

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
May 20, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 2:27 p.m.**

TAC Members Present

Evan Pinkham, Chair – Weld County
Dana Hornkohl, Vice Chair – Fort Collins
Brendan Cicione – CDPHE-APCD
AnnaRose Cunningham – Loveland
Hanna Feldmann – Greeley
Tim Hoos – Johnstown
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath
Tom Moore – RAQC
Scott Pearson – Windsor
Josie Thomas – CDOT
Shantanu Tiwari – Evans
Eric Tracy – Larimer County

NFRMPO Staff:

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

TAC Members Absent:

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

In Attendance:

Joshua Ma – Fort Collins
Denise Staley – Weld County
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Gina Fox – CDOT
Renaee Jording – GET
Candice Folkers – COLT
Nicole Hahn – Larimer County
Cody Davis – Muller Engineering
Katrina Klobberdanz – CDOT
Spencer York – CDOT

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 15, 2026 TAC MINUTES

Hornkohl moved to approve the April 15, 2026 TAC Minutes. Feldmann seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Air Quality Agenda

Regional Air Quality Updates

Moore noted the Control Strategy Committee meeting will be on June 17th. He noted there will be various speakers at the meeting from the North Front Range region, including Jeff Colette from Colorado State University who will be presenting on a study looking at the causes and sources of ozone. He also noted Xcel Energy will be at the meeting to discuss data centers.

Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) Updates

Cicione noted in April the AQCC adopted measures to control emissions of five priority air-toxic contaminants. This was passed as a result of HB22-1244. There will be a rulemaking hearing on regulations number three and seven regarding permitting and emission reportings in May.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda

Presentation Item

Mulberry Interchange Project Updates

Gina Fox, CDOT, noted the project schedule. Design for the project began in February 2024. As of May 2026, the project is progressing towards 30 percent design completion. She provided background information on the project, including project location, existing conditions, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) report which featured the project. She noted how the project coincides with CDOT's 10-Year Plan of Projects and mentioned that the final project cost could rise to \$75M to \$80M. She noted the project still requires grants for final design and construction. She noted the project goals, which include safety, aging infrastructure, reliability, regional connectivity, stakeholders, floodplain and drainage, funding, and innovation. She noted recent drainage issues from 2022 and 2024 from 10-year flooding events. She discussed recent bicycle and pedestrian crash history at the intersection and noted a lack of pedestrian infrastructure or lighting at the intersection. She noted the projected traffic volumes for each direction of the intersection for 2024 and the projected traffic volumes in 2050. She noted the intersection redesign is following the Performance & Acceptance Criteria Evaluation (PACE). She discussed the ideal intersection redesign and the likely intersection redesign with the expected amount of grant funding. She also noted the upgrades for pedestrian infrastructure at the intersection for the likely redesign and also mentioned that version of the project does not address the floodplain issues.

Tiwari asked how the location for the pedestrian crossing was identified. Fox responded patterns of crossing and probable destinations were studied to determine the location. She also mentioned reaction times from drivers coming from the intersection to be able to stop at a pedestrian crossing. Moore asked if there are plans to widen I-25 Northbound. Fox responded currently there are not. Hornkohl asked what kind of signal is located at the pedestrian crossing. Fox responded it is a full signal. Hahn asked if the level of service (LOS) required lane expansion or if the project looked at existing capacity. Fox responded the project used existing capacity. Hahn asked if the LOS fails soon or if it is just for the left turn at the intersection. Fox responded it is just the left turn. Relford asked if CDOT will do signal timing as part of this project. Fox responded it would be a City of Fort Collins project. Karasko asked how the location of the pedestrian crossing will keep people from crossing elsewhere. Fox responded there will be fencing to funnel them to that area. Graalum asked if there are design considerations to slow vehicles down on Mulberry. Fox responded they are closing accesses for certain turn movements and they are looking at reducing speeds currently. Relford asked why CDOT is not designing a pedestrian underpass or overpass instead of an at-grade signal. Fox responded it would cause a rise in the floodplain. Rouser asked if there are any bicycle or pedestrian improvements on the bridge. Fox responded that there will be and talks

are ongoing with the City of Fort Collins. Rouser noted one of the NFRMPO's Regional Active Transportation Corridors (RATCs) goes over the bridge at this interchange. Pinkham asked if CDOT has engaged with any of the local business owners near the project. Fox responded public comment will start this summer.

Action Items

May 2026 TIP Amendment

Stockburger noted the May 2026 TIP Amendment included two project modifications and one project addition from various agencies. The first project modification was the Larimer and Weld County project *WCR 13 (LCR 1) and WCR 54 (LCR18) Roundabout* project with \$10,614,122 Local Overmatch funding added to FY26. The second project modification was the *Foothills Transit Station & Roundabout*. This modification adjusts project description from finalized design to finalized construction, removes \$10,714,000 Federal RAISE grant as award was withdrawn by U.S. DOT, removes FY25 \$389,835 and FY26 \$96,019 State MMOF funds as second award of \$485,854 was declined, removes \$400,000 FASTER funds as award will be rescoped to a different project, and removes \$1,587,110 in Local and \$732,371 in LOM. The remaining \$105,890 Local funding is to satisfy match requirement for remaining MMOF funds. The project addition was the new Greeley project *35th Avenue Intersection Improvements* with \$850,000 Federal DIS funding, \$398,694 Federal HSIP funding, and \$256,799 Local funding in FY27.

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

Discussion Items

Connected Communities 2055 RTP Regional Performance Measures

Rouser noted the differences between the Regional Performance Measures and the federally mandated performance measures. He noted the purpose of these measures is to guide transportation planning decisions and track what the regional considers to be important. He walked through the performance measures that were set for the 2050 RTP, which include population within paratransit and demand service response areas, fixed-route revenue hours, non-motorized facility hours, non-single occupant vehicle trips, daily vehicle miles traveled (VMT), projects requiring more than one extension, travel time index on regionally significant corridors (RSCs), and percent of devices connected by fiber of RSCs. He then noted the proposed additions for the 2055 RTP, which include replacing non-motorized facility hours with percent of regional active transportation corridor network built out, changing projects requiring more than one extension to projects with no extensions needed, adding truck travel time reliability on RSCs, adding serious injuries and fatalities per capita for various transportation modes, adding total number of crashes, and adding transit ridership per capita.

Feldmann asked if there were any statistics that say if the region was on track to meet any of the performance measures that were set for the 2050 RTP. Rouser responded the NFRMPO does not have any tracking for that but will be having meetings to discuss how to make the performance measures more useful. Cunningham asked about comparing where the region is today to the 2050 RTP. Rouser noted there have been discussions to check in on the performance measures more frequently.

Rouser noted the next steps, which include taking the discussion to Planning Council with the inclusion of a vision statement.

Cunningham noted the possible downside of having regional performance measures of safety is setting them as targets, which implies the region expects a certain number of serious injury and fatal crashes. Graalum responded that by the NFRMPO setting their own targets they can explore rephrasing them.

Connected Communities 2055 RTP RATCs, RTCs, and RSCs

Rouser noted the recommended changes to the Regionally Significant Corridors (RSCs) and the Regional Transit Corridors (RTCs) from a workshop held on April 6, 2026. The changes include: New Regional Transit Corridor (RTC) along SH402 between Loveland and Evans, new RTC on Colorado Boulevard between Johnstown and WCR74, new RSC along 1st Street/LCR20E/Ronald Reagan Boulevard in Loveland and Johnstown, extending RSC 28 (Prospect Road) eastward to RSC 11 (SH257) and westward to RSC 18 (Taft Hill Road), extending RSC 18 (Taft Hill Road/ Wilson Ave/ LCR19) southward to RSC 13 (SH402/Freedom Parkway), extending RSC 13 (SH402/Freedom Parkway) westward to RSC 18 (Taft Hill Road/ Wilson Ave/LCR19), extending RSC 20 (WCR17) northward to its northern terminus at RSC 12 (SH392), and extending RSC 17 (LCR17/Shields Street) eastward to RSC 16 (LCR7/LCR9/Timberline Road). He noted there were no changes to the Regional Active Transportation Corridors (RATCs). He noted the next steps to approve the updated corridors.

2026 Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Draft

Stockburger discussed the purpose of the PIP, which is to establish how the NFRMPO engages with the public and stakeholders. He noted the PIP outlines schedules, strategies, and methods to ensure all community members can participate meaningfully in the NFRMPO's planning processes. He noted that the PIP is updated every four years and the previous plan was approved in 2022. He noted what is new to this Plan, which includes an executive summary, an outreach locations map, NFRMPO GIS OpenData information, NFRMPO contact form information, outlining differences between public and stakeholder engagement, and the results of the 2026 PIP Survey. He also noted what has been updated from the 2022 PIP, which includes a list of the updated engagement strategies, updated accessibility information, updated branding standards, updated active social media platforms, updated federal legislation, updated list of NFRMPO plans and programs, updated how the NFRMPO measures successful engagement, and updated various maps. Lastly, he noted the upcoming schedule leading up to the Plan's release. The document has an anticipated adoption date of July 6, 2026.

Connected Communities 2055 RTP: Data Requests

Rouser noted the data needed from NFRMPO member communities for the 2055 RTP. This data request includes projects that need to go into the Plan, travel model needs, and operations and maintenance costs. Rouser walked through the data request spreadsheet member communities are being requested to fill out for their projects and operations and maintenance. He noted they will provide definitions for operations and maintenance and provide scopes for the Intersection Improvement Costs section of the data request.

Feldmann asked to confirm if the NFRMPO updated the data request sheet with new projects from the TIP since the last RTP. Rouser responded that they have not and those will have to be added by the communities.

Tarannum walked through the travel demand model data request spreadsheet, which includes transit survey results and observed traffic counts. Rouser noted the spreadsheet will be sent out before the end of May and the data will be needed by the end of June.

Outside Parter Reports

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative

Rouser noted the May NoCo Bike and Ped meeting featured an in-person event at the Fort Collins Walk and Wheels Skills Club, which is a place where people of all ages can learn skills for safety while using an active transportation mode. They learned how Fort Collins developed the hub and were able to test various features that were there.

Regional Transit Agencies

No updates were provided.

Mobility Updates

Trujillo-Martinez noted applications are open for the various federal transit funding opportunities and are due on May 29, 2026. She noted various communities will be receiving requests for letters of support for the RideNoCo federal transit funding application. She noted the Mobility team recently attended the CASTA conference. She noted the updated RideNoCo website is completed and will be live the following week. She noted RideNoCo received two grants through AARP.

Reports

May Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft

Written report provided.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates

Written report provided.

2026 Colorado Legislative Updates

Written report provided.

Mobility Committees

Written report provided.

Roundtable

Pearson noted Windsor will be advertising a roundabout project next week. He also noted they have advertised their TMP and are currently seeking consultants for updating those plans.

Cunningham noted Walk and Bike month starts in June. She noted Loveland will be holding engagement for the Front Range Passenger Rail station location and their SS4A project throughout the summer.

Feldmann noted Greeley has a new Public Works Director. She noted Greeley is currently working on their Electric Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Plan. She noted Greeley will be hosting stations for Lets Bike

Day. She noted Greeley is finishing their NEPA review for their SS4A project. She noted Greeley will be doing engagement for that project throughout the summer.

Karasko noted the NFRMPO's Quadrennial Review was held on April 9, 2026 and stated the finalized report will be available by June 14, 2026. She noted the NFRMPO will be submitting their GHG Transportation Report for the 2050 RTP Amendment to CDOT and CDPHE by the end of the day. She noted the Call for Abstracts is open for the 2026 Intermountain West Ozone Exchange. She stated one Virtual Town Hall was held on May 15, 2026 and an additional one will be held on June 4, 2026.

Tarannum noted she is working on a dashboard for the travel demand model. She also noted the next Model Steering Committee meeting will be on June 26, 2026.

Graalum noted the NFRMPO was not awarded a Highway Safety Office grant. She noted the NFRMPO is continuing to examine how they can make a similar safety event still happen. She noted she will be reaching out to communities with updated crash data to see how that can be implemented. She noted she is working on updating the webpage for the 2055 RTP. She noted June will be a busy outreach month for the NFRMPO.

Stockburger noted he will be getting back into working on the Freight Northern Colorado Plan.

Rouser noted the General Assembly is out of session and the legislative updates revolve around what the governor will or will not sign. He noted HB26-1398, which is the retail delivery fee bill. That bill passed both houses and is currently on the governor's desk. He noted HB26-1399, which is the MMOF General Fund Transfer Bill. That bill went to Conference Committee and the currently language states there is only a one-year funding elimination. He noted that at the federal level a draft of the surface transportation reauthorization bill was released and is going to the House tomorrow to be marked up.

Meeting Wrap-Up

Final Public Comment

There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Jonathan Stockburger, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, as a hybrid meeting.