the recording of the joint workshop with the TC at 1:00 pm. The recordings will be available on YouTube for six months after the meeting. After that time, it will be archived.

The regular meeting of the CTIO Board of Directors was convened in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following Directors present:

- Cecil Gutierrez, Chair (in-person)
- Nellie Moran, Vice-Chair (in-person)
- Shelly Cook (in-person)
- Gina Sacripanti (in-person)
- Terry Hart (in-person)
- Patricia Canonico (in-person)

Roll Call Regular Meeting

All board members were present. The meeting began at 11:32 a.m.

Public Comment

The CTIO Board received a written public comment from Kurt Huffman regarding the Safety and Toll Enforcement Program (STEP) and from Becky English, Colorado Sierra Club Transportation Chair, regarding funding for multimodal projects.

New Board Member Swearing In

Patricia Canonico was sworn in as the newest board member representing the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Region. CTIO board members and staff welcomed Director Canonico to the board.

¹ The High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) is now doing business as the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO). CTIO is how the enterprise will refer to itself now and in the future, however, the HPTE name is retained for legislative and legal documents. publicMetropolitan

Comments from Directors

Director Sacripanti highlighted the letter she received from the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) regarding a traffic and revenue analysis. Following a discussion, the CTIO Board directed staff to meet with PPACG to further explore this request.

Board members also discussed a recent trip by one of the members to San Francisco and their observations on the transportation system relating to road striping.

Director's Report

CTIO Director, Piper Darlington, provided the Director's Report, which included information on the following:

- Participation in a recent Commuting Solutions Legislative Breakfast.
- Update on publication of the Annual Legislative Report ahead of the January 15, 2026, deadline.
- The Globeville and Elyria Swansea Tolling Equity Program Annual Report is included in the informational-only section of the agenda.
- Participation in a meeting of the Joint Service Executive Oversight Committee (JSEOC). An executive session between the CTIO Board and the Transportation Commission regarding recent negotiations with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) was discussed as potentially taking place on January 27.

Construction/Operations/Maintenance Questions from board members

Board members and staff discussed the target opening date for the I-25 North Berthoud to Johnstown project.

Consent Agenda

ACTION: Upon a motion by Director Sacripanti, seconded by Director Hart, a vote was held, and Resolution #485, December 19th, 2025, Minutes, was unanimously approved.

Tolling Equipment Financing Agreement (TEFA)

CTIO Director Darlington provided a presentation on the Tolling Equipment Financing Agreement (TEFA) and the associated budget amendment.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Director Cook, seconded by Vice-Chair Moran, a vote was held, and Resolution #486, Second Amendment to the FY 2025-26 Final Budget Allocation Plan re TEFA, was unanimously approved.

The CTIO board took a break at 12:07 a.m.

The CTIO board returned at 1:04 p.m.

Joint workshop with the Transportation Commission on CDOT's 10-Year Plan

The CTIO Board held a joint workshop with the Transportation Commission on CDOT's 10-Year Plan.

Presentations from CDOT staff (available [here](#)) focused on priority projects for Regions one and four and included details on projects that could, in the future, have a financial contribution from CTIO including I-270, I-25 (segments 2a, 2b, 3b, and 4), and Bustang.

Discussion

CDOT and CTIO staff, Commissioners, and CTIO board members discussed the following:

- Bustang funding as it relates to Express Lanes.
- The funding gap for Bustang needs to be addressed, along with the associated timeline for closing it.
- Bustang ridership and modeling.
- CTIO Board members expressed support for transit projects, including Bustang, noting they look forward to learning more about the funding request. They also highlighted that Express Lanes will remain part of the solution to improve transit and multimodal transportation.
- I-25 Segment 4 safety statistics and greenhouse gas emissions reductions resulting from Express Lanes.

Adjournment

The CTIO Board adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
February 18, 2026**

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the January 21, 2026 TAC Meeting Minutes – Hornkohl moved to approve the January 21, 2026 TAC Minutes. Feldmann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TAC Vice-Chair Election – Cunningham moved to nominate Hornkohl as the Vice-Chair of the TAC. Tracy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

February 2026 TIP Amendment – Stockburger noted the February 2026 TIP Amendment included three project additions and one pool addition. The first project addition was the Larimer County *US Highway 34/Canyon Edge Open Space Safety & Access Improvements* with \$1,250,000 Local HPOS funding in Future Funding. The second project addition was the City of Loveland *Transit Operating* with \$220,500 State SB-230 funding and \$24,500 Local funding in FY26. The third project addition was the City of Loveland *Transit Vehicle Purchase* with \$611,340 State SB-230 funding and \$67,927 Local funding in FY26. The pool addition is *Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise Funding* with \$3,612,937 State NAP funding and \$843,987 Local funding in FY26.

Hornkohl moved to recommend Planning Council approve the January 2026 TIP Amendment. Feldmann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

AASHTO Design Guidance – Bike Guide – Hornkohl discussed trap lanes in Fort Collins. He noted what they are, where they are in Fort Collins, and fixes Fort Collins has done in the past. He also noted the trap lane guidance from the MUTCD, CDOT, and AASHTO. He noted an example from Boulder of how they handled a trap lane. He also noted the end goal is to have as many separated bike lanes as possible.

Transportation Management Organization (TMO) Call for Projects Award – Hull recapped the goal of the call for projects, the timeline, and the funding estimates. He noted the process for scoring the project. He noted that GoNoCo34 TMO was the only project that applied and the scoring committee recommends awarding their requested funding. Hull noted the next steps. TAC recommended granting the project the full \$400,000 for FYs 25-27 instead of having two additional calls for FY26 and FY27 funds.

2055 Regional Transportation Plan Kickoff – Graalum and Rouser presented the kickoff for the 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). They noted what the RTP is, major changes this Plan will feature compared to the 2050 RTP, the timeline, the outreach and stakeholder input schedule, the structure of the plan, and deadlines for data needed from member communities. Karasko then lead a discussion about how the TAC wants to prioritize RSCs.

NFRMPO Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM) Update – Tarannum noted the timeline for travel demand model update timeline, the purpose of the land use and travel demand models, and how those models work. She noted the various modeling areas and when they are used, when the models can be applied to the NFRMPO's plan, and how the NFRMPO is working to improve the models. Karasko noted the Model Steering Team's first meeting will be on March 23rd and requested TAC members provide participant names for the group.



MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Planning Council

From: Jonathan Stockburger

Date: March 5, 2026

Re: Action – February 2026 TIP Amendment

Objective

Planning Council approval of the February 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment to the *FY2024-FY2027 TIP*.

Summary

The February 2026 TIP Amendment includes three project additions and one pool addition from various agencies:

- Adding the Larimer County new project *US 34 / Canyon Edge Open Space Safety & Access Improvements* with \$1,250,000 Local HPOS Sales Tax Funding in Future Funding.
- Adding the Loveland new project *Transit Operating* with \$220,500 State SB-230 funding and \$24,500 Local Funding in FY26.
- Adding the Loveland new project *Transit Vehicle Purchase* with \$611,340 State SB-230 funding and \$67,927 Local Funding in FY26.
- Adding the CDOT Region 4 new pool *Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise Funding* with \$3,612,937 State NAAPME funding and \$843,987 Local Funding in FY26. Includes four projects within pool.

The 30-day Public Comment period for the February 2026 TIP Amendment began on February 18, 2026 and will end on March 20, 2026.

Funding Types and Uses

The **Help Preserve Open Spaces (HPOS)** sales tax in Larimer County is a 0.25% (1/4 cent) tax, initially approved by voters in 1995 to protect open space, natural areas, wildlife habitats, and trails.

The purpose of the **SB230 Formula Program** is to provide consistent annual funding to eligible entities to support transit service expansion, increase transit frequency, provide other service enhancements, and improve system-wide transit network connectivity. Funding provided by a quarterly fee on state oil and gas producers.

The **Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME)** funds projects to reduce traffic, improve air quality, and enhance active transportation within the Denver and North Front Range ozone nonattainment area.

Analysis

- **Advantages:** Approval by the NFRMPO Planning Council will ensure available funds are assigned to projects in a timely manner and the FY2024-2027 TIP remains fiscally constrained.



- Disadvantages: None

Recommendation

TAC supported adding the February 2026 TIP Amendment to the FY2024-2027 TIP at their meeting on February 18, 2026.

Attachments

- February 2026 Policy Amendment Form
- Environmental and Demographic Impact Analysis Form

NEW ENTRY

Title: US Highway 34/Canyon Edge Open Space Safety & Access Improvements
Sponsor: Larimer County
STIP ID:
TIP ID: 2028-001
Type: Safety
Air Quality: Excluded from conformity analysis
Description: This project will provide primary entrance off US 34 to new 1,500-acre open space in west Loveland and include bike-compatible shoulders.

| Funding Source | Funding Program | FY 24-27 TOTAL | FY24 Rolled | FY 24 | FY25 Rolled | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | Previous Funding | Future Funding |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Local | HPOS Sales Tax | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,250,000 |
| | Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,250,000 |

Revision # **Revision Description**
 2026-A2 New Project

NEW ENTRY

Title: Transit Operating
Sponsor: Loveland
STIP ID:
TIP ID: 2026-013
Type: Transit Operating
Air Quality: Excluded from conformity analysis
Description: Increase bus frequency in Route 1 (US-287 Corridor), Route 3 (US-34 Corridor), and Route 6R (COLT Local Routes).

| Funding Source | Funding Program | FY 24-27 TOTAL | FY24 Rolled | FY 24 | FY25 Rolled | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | Previous Funding | Future Funding |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|----------------|
| State | SB-230 | \$220,500 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$220,500 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local | L | \$24,500 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$24,500 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Total | \$245,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$245,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Revision # **Revision Description**
 2026-A2 New Project

NEW ENTRY

Title: Transit Vehicle Purchase
Sponsor: Loveland
STIP ID:
TIP ID: 2026-014
Type: Transit Capital
Air Quality: Excluded from conformity analysis
Description: City of Loveland Fleet Expansion - 3 buses.

| Funding Source | Funding Program | FY 24-27 TOTAL | FY24 Rolled | FY 24 | FY25 Rolled | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | Previous Funding | Future Funding |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|----------------|
| State | SB-230 | \$611,340 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$611,340 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local | L | \$67,927 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$67,927 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Total | \$679,267 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$679,267 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

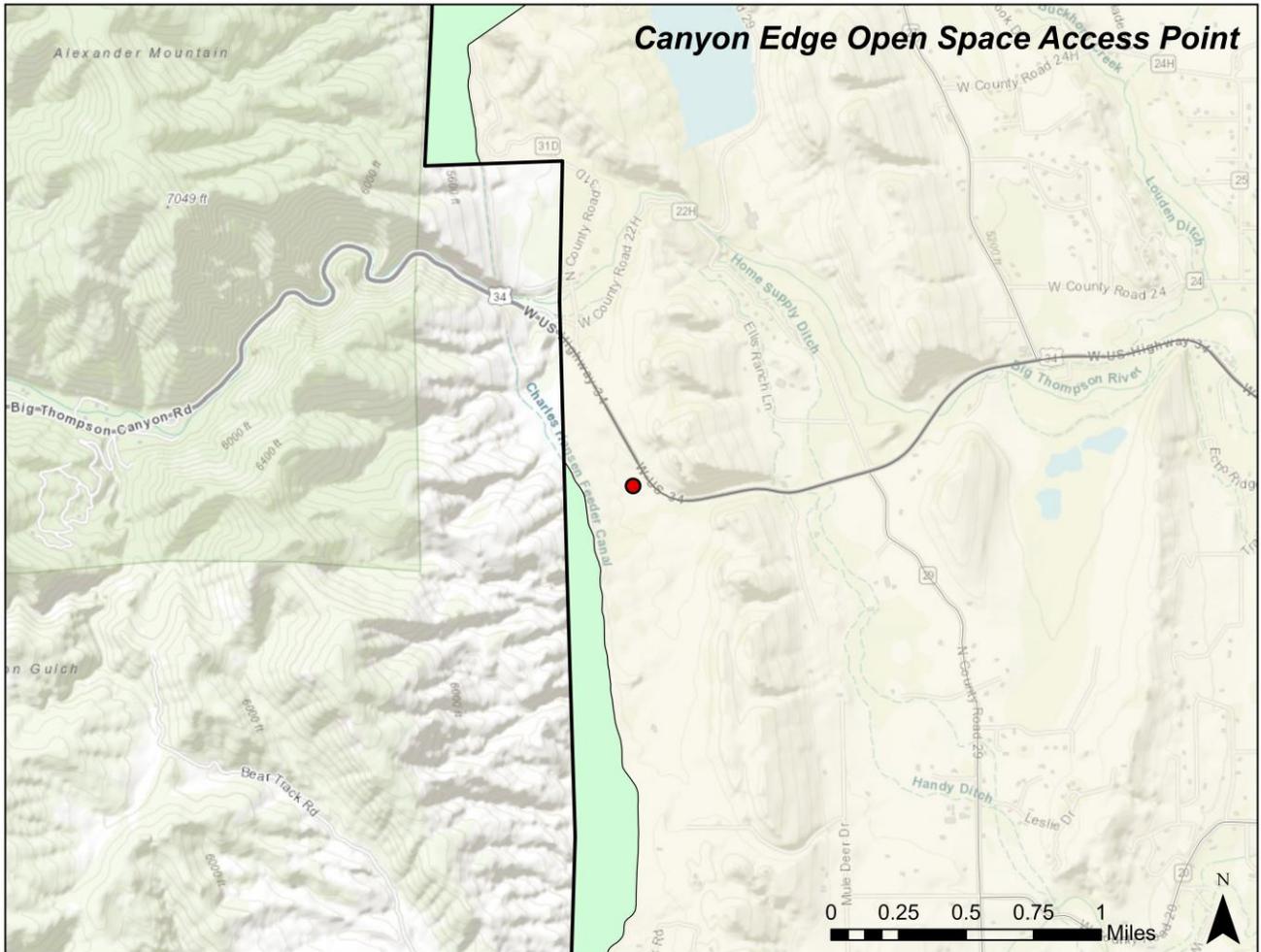
Revision # **Revision Description**
 2026-A2 New Project

NEW ENTRY

Title: Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise Funding
Sponsor: CDOT Region 4
STIP ID: SST7200
TIP ID: P-8
Type: Air Quality
Air Quality: Excluded from conformity analysis
Description: Summary of the Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise pool project in the North Front Range region. Includes the following pool projects:
STIP ID: Sponsor Total Project Cost Title:
SST7200.010 City of Fort Collins \$674,823 Taft Hill Widening
SST7200.009 City of Fort Collins \$660,344 Connecting North College
SST7200.011 City of Greeley \$1,700,000 Greeley Connect Mobility
SST7200.012 City of Loveland \$1,421,757 US34 & US287 Access Project

| Funding Source | Funding Program | FY 24-27 TOTAL | FY24 Rolled | FY 24 | FY25 Rolled | FY 25 | FY 26 | FY 27 | Previous Funding | Future Funding |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|----------------|
| State | NAP | \$3,612,937 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,612,937 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local | L | \$843,987 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$843,987 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Total | \$4,456,924 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,456,924 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Revision # Revision Description
 2026-A2 New Pool



Legend

Level of Environmental and Demographic Area

- 1
- 2
- 3

- CEOS Access Point
- ▭ NFR Region

February 2026
Sources: NFRMPO



| Criteria | |
|---|--|
| Project Title | US Highway 34 & Canyon Edge Open Space Access Improvements |
| Project previously included in TIP | No |
| TIP ID # | |
| Project located 1/4 mile of an Index Area | Yes – US Highway 34 (between mileposts 83 and 84) |
| Project Sponsor | Larimer County Department of Natural Resources |
| Project Type | U.S. Highway Safety Improvements |
| Funding Source | Local (Larimer County Help Preserve Open Space Sales Tax) |
| Call Awarded | N/A |
| Burdens | Short Term (Construction) (Yes/No) Long Term (Post Construction) (Yes/No) |
| Bodily impairment, infirmity, illness, or death | Yes No |
| Air, noise, and water pollution and soil contamination | Yes No |
| Destruction or disruption of man-made or natural resources, aesthetic values, or availability of public and private facilities and services | Yes Yes |
| Adverse impacts on community cohesion or economic vitality | No No |
| Noise and vibration | Yes No |
| Increased traffic congestion, isolation, exclusion, or separation | Yes No |
| Additional Anticipated Burdens <i>Detail any additional anticipated project burdens</i> | Construction activities for pavement widening and access relocation may cause temporary traffic delays and disruptions on U.S. Hwy 34. Nevertheless, all safety standards and protocols will be upheld during construction. At this time, no property acquisition will be required. |
| Benefits | (Yes/No) |
| Decrease in travel time | Yes |
| Improved air quality | Yes |
| Expanded access to employment opportunities | No |
| Improved access to transit options and alternative modes of transportation (walking and bicycling) | No |
| Additional Anticipated Benefits <i>Detail any additional anticipated project burdens</i> | Design and construction of a dedicated westbound turn lane and associated safety improvements on US 34 will provide public access to the Canyon Edge Open Space. Project includes safety enhancements to mitigate high-speed traffic conflicts and separates turning vehicle traffic from the through-lane, making the road safer for future regional transit on a Tier 1 Regionally Significant Corridor. |
| Outreach – Describe any outreach completed in selection of project or future anticipated outreach | |

Larimer County Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with the City of Loveland and the City of Fort Collins purchased Canyon Edge Open Space in 2022, using taxpayer-voted open space funds. The name of the property was a community-wide effort, engaging hundreds of local residents and the county conducted guided public tours in 2024 and 2025. As the county develops the site-specific management plan, there will be a robust community outreach plan to engage local residents and engage key stakeholders to solicit feedback on site access and safety. To ensure regional equity, anticipated efforts include bilingual communication and coordination with CDOT to minimize construction impacts on the 1.8 million annual travelers using the US 34 corridor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04
OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL
APPROVING THE FEBRUARY 2026 AMENDMENT TO THE
FY2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

WHEREAS, 23 CFR §450.326 requires the development of a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Metropolitan Planning Organizations through the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (“3C”) multimodal transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the agency responsible for developing the TIP in accordance with the above stated regulation; and

WHEREAS, transportation projects programmed in the current TIP for FY2024-2027 are consistent with the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), adopted September 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Air Quality Conformity Findings conducted on the FY2024-2027 were positive and this TIP Amendment does not change the positive conformity findings on the FY2024-2027 TIP; and

WHEREAS, the February 2026 TIP Amendment increases the amount of emissions benefits and either improves or does not substantially reduce the cost effectiveness of those emissions benefits; and

WHEREAS, the FY2024-2027 TIP remains fiscally constrained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council hereby amends the FY2024-2027 TIP by adding and revising the following projects:

- Adding the Larimer County new project *US Highway 34/Canyon Edge Open Space Safety & Access Improvements* with \$1,250,000 Local HPOS Funding in Future Funding.
- Adding the Loveland new project *Transit Operations* with \$220,500 State SB-230 Funding and \$24,500 Local Funding in FY26.
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Passed and approved at the regular meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council held this 5th day of March 2026.

Kristin Stephens, Chair

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Relford, Executive Director



MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
From: Tanya Trujillo-Martinez
Date: March 5, 2026
Re: Discussion Item – 2025 TMO Call for Projects Award

Objective

To recommend Planning Council approval of the 2025 TMO Call for Projects funding recommendations.

Summary

The 2025 Transportation Management Organization (TMO) Call for Projects was open from December 5, 2025, through January 28, 2026. The NFRMPO received 1 project application from 1 local TMO non-profit. The Scoring Committee for the TMO Call for Projects, comprising three NFRMPO staff (two from the mobility team and one from the transportation & air quality team), met on February 11, 2026.

The application for the 1 project submitted can be viewed at the following link:

<https://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/TMO-CFP-GoNoCo34-Application-Packet.pdf>

The scoring committee recommended fully funding the 1 request. All award recommendations from the scoring committee are presented in **Attachment 1**. The scoring sheet for the 1 submitted project is provided in **Attachment 2**, a handout.

The NFRMPO TAC discussed the recommendations from the Scoring Committee and recommended awarding the full \$400,000 for FY25 – 27 to the one applicant.

The Planning Council will discuss the Scoring Committee's recommendations tonight, and TAC will take action at its March 18, 2026, meeting, with the Planning Council taking action at its April 2, 2026, meeting, and the award for the Call for Projects being announced on April 3, 2026.

Recommendation

Staff requests that Planning Council recommend TAC approval of the 2025 TMO Call for Projects funding recommendations.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Award Recommendations

Attachment 2: Scoring Sheet – GoNoCo34 Application (Handouts)

Attachment 3: Presentation (Handouts)



Attachment 1: Award Recommendations

| 2025 TMO Call for Projects Recommendation | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|---|
| Rank | Score | Project Name | Funding Request | Scoring Committee Recommendation |
| 1 | 11 | GoNoCo34 TMO | \$400,000 | \$400,000 |



MEMORANDUM

To: NFRMPO Planning Council
From: Jerome Rouser and Mykayla Graalum
Date: March 5, 2026
**Re: Discussion Item – 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
Kick-Off**

Objective

Provide an overview and kick-off discussion of the 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including the proposed plan structure, high-level timeline, coordination efforts, and outreach approach.

Summary

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a federally required, long-range planning document that establishes a multimodal transportation vision for the NFRMPO region with a minimum 20-year planning horizon. The RTP must be updated every four years and considers anticipated growth, available funding, and regional transportation priorities.

The 2055 RTP will build upon previous plans while responding to evolving regional needs, policies, and emerging technologies.

This item is intended as an initial kickoff discussion. Staff is seeking Planning Council feedback on:

- The proposed RTP structure and organization;
- The overall development process and high-level timeline;
- Outreach and engagement for the plan.

Recommendation

NFRMPO Staff requests Planning Council provide feedback on the 2055 RTP framework and plan development. Additional discussion items and review opportunities will be provided as the RTP progresses.

Attachment

- Presentation (Handouts)

Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)
February 5, 2026, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; held in-person and via Zoom.
Meeting Summary

Public Comment

- There was no public comment in person or online.

Transportation Commission (TC) Report (Chair Gary Beedy)

- The January 2026 TC Meeting included workshops on the 10-Year Plan, Budget, GHG Transportation Report, disposal of various parcels, and approval of “Federal Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Request for Alternate Delivery - CMGC.”

Transit and Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC) Report (Ann Rajewski)

- CDOT still has four (4) Grant Manager slots still open.
- Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR) Service presented on its Development Plan.
- TRAC discussed its 5311 (FTA “Formula Grants for Rural Areas”) distribution process, important since “Colorado provides more rural transit rides than any other state.” IMTPR asked to be more involved, and CASTA asked its transit agencies to join their upcoming calls.
- Ann and Chair Beedy reminded TPRs to stay involved with their respective transit agencies.
- The Transit Access/Equity bill at the State Legislature had dashboard requirements removed. It hasn’t even been introduced yet, and CASTA and many of its smaller agencies hope that it doesn’t get introduced at all (too expensive and burdensome without much direct benefit).

Legislative Updates (Emily Haddaway)

- CDOT supports HB26-1065 (“Transit and Housing Investment Zones,” a Governor’s Priority bill) and SB26-026 (“Weight for Vehicles with Child Restraint System,” a State Patrol (CSP) Priority).
- CDOT also supports HB26-1076 (“Transportation Statutory Clean-Up”).
- There are more data-sharing bills (e.g., Flock cameras, selling personal data, etc.) this session.
- CDOT learning more about HB26-1086 (“Adjust Subdivision Access to State Highway System”).
- [Emily will keep sharing weekly State Legislative updates.](#)
- Congress passed a Consolidated Appropriations bill (which includes Transportation funding), ending a brief Federal Government shutdown. This bill also includes \$200M for commercial motor vehicle parking projects (competitive, but no electric vehicle / charger funding).

10-Year Plan Development Update - Region 1 (Jessica Myklebust), Region 2 (Shane Ferguson), and Region 4 (Heather Paddock), and DTD Director Darius Pakbaz

- CDOT Regional Transportation Directors Jessica Myklebust (Region 1), Shane Ferguson (Region 2), and Heather Paddock (Region 4) highlighted their respective 10-Year Plan projects. See the [February 2026 STAC Packet \(pp. 24-93\)](#) for more details.
- Elizabeth Relford (NFRMPO) asked that I-25 funding not be predicated on Bustang service. “I-25 should not be held hostage to fund a statewide service.”
- John Cater (FHWA) asked about the Fairplay Mobility Hub, which looks & works differently from other mobility hubs (mostly on Interstate highways).
- Jeff Sudmeier reminded STAC that all dollar amounts in these plans are based on *projected* revenues. The next federal transportation authorization bill will likely include higher dollar amounts, “but a lot more is unpredictable these days.”
- Darius Pakbaz further showed how these projects fit into CDOT’s PD14 goals (Fix Our Roads, Advance Transportation Safety, and Sustainably Increase Transportation Choice), funding, GHG compliance, and performance measurement.
- Next Steps include TC Workshops, Public Comment, and TC approval as early as March 2026.

PD 1601 Interchange Approval Process Update (Medora Bornhoft)

- PD 1601 outlines approving new or modified interchanges on the interstate, freeway, or state highway system. It mandates Transportation Demand Management (TDM) requirements for certain types of proposals, and sets the goal that “TDM strategies should result in a 1-3% average traffic reduction.”
- This PD 1601 update will incorporate lessons learned over the past five years. The update process includes Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs), System Level Study (SLS), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approval, and MPO/TPR approval.
- Interchanges must connect to regionally significant roadways, a regionally significant publicly owned facility, or enhance system operations and safety.
- Elizabeth Relford (NFRMPO) thanked Region 4 for its help with clarifying the SLS process. “Essentially developers must assemble all documentation so communities can apply.”
- This update could provide better connections with the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Planning Standard, note overlaps and distinctions between them, and offer strategies for each process.
- Dana Brosig (GVMPO) suggested removing TDM requirements from this PD: “it takes planning out of the MPO.” Elizabeth Relford (NFRMPO) agrees, and feels that this PD’s 3%-reduction requirement seems arbitrary. Jacob Riger (DRCOG, but speaking for himself) noted experiences with “good faith efforts” in rural edges of his region, and suggested more flexibility with this PD. The GHG rule and other federal/state requirements might supersede this PD anyway. John Liosatos (PPACG) remembers TDM originally being a “goal” in this PD, but worries that this is changing into a requirement, and reiterated a preference for analyzing system-wide effects over interchange-specific impacts. Herman floated the idea of a point system instead of one-size-fits-all reduction requirements.
- Additional updates could include more clarifications, adding Level of Service (LOS) considerations, updating approvals of different proposal types, clarifying Average Daily Traffic (ADT) requirements, and better defining “connections” to the state highway system.
- Next Steps include additional clarification opportunities, draft review, further STAC discussion, TC action, and Executive Director approval. There are no specific timelines for this process yet.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Update (Neysa Bermingham)

- DRCOG, NFRMPO, and PPACG already get 34.5% of Colorado’s TAP funds, and 7.5% goes to the Regional Trails program. This process will cover the remaining 58%.
- TAP-eligible projects can be for Bike/Ped, Environmental Mitigation, Historic/Scenic Activities, and Converting former Interstates into low-speed boulevards.
- The current call is planned for Fall 2026, with a schedule expected later this spring.
- Feedback from the 2023 round is leading to more local decision making for this round.
- Neighborhood Centers (as approved by the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)) were originally mentioned in the previous round, but will be considered even more in this TAP round. DOLA monitors compliance with seven (7) of Colorado’s Strategic Growth laws, which will also be considered more in this round.

SB25-030 “Increase Transportation Choice to Reduce Emissions Inventory” Update (Medora Bornhoft)

- Medora provided reminders of local agencies sharing their respective Transit and Active Transportation projects (regardless of funding status) for this new statewide inventory.
- MPOs have already shared their projects (as required), and now TPRs are being asked to (*optionally*) share what they can.
- CDOT has already identified over 300 projects through regional and modal plans.
- Entities are requested to submit all planned projects to CDOT by April 3, CDOT finalizes this list by July 1, and reports to the Transportation Legislative Review Committee (TLRC) in October.

Other Business (Chair Gary Beedy)

- CDOT Traffic Safety Grant Information (applications are due March 20).
- Herman confirmed that CDOT is submitting some “Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)” grant applications to USDOT.
- The next STAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2026, 8:30 am (virtual only).