

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
June 17, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 2:36 p.m.**

TAC Members Present

Evan Pinkham, Chair – Weld County
Dana Hornkohl, Vice Chair – Fort Collins
Brendan Cicione – CDPHE-APCD
Hanna Feldmann – Greeley
Tim Hoos – Johnstown
Tom Moore – RAQC
Shani Porter – Severance
Josie Thomas – CDOT Region 4
Eric Tracy – Larimer County
Keith Wakefield, Alternate – Loveland

NFRMPO Staff:

Mykayla Graalum
Elizabeth Relford
Jerome Rouser
Jonathan Stockburger
Tahjiba Tarannum

TAC Members Absent:

Emma Belmont – FTA
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Shantanu Tiwari – Evans
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud
Kevin Koelbel – Milliken
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath
Wesley LaVanchy – Eaton
Scott Pearson – Windsor
Town of Garden City
Town of LaSalle

In Attendance:

Medora Bornhoft – CDOT
Tom Christian – Greeley
Candice Folkers – COLT
Gina Fox – CDOT
Hunter Graalum – Windsor
Nicole Hahn – Larimer County
Michelle Johnson – GET
Renaë Jording – GET
Tamara Keefe – Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Joshua Ma – Transfort
Kelly Maiorana – Muller Engineering
Eric Patton – Fort Collins
Luke Seeber – Berthoud
Denise Staley – Weld County
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 MAY 20, 2026 TAC MINUTES

Hornkohl moved to approve the May 20, 2026 TAC Minutes. Porter seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Presentation

MMOF 2026 Update

Medora Bornhoft, CDOT, provided an update on recent legislative changes affecting the MMOF program. She explained that HB26-1398 and HB26-1399 resulted in adjustments to MMOF funding allocations. Bornhoft explained other revenue changes to MMOF include increased interest earnings and updated retail delivery fee forecasts. Bornhoft reviewed changes to the state and local funding shares, discussed historical administrative cost assumptions and necessary adjustments, and outlined the resulting shortfalls impacting the NFRMPO. CDOT does not anticipate reducing or delaying currently awarded MMOF projects and is using a backfill strategy that relies on FY2030-2031 funds and cash management practices to support projects that are ready to advance through FY2027-2029 funding reductions. Bornhoft noted projects requiring additional time may experience delayed access to funding until future fiscal years. She reviewed next steps for MPOs, local agency project sponsors, and CDOT staff, noting that MPOs are not required to adjust existing awards but are being asked to refrain from making additional MMOF awards until further notice.

Wakefield referenced previous MMOF funding reductions affecting a City of Loveland project and asked whether there was an opportunity to restore the reduced funding amount. Bornhoft responded previously reduced awards would not be reinstated.

Air Quality Agenda

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) Updates

Moore shared dates for Control Strategy Blueprint Workshops and provided the registration link in the meeting chat.

Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) Updates

Cicione shared there will be no AQCC meeting held this month due to the Commission's annual retreat. The retreat is open to the public and will be held in person in Lakewood, with participation limited to in-person attendance. He stated the retreat agenda is expected to focus on programmatic issues, the recent legislative session, and upcoming elections.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda

Action Items

2026 Public Involvement Plan

Stockburger reported the draft PIP was presented to Planning Council at their June meeting. He stated the public comment period opened on April 15, 2026 and will close on June 21, 2026. Stockburger shared the PIP will go to Planning Council in July for adoption.

Tracy moved to recommend Planning Council approve the 2026 Public Involvement Plan. Hornkohl seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

NFRMPO GHG Transportation Report: 2050 RTP Amendment & FY2026-2029 TIP

Rouser explained the NFRMPO did not meet the required 2030 greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets through modeling alone. To achieve compliance, additional programmatic investments were calculated off-model using guidance from Policy Directive 1610 and incorporated into the analysis. Rouser summarized the programmatic investments included in the report and noted the Transportation Commission is expected to consider the GHG Transportation Report for approval on June 18, 2026, with Planning Council adoption anticipated in July alongside the 2050 RTP Amendment and FY2026-2029 TIP.

Feldmann moved to recommend Planning Council approve the NFRMPO GHG Transportation Report. Wakefield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

GET CNG Replacement and Expansion Bus Purchases Project Scope Change

Feldmann presented an update on the financial status of regional transit services, including the Poudre Express and US 34 Transit Pilot. She reviewed ridership trends for the Poudre Express, funding sources, and recent funding challenges, including reductions in State FASTER funding from CDOT and the need for additional local contributions to support regional transit operations. She emphasized challenges related to long-term sustainability of regional transit service and the need for a regional funding strategy for the US 34 Transit service beyond the pilot period. Feldmann requested TAC consider reallocating \$996,655 in unspent CMAQ funds from the GET CNG Replacement and Expansion Bus Purchases project to support an additional year of US 34 Transit Pilot operations while regional partners continue evaluating long-term funding options.

Porter asked whether ridership data was available for the Poudre Express. Feldmann responded ridership information was included in the appendix and presented a slide showing current ridership trends, noting the service is significantly underperforming expectations. Porter asked whether the Poudre Express has been re-evaluated to determine if it remains the most effective service configuration. Feldmann responded service adjustments have been discussed and noted the need to work with regional partners to evaluate potential changes, including potential modifications to midday service. Discussion also included concerns the service is primarily funded by the City of Greeley while many of the benefits extend beyond the community. Porter asked whether the Town of Windsor contributes funding to the Poudre Express service. Feldmann responded Windsor currently contributes \$115,000 annually, the same amount provided before CDOT funding reductions.

Wakefield noted anticipated construction along the US 34 corridor could create additional delays and challenges for transit operations. Feldmann acknowledged the concern and discussed potential impacts to service reliability.

Hahn asked what funding year the CMAQ funds originated from. Feldmann responded the funds were associated with awards from 2016 and 2020. Hahn expressed concern regarding the age of the awards, and discussion followed regarding CMAQ funds not expiring. Hahn asked whether the City of Greeley has pursued funding through the Clean Transit Enterprise (CTE). Feldmann responded while CTE funding has been discussed, there are competing transit needs throughout the community and dedicating those resources solely to the US 34 service would not be equitable to the City of Greeley. Additional discussion

occurred regarding whether regional partners could contribute portions of their CTE funding to support the service. During the discussion, it was also noted once a community reaches a population threshold of 200,000, it is no longer eligible for certain transit operational funding sources. Ma asked whether the CMAQ funding had already been programmed into a grant. Johnson responded the funds are currently available in one of their accounts.

Wakefield asked whether the proposed funding change would require a TIP Amendment. Feldmann confirmed a TIP Amendment would be required.

Porter asked about the long-term funding strategy for the US 34 Transit Pilot. Feldmann discussed the need for ongoing regional conversations regarding sustainable funding options and future service planning. Hahn asked whether Bustang could potentially provide service along the US 34 corridor. Feldmann discussed previous conversations regarding regional transit service options. Thomas added Bustang is currently facing its own funding challenges and expanding service in the corridor is not feasible at this time.

Wakefield referenced findings from CDOT's US 34 study and noted that projected shifts to transit were limited. He stated that more significant transit investments, such as dedicated bus lanes or express lanes, may be necessary to substantially increase transit ridership. Feldmann agreed additional discussions regarding service planning and transit investments are needed.

Porter asked whether TAC or Planning Council would ultimately make the decision regarding the proposed CMAQ fund reallocation. Rouser responded Planning Council input and approval would be needed as part of the decision-making process. Hornkohl asked about the timeline for bringing the item back to TAC for consideration. Feldmann responded a long-term funding strategy should be identified before January and noted additional discussions and workshop sessions would be needed before returning with a recommendation.

Connected Communities 2055: Data Request

Rouser reminded TAC members responses to the Connected Communities 2055 Data Request are due June 30, 2026. The request includes project information, operations and maintenance costs, Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM) observed traffic counts and vehicle classifications, and transit survey and route-level boarding data. He encouraged communities to contact NFRMPO staff with any questions as they complete the requested information.

Outside Parter Reports

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative

Written report provided.

Regional Transit Agencies

Ma shared Pat Moore, the Safety and Training Supervisor with GET, retired after 40 years. GET is currently repurposing Moore's position to a Transit Planner position. Ma stated GET will not have free fare for the summer since there is no funding from CASTA for it this year. He shared the GET bus rebranding will be

debuted at the July 4th parade in addition to a press release. Ma stated GET is still working on their system optimization.

Ma shared COLT got through their triannual review with only one finding. He stated COLT is reducing service on some routes over the summer. COLT is experiencing staffing shortages and they are implementing some of their SB24-230 funds to increase service once school starts. Ma shared COLT has purchased two new hybrid electric buses, and they have completed the design on their new transit center. Ma shared COLT will also have no free fare over the summer. Ma stated there will be a new bus shelter on Fairgrounds Avenue and 71st Street in Windsor.

Ma shared Transfort will begin implementing Phase 1 of their optimization plan.

Mobility Updates

No update was provided.

Reports

June 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.

Connected Communities 2055 RTP: Fact Sheet

Graalum presented the Fact Sheet for the Connected Communities 2055 RTP. She explained that the Fact Sheet will be distributed at public outreach events, and the QR code will bring people to a Linktree that includes the project webpage.

Roundtable

Porter shared Severance just finished installing their third traffic signal and they completed paving an additional mile of the Great Western Trail.

Hornkohl shared the Fort Collins City Council approved an IGA with Timnath for a Harmony/WCR 74 corridor study, particularly for improvements between LCR 5 and Strauss Cabin Road.

Wakefield reminded TAC June is Walk and Bike Month, and Loveland has had lots of related events going on throughout the month. Wakefield announced Loveland will have 12 morning stations and an evening bash for Everybody Bike Day. He stated the Boise Traffic Calming Project will add three rectangular rapid flashing beacons and a center median refuge, with construction beginning on July 6. Wakefield stated

their US34 Widening Projects are delayed due to right of way negotiations. Wakefield noted this morning when driving from Greeley to Loveland there were two bad crashes he passed – one at Promontory Parkway and one at WCR 17 along US34. He reminded TAC safety along US34 is a concern and should be a regional focus.

Feldmann shared Greeley received a RAISE federal grant agreement for signature for the MERGE Project. She stated they are advancing CMGC procurement and program management efforts and they have completed their master service agreement, their infinite cost estimator, and are continuing financial planning. Feldmann shared next steps are to move forward with CMGC procurement, continue NEPA development, progress on utility and right of way coordination, and review the engagement plan. Feldmann announced the 16th Street Enhancement Project is 98 percent complete. She shared for SS4A, they are working on categorical exclusion documentation which has been approved by FHWA. Feldmann stated the O Street and 59th Avenue Project is on track.

Rouser stated the Regionally Significant Corridors and the Vision Statement, Goals, Objectives, and Regional Performance Measures will go to Planning Council at their July meeting. He shared if Planning Council gives the thumbs up on the corridors, then NFRMPO staff can begin the visioning process for the corridors. Rouser shared if Planning Council is okay with the performance measures then the NFRMPO can begin target setting. Rouser announced the NFRMPO is co-hosting six Bike to Work Day stations across the region. Rouser stated as part of the RTP outreach process, the NFRMPO is looking to table at community centers or recreation centers and to share contact information with him to get that set up.

Graalum stated the NFRMPO will be at the Severance Safety Fair, Eaton Days, and LaSalle Days in July doing public outreach. She shared an RTP-specific email list will be created and all TAC members will automatically be added to the email list. Graalum announced she will be presenting on the Regional Crash Dashboard at the July Planning Council meeting, with official publication of the tool anticipated soon afterwards.

Tarannum shared there is a coordination meeting tomorrow with the consultants for the Regional Travel Demand Model and the Land Use Allocation Model and following that meeting an agenda will be sent out for the Model Steering Team meeting on June 25. Tarannum specified for the 2055 RTP data request, the NFRMPO needs observed traffic counts from all communities as well as transit data from all transit providers.

Stockburger shared the FY2026-2029 TIP is going to Planning Council for approval in July, which was already recommended for approval by TAC in 2025.

Meeting Wrap-Up

Final Public Comment

There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Mykayla Graalum, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, as a hybrid meeting.