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August 2026 Report from the Air Pollution Control Division to the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council Thursday, September 3, 2026

Air Pollution Control Division (Division) Public Participation Opportunities:

- **Air quality impacts from refinery operations:** The CDPHE Air Pollution Control Division is seeking input while developing a proposal to reduce air quality impacts from refinery operations. The division will hold a series of meetings in August and September to hear feedback, then develop a rule proposal by the end of this calendar year. The proposal will also be informed by findings from the Colorado Refinery Report the division published in May 2026, which compares data, requirements, and procedures for petroleum refineries nationwide and the Suncor refinery in Commerce City.

The division will hold all public meetings virtually over Zoom. The meetings will all cover the same information in a presentation and include opportunities for participants to share feedback. Translation and interpretation services will be provided. Register to attend: [Tuesday, Sept. 1, 6-8 p.m.](#)

- **Air Pollution Control Division complaint and rapid response 101:** Join an upcoming 101 session to learn about the Air Pollution Control Division's complaint system that enables members of the public to report potential regulatory and permit compliance issues at stationary sources of air pollution. These presentations will cover:
 - o How to submit a complaint to the air division.
 - o How the air division handles complaint response.
 - o Common complaints the air division has the authority to respond to.
 - o Progress made by the Rapid Response complaint team to streamline complaint response, prioritize complaints in disproportionately impacted communities, and increase public awareness and transparency.

Register to join an upcoming meeting: [Thursday, Sept. 3, 6-7 p.m.](#) and [Friday, Sept. 4, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.](#)

- **Regulation 3 reporting and fee updates:** Register for an upcoming meeting to learn about emissions reporting requirements, potential fee increases, and standardizing carbon capture and storage protocols. There will be time to ask questions and provide feedback on the proposal. The meetings are online and two hours long. Spanish language translation services will be provided. Register to join an upcoming meeting:

[Tuesday, Sept. 22, 11 a.m.](#), [Thursday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m.](#), [Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m.](#) Learn more on the division's [emissions and permitting fees web page](#).

- **Clean Air Act 101:** The Clean Air Act 101 presentation will provide a brief history of the federal Clean Air Act and how it regulates air emissions from various sources. The presentation will share how the division, along with local agencies, implements the law in Colorado and what it means for community members and Colorado today. Register to join an upcoming meeting: [Monday, Sept. 28, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.](#) and [Wednesday, Sept. 30, 6-7 p.m.](#)



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

August 20, 2026 Commission Meeting

- **Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Roadmap Briefing** - Representatives from the Colorado Energy Office and the Division discussed updates to the Colorado GHG Emission Reduction Roadmap with the Commission and progress made towards the Commission's sector based emissions targets established in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy Contingency Process Resolution.
- **Air Quality Enterprise Updates Briefing** - The Colorado Air Quality Enterprise seeks proposals from qualified organizations, academic researchers, or consortia to develop, deploy, or evaluate innovative technologies that advance the understanding and mitigation of air pollution in the State. AQE staff gave an update on selected projects that have recently been funded.
- **Air Pollution Control Division EJ Report Tool Briefing** - The Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) EJ Report Tool for Regulation 3 uses data at various levels to identify environmental and health burdens across Colorado. APCD staff will give an overview of disproportionately impacted communities and how the definition applies in regulations, what the EJ Report Tool is, and how applicants use the tool to comply with permitting regulations and environmental justice recommendations.
- **Legislative Session Update Briefing** - Overview presentation of 2026 Legislative Session. There were 626 bills introduced, 436 bills that became law, 137 bills on which CDPHE staff engaged in, and 62 bills that became law that affect CDPHE. Additionally, CDPHE staff testified 67 times in front of legislative committees and 22 appointees were confirmed to CDPHE boards and commissions.
- **Procedural Rules Feedback Work Session** - The Commission will hear feedback on the updated Procedural Rules that went into effect in August 2025. Information from this session may be used in a future rulemaking addressing Procedural Rules.

September 20, 2026 Commission Meeting

- **Written Comment Rulemaking Hearing on Regulation 19 - Lead Dust Hazard and Clearance Update:** The Commission will consider the proposed update to Regulation Number 19. The proposal will incorporate revisions finalized by EPA in October 2024. These proposed revisions include changes to nomenclature, post-abatement clearance levels, requirements for amending accreditation, the application process for training programs and training providers, the definition of abatement, requirements for post-abatement reporting, electronic submission of required documents, the definition of housing for the elderly, notification requirements for training managers, and incorporation by reference of updated ASTM standards. Updating State requirements strengthens protections for children under the age of 7 and allows the Air Pollution Control Division to maintain delegation of the Lead-Based Paint Activities rule. The Division will also request other revisions based on requirements in the federal rules include revisions to the definition of lead-based paint abatement, training program accreditation applications and amendments, and training course notifications.



- **Rulemaking Hearing on Regulation Number 7 - Oil & Gas Operations:** The Commission will consider revisions addressing oil and gas operations impacted by EPA's Emission Guideline 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart OOOOc and the associated state 111(d) plan. The proposed revisions would (1) align Regulation Number 7 with EPA's model rule in 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart OOOOc, including requirements for enclosed combustion devices (ECD), flares, closed vent systems (CVS), covers, storage vessels, associated gas, and vapor recovery units (VRU) associated with storage tanks and (2) improve program implementation and support additional reductions in methane, volatile organic compounds (VOC), and other pollutants emitted from the affected equipment and associated operations.



Subject: Air Quality Related Activities Report to NFRMPO Council

Date: 9/1/26

Introduction:

Two Roads Environmental LLC (TRE) is providing a monthly report of air quality related activities to the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) Council conducted by TRE in August 2026 for their September 3, 2026 meeting.

Summary:

In August 2026, TRE focused on jointly planning an intermountain west Fall 2026 ozone conference (now known as the Fall 2026 Ozone Exchange) with the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG).

Air Quality Activities:

Fall 2026 Intermountain West (IMW) Ozone Exchange Conference:

Conference details can be found at: <https://ozoneexchange.org>

A draft program is posted, identifying sessions and delineating a full 3-day conference schedule. An updated program will be posted later this week identifying confirmed speakers. Note that we currently have over 70 confirmed speakers/moderators/poster presenters representing all levels of government, researchers and private entities. The following program summary was shared with Colorado's Air Quality Control Commission at their August 20th meeting:

Program Details to Date



Day 1: Planning	Day 2: Research	Day 3: Health & Steps
- Clean Air Act 101 and Planning Realities - State of Ozone in the IMW - Ozone Attainment Efforts in the IMW - IMW Research to Improve Understanding - Transportation's Role in Planning - Flash Talks on Incentive Programs	- Wildfire Smoke Impacts on Ozone - Unique IMW Geographic Challenges - Emerging Air Quality Methodologies - Biogenic Emissions and Impacts - Poster Session	- Human-made Contributions - Options for State Implementation Plan Development - Improving Public Communications of the Ozone Problem - Opportunities to Align Ozone Public Messaging - Research Next Steps
Confirmed Presenters: Govt: EPA; state/local: AZ, CO, NV, UT air & transportation planners, attorneys Research: UA, BYU, UW, CSU, NOAA, SUNY	Confirmed Presenters: Govt: EPA; state/local: CO, NV air planners Research: CU, CSU, BYU, UWM, NOAA, CIRES, Princeton, RAMBOLL, Boulder Air, Spheros, Giner	Confirmed Presenters: Govt: state/local AZ, CO, UT air planners Research: CU, CSU, CIRES, RAMBOLL, UW, UWM Other: Beatty & Wozniak, Airi Consulting, Forest Green Consulting

Audience &/or Public Engagement Opportunities



Conference registration opened August 10. Registration fees have been kept low to promote broad attendance. The following summarizes total registration costs (including transaction fees) for the full three-day conference that includes breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks for all three days, and dinner on Day 2.

- \$300/person for governmental/nonprofit organizations/community
- \$400/person for private industry, and
- \$500/person for late registration.

NFRMPO and PPACG have launched a marketing campaign for the conference that includes public meeting presentations, individual organizations' presentations, social media posts and paid media advertisement.

Regarding the Colorado Air Quality Enterprise (AQE) funding and contract with the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, we have completed deliverable PA#1, notifying AQE Administrator of conference website and registration launch by 8/28/26. The next deliverable PA#2 includes publishing a final program by 9/27/26.

Again, AQE funding is being used to promote attendance by keeping registration fees low, providing presenter stipends, and providing for hardship scholarships for governmental organizations, non-profit organizations and community representatives, etc.

Request: Your support is requested in sharing information about this conference with your jurisdictions and areas of influence. A registration flier is attached. We are also happy to present at gatherings and are open to introductions to groups with which we should be engaging.

2026 Ozone Season Monitoring Data:

Ozone continues to be high. As of August 31, 2026, each certified ozone monitor observed 8-hour in the area, as well as the remote Gothic monitor in Gunnison had 4th max 8-hour averages above 70 ppb. While some observed ozone levels may be associated with spring stratospheric intrusions and summer wildfires that may be considered as natural events that may qualify as an exceptional event, the sheer number of exceedances decreases the likelihood that the exclusion of exceptional events would be sufficient to demonstrate attainment.

2026 8-hour Ozone Levels (ppm) for Larimer, Weld and Gunnison County Certified Ozone Monitors (as of 8/31/26) ¹									
	Bethke	Fort Collins - CSU - S. Mason	FORT COLLINS - WEST	Fossil Creek	Greeley - Weld County Tower	La Salle Tower	Mehaffey Park	RMNP	Gothic
1st max	0.082	0.077	0.077	0.081	0.078	0.077	0.078	0.074	0.078
2nd max	0.076	0.076	0.076	0.081	0.077	0.075	0.077	0.074	0.072
3rd max	0.076	0.074	0.074	0.079	0.076	0.074	0.077	0.073	0.072
4th max	0.076	0.073	0.074	0.079	0.075	0.074	0.075	0.073	0.071
# exceeding 0.075ppm	5	2	2	10	3	1	3	0	1
# exceeding 0.070ppm	16	9	12	26	19	10	19	12	4

¹ Information is taken from EPA's AirNow "Download Daily Data" webpage. Selecting for ozone in 2026 from All Sites in Colorado, and screened for identified monitors, accessed 9/1/26 here: <https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data/download-daily-data>

The RAQC's ozone summary as of 8/31/26 looks more closely at potential smoke impact on high ozone days.²

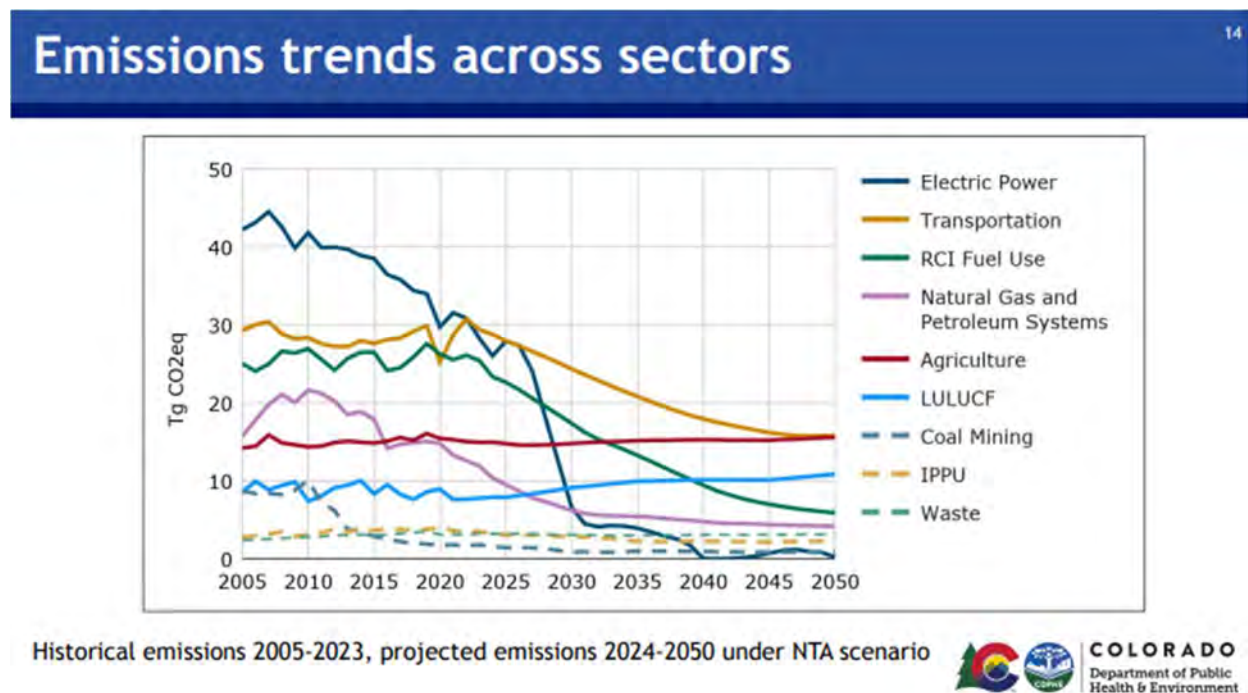
APCD Outreach Activities:

The APCD held a public meeting on 8/6/26 APCD specific to 2025 Colorado GHG Inventory.

³ Highlights are as follows:

- Colorado did not meet the 2025 goal to cut GHG emissions by 26% from 2005 levels by the end of 2025, and
- Colorado anticipates meeting this goal in 2027

While transportation continues to be a significant contributor of GHGs, reductions are being realized as demonstrated by slide 14 of the APCD presentation illustrated below.



Colorado is anticipated to continue seeking emissions reductions, including from the transportation segment, to realize GHG emission reduction goals specified in statute.

AQCC Activities:

The AQCC was briefed on the AQE in general and the Ozone Exchange conference, providing insightful questions and comments. The AQCC also received briefings on the 2026 Legislative Session and recent RAQC activities. The majority of the AQCC meeting included a workshop on the AQCC's Procedural Rules.

² RAQC's Current 8-Hour Ozone Summary, "Denver Metro/North Front Range Area – 2026 8-Hour Ozone Summary through August 31st, 2026", accessed 9/1/26 here: <https://raqc.org/current-8-hour-ozone-summary/>

³ See APCD 8/6/26 "2025 Greenhouse Gas Inventory" presentation and recording, listed under "Past public participation opportunities", here: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/apcd/greenhouse-gas-inventory>



In September, the AQCC will undergo an oil and gas related rulemaking largely to align with federal Emission Guidelines.

RAQC Activities

The RAQC Board did not meet in August. Staff did hold a public workshop on On-road Strategies, touching on: summer-time free fare transit; light-duty vehicle electrification; mobile emission reduction credits; indirect source data reporting; indirect source voluntary and regulatory facility emission reduction plans; vehicle registration, emission testing and the Inspection & Maintenance Program; effects of on-the-books Colorado Clean Vehicles Regulations.⁴

Other Air Quality Activities:

Initiative 175, a measure directing funding to roads, has been withdrawn from this Fall's ballot after supporters reached an agreement with state officials.^{5,6}

In Congress, there has been no substantial movement related to Representative Evans' H.R. 6387 Fire Improvement and Reforming Exceptional Events Act or FIRE Act, or H.R.6409 Foreign Emissions and Nonattainment Clarification for Economic Stability or FENCES Act.^{7,8}

Upcoming Activities:

TRE plans to attend meetings and track air quality related activities as follows, unless otherwise directed.

Meetings TRE Plans to Attend (or screen)

- 9/11/26 RAQC Board Meeting
- 9/16-18/26 AQCC Monthly Meeting

Other Anticipated Air Quality Activities

- Litigation on EPA's final action determining attainment for the Phoenix area under the 2025 Ozone NAAQS and the associated 179B Analysis
- EPA's proposed action determining attainment for the Wasatch Front in Utah under the 2025 Ozone NAAQS and the associated 179B Analysis
- EPA's proposed reconsideration of "leftover SIP provisions"
- EPA's Exceptional Events Guidance
- EPA's Ozone NAAQS Reconsideration
- EPA's Reconsideration of the PM2.5 NAAQS

⁴ See RAQC's 8/12/26 "Public Workshop for On-Road Strategies" webpage for meeting materials and recordings, here: <https://raqc.org/event/public-workshop-for-on-road-strategies/>

⁵ 2025-2026 #175 State Revenue Supporting Road Transportation materials are available here:

<https://leg.colorado.gov/initiatives/state-revenue-supporting-road-transportation-175>

⁶ Colorado Public Radio news, "Colorado road funding ballot measure will be pulled following deal reached with state lawmakers," 8/27/26. Article available here: <https://www.cpr.org/2026/08/27/initiative-175-road-funding-ballot-measure-dropped/>

⁷ See Congress.gov for information on HR.6387 – FIRE Act (119th Congress, 2025-2026), here:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/6387?locl=aga-bill>

⁸ See Congress.gov for information on H.R.6409 – FENCES Act (119th Congress, 2025-2026), here:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/6409>



Recommendations:

- Continue marketing Ozone Exchange (presentations at public meetings, approach environmental publications (i.e. InsideEPA))
- Track Colorado's next steps addressing ozone, including:
 - RAQC's Blueprint evolution
 - RAQC's modeling updates
- Track AQCC October rulemaking hearing specific to transportation conformity
- Track litigation on EPA's final action on their determination of attainment for:
 - Phoenix-Mesa ozone nonattainment area in Arizona
 - Wasatch Front ozone nonattainment area in Utah
- Track NHSTA's final action on fuel economy standards (Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule III for Model Years 2022-2031 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks)



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

**October 26-28, 2026
Loveland, Colorado**

Registration for the Intermountain West Ozone Exchange Conference is now OPEN!

Join us for an affordable 3-day conference bringing together regional air quality agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, academic researchers, local governments, communities, environmental groups, and industry.

Scholarships are available while funding lasts! Details and application information are available online.

What you'll gain:

- Share recent research findings and unique regional challenges
- Better understand the realities of ozone management in the Intermountain West
- Discuss science guided ideas, improvements, communication strategies, and potential solutions for ozone planning
- Connect with professionals working across air quality, transportation, research, and industry



**Register today and
learn more at
ozoneexchange.org**



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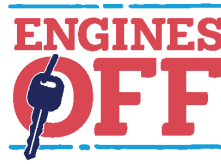
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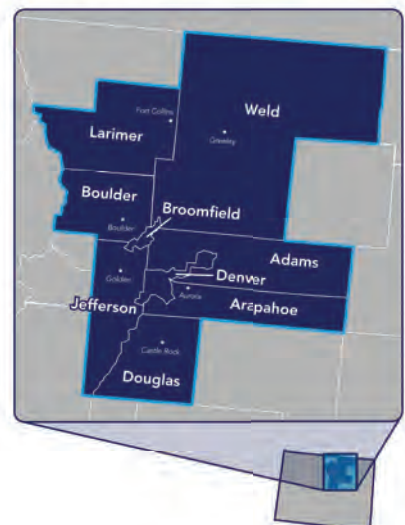
RAQC Programs Update

Jacob LaBure, Program Director
August 8/19/2026



The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

- o The lead Air Quality Planning Agency in the State of Colorado's Front Range Ozone nonattainment area
 - o Colorado is in nonattainment for two federal ozone standards (2008 & 2015)
- o The RAQC develops air quality plans for and in coordination with the state of Colorado
- o We also provide incentives and educational services to improve air quality

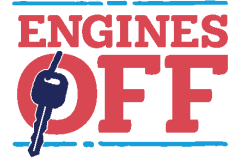




Program Expansion

NAAPME Programs Update

Jacob LaBure, Program Director
August 8/19/2026



Mow Down Pollution

Electrifying Lawn and Garden Equipment

- We have held a few Mower Exchange events in cities up North, including Longmont, and Ft. Collins.
- Due to new funds, we'll have some new offerings.
- We're in the early stages of planning.
- RAQC is working on plans to hold several Mower Exchange Events in Weld and Larimer County.
- We will also soon be offering grants to Landscaping businesses and public entities like Local Governments. Grants up to \$20,000.
- Education, legislation, AQ regulations, planning

Updates will be on our new website
MowDownPollution.org



Mow Down Pollution



Program Highlights

Funding:

- o Mix of state, local government, and private funding (grants, donations, and fines)

Residential:

- o Approximately 7,500 pieces of electric lawn equipment purchased since 2011

Public/Private:

- o Funded over 120 businesses and public entities since 2020
- o 1,140 pieces of electric equipment purchased

2026 Program

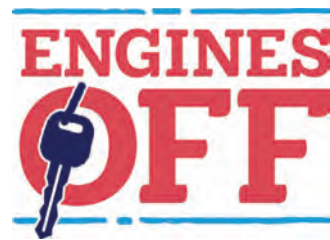
- o \$120,000 in grants to landscaping businesses (Additional funds coming online).
- o 3 Residential Trade-In Events hosted so far – 144 vouchers given out for electric equipment
- o Additional coming soon: grants/vouchers for residents, commercial businesses, and public entities in Weld and parts of Larimer County.

ENGINES OFF

Breathe Easy.

Engines Off grants replace generators with battery systems, creating zero-emission Food Trucks and Mobile Businesses

- o Grants support 70% - 80% of modifications or up to \$20,000 annually.
- o We are in Weld and Larimer County
- o Average total project size: \$13,000.
- o Investing in small businesses across the nonattainment area,
- o Investing in emerging battery technology.
- o **Now open as of Monday, accepting new applications**
- o Spanish website and application available
- o www.EnginesOff.org



Accessible Bikes For Community

Healthy Rides. Healthy Lives.



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The RAQC is funding capital improvements for our first two e-bike libraries. Creating transportation options for affordable housing projects.



Bikes are currently on the road at locations in Denver and Lakewood.

A new Loveland site is expected to launch later this year. We're working with several additional sites across the region.

New applications are paused through the end of the year while we assess the program and plan for its next phase.

More information: [RAQC Apartment Bike Club](#)

Clean Air Auto Repair

Every Repair Clears the Air.



Program insights:

- We have funded 74 car repairs so far this year.
- \$260,000 in repairs.
- Most common repairs: Oxygen Sensor, Catalytic Converter Repair/Replacement, and PCV Valve.
- We are working to expand in Weld and Larimer Counties, working with shops that are currently working with CDPHE. We had a shop but are now changing shops up North that can meet our updated standards. W

Clean Air Champions

Cleaner Communities
One Champion at a time.



Clean Air Champions Program is a RAQC program where we recognize community members, businesses, local governments, and others for their outstanding efforts to clean the air!

Clean Air Champions

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One Champion at a time.

Clean Air Champion Awards:

Tuesday, September 15, 2025 – 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Denver Performing Arts Center.

RSVP:

raqc.org/clean-air-champions



Simple Steps. Better Air.

Program Overview

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A program of the  RAQC
REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL

Simple Steps. Better Air.

Simple Steps. Better Air. (SSBA) is a public awareness and outreach program created by the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) to educate residents in the greater Denver Metro and Front Range about ground-level ozone pollution and actions they can take to improve summer air quality.

Why “simple steps”?

We can all make a positive impact on Colorado’s air quality! We identify, encourage, and support Front Range residents to take simple steps to help them protect their health and reduce their emissions.



Simple Steps. Better Air.

1. Summer ad campaign: May - September

- Education and awareness campaign about ground-level ozone and individual emissions reductions
- More than ~50 local, regional, and state outlets relevant to the Colorado Front Range
- TV, print, radio, podcasts, and digital formats / mediums, in both English and Spanish

2. Events: sponsorship and tabling outreach

- Between 5 and 15 events each year, mostly in the summer, as staff bandwidth allows
- Festivals, bike rides, and 5Ks in Denver, Boulder, Golden, and Fort Collins, and more
- Original and useful “Simple Steps” branded giveaway items to incentivize sign ups

3. Summer ozone alerts

Between late May and mid-September, the RAQC / Simple Steps. Better Air. issues text and email ozone advisories on “Ozone Action Alert Days,” in partnership with CDPHE's meteorology team, to help Front Range residents understand which days matter most to protect their health and take simple steps.





Go WILD
for Front Range
air quality!

Carpool and
combine trips.



Upgrade to an EV.



Don't idle your car.



Walk, bike, or
use scooters.



Take public
transit.



Use electric lawn
equipment.

Work from
home.



**Set the
SUMMER
TREND!**



**DON'T go it
alone!**



2026 Summer Media Campaign

Overview: 54 outlets & publications

- 6 TV stations
- 8 radio stations
- 38 print and digital
- 2 transit-specific
- Main source of match for SSBA

2026 highlights:

- **Rocky Mountain PBS partnership** with original video content
- **Commercial radio** reaching sports fans and families in the Denver metro (Bonneville Radio)
- **Colorado Ethnic Media Exchange** media buy in 4 languages
- **Tigre Radio** through NAAPME funding

- Axios Denver / Boulder
- **Bonneville Radio**
 - The Fan
 - KOSI
- Boulder Daily Camera
- Broomfield Enterprise
- CBS 4 (KCNC)
- City Cast Denver
- The Colorado Sun
- Colorado Public Radio (CPR) (Denverite)
- Colorado Community Media (CCM)
 - Adams: Northglenn Thornton Sentinel, Westminster Window, Brighton Standard Blade, Commerce City Sentinel
 - Arapahoe: Littleton Independent includes the Englewood Herald and Centennial Citizen
 - Douglas: Castle Rock News Press, Douglas County News Press, Highlands Ranch Herald which includes Lone Tree Voice, Parker Chronicle and Elbert County News
 - Denver: Denver Herald, Denver North Star
 - Jefferson County: Jeffco Transcript, Arvada Press, Canyon Courier, Golden Transcript
- **Colorado Ethnic Media Exchange**
 - Afrik Digest
 - Aurora Sentinel
 - Asian Avenue Magazine
 - Colorado Chinese News
 - El Comercio de Colorado
- Denver7 (KMGH) & Local 3 (KCDO)
 - The Denver Post
 - **Denver Gazette**
 - Denververse
 - Fox 31 & Channel 2 (KDVR)
 - Front Porch Northeast
 - Greater Park Hill News
 - **Rocky Mountain PBS**
 - **KUVO Jazz**
 - **The Drop 104.7**
 - RTD (bus tails and queens)
 - La Voz Colorado
 - KGNU Radio
 - KUNC Radio
 - The Mountain Ear
 - NBC 9 News (KUSA)
 - Neighborhood Gazette
 - OP Outdoor (bus shelters)
 - Out Front Magazine
 - Telemundo
 - **Tigre Radio**
 - Westword
 - Urban Spectrum

Know Your Ozone

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Q. What is the Front Range's most pressing air quality problem?
Ground-level ozone is an invisible and invisible pollutant. It forms when volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides, mostly from fossil fuel emissions, combine with heat and sunlight.

Q. Why does this matter?
Ozone levels peak yearly during the summer, often on sunny days when Coloradoans love to be outdoors. It impacts our health and environment, and it's a leading cause of respiratory issues.

Q. What about the ozone layer?
Ozone (O₃) is a gas molecule composed of three oxygen atoms. It's a ozone high up in the atmosphere. The ozone layer is key and offers protection from the sun's ultraviolet radiation. But something in ground-level ozone irritates throats and lungs, increases the susceptibility to respiratory infections, and exacerbates ailments like asthma.

Q. Who is most impacted?
People most impacted by this air pollution are the elderly, those with respiratory conditions, outdoor workers and athletes, and especially children, whose lungs are still developing and are more likely to be active outdoors.

Q. What can you do?
1. Reduce emissions to help keep ozone levels low: supporting your health and your community.
2. Actively protect your health by avoiding heavy outdoor exercise or recreation between noon and 4pm, especially on ozone alert days.
3. Know when ozone is bad by signing up for summer ozone alerts: text "betterairco" to 21000 or visit simplestepsbetterair.org to sign up for text or email ozone alerts from the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) and Simple Steps, Better Air.

Set the summer trend.

Electricity lawn and garden equipment to reduce ground-level ozone.

Created from pollutants like car exhaust, ozone is the Front Range's biggest air quality issue and a leading cause of respiratory problems.

Know when it matters most: text "BETTERAIRCO" to 21000 to sign up for ozone alerts.

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SPONSORED CONTENT

Set the summer trend! Take simple steps for better air.

Learn how you can protect your health and help reduce ground-level ozone pollution in the Colorado Front Range.

KELSEY SIMPKINS



Go wild for Front Range air quality.

Turn off the engine when you're parked to reduce ground-level ozone.

Enloquézcase por la calidad del aire del Rango Frontal (Front Range).

Apague el motor cuando este estacionado para reducir el ozono a nivel del suelo.

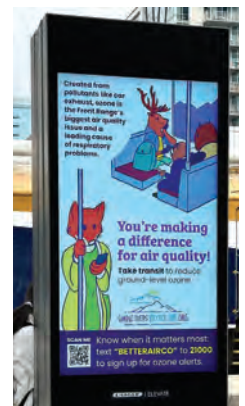
Turn the car off and on again.
Apague y vuelva a encender su carro.

Visit simplestepsbetterair.org to learn more. | Visite simplestepsbetterair.org para obtener más información.



Know when it matters most: text "BetterAirCO" to 21000 to sign up for ozone alerts in English.

Sepa en qué momento es más importante: Envíe un mensaje de texto con "BetterAirCO" al número 21000 para inscribirse a recibir alertas de ozono en Inglés.



What is ground-level ozone?



Go wild for Front Range air quality!
Sign up for **summer ozone alerts** to know when it matters most to reduce your emissions and protect your health.



Events & Sponsorships

Examples:

- Suffer Better / Running Up For Air
- Colorado SunFest
- Outside Festival in Civic Center Park
- Civic Center Eats
- Denver Pride 5K
- Bike to Work Day
- Boulder Environment and Nature Film Festival
- Fort Collins: FoCo Fondo
- Denver Century Ride
- American Lung Association Colorado Run the Rocks
- Colorado Environmental Film Festival
- Englewood Earth Day Celebration
- Aurora Fest
- Poudre River Fest



Summer ozone alerts

Between late May and mid-September, Simple Steps. Better Air. and the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) issue ground-level ozone advisories in partnership with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). SSBA sends email and text alerts.

Known as “Ozone Action Day Alerts,” these advisories forecast the days most likely to have higher ozone concentrations and negatively affect our health.

The alerts last between 4 p.m. of the first day, until midnight, or until 4 p.m. of the following day. They can be extended for multiple days if needed.

We also send notices to CDOT and E470, for the highway signs around Denver.



Text "BetterAirCO" to 21000 for text alerts

OR SIGN UP BELOW FOR EMAIL ALERTS

SIGN UP

Concerned about your data? We will never share or sell it! See our [privacy policy](#) for more information.



We can all make a positive impact on Colorado's air quality.

It really is that simple! There are a variety of steps we can all take for better air quality in our community especially in the summer months.

FIND YOUR SIMPLE STEP!

KNOW WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

When it comes to taking actions to improve air quality, some days are more important than others! Sign up for summer ozone alerts to know when it matters most to take simple steps for better air in your community. **Our timely text and email alerts can also help you protect your health.**

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER OZONE ALERTS TODAY!



As of 2025:
New Website!



SimpleStepsBetterAir.org



New website:

- **Resources** – highlights us & our partners
- **Blog** – a reason to return, over and over
- **FAQ** – people have questions!
- **Spanish** – full website translation

Frequently Asked Questions

Have questions about air quality and ground-level ozone in the Colorado Front Range? You're not alone! Take a read below for answers to some of our most frequently asked questions.

GROUND-LEVEL OZONE

What is ground-level ozone?

Ground-level ozone is an invisible, odorless air pollutant in our layer of the atmosphere that can reach levels harmful to our health in the summer months. It forms when volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx), react in the sunshine and heat that build up on summer days. These emissions come mainly from our gas-powered vehicles, lawn equipment, and oil and gas production.

I thought ozone was good for the atmosphere?

Why is ground-level ozone dangerous to our health?

The Simple Steps. Better Air. Blog

Learn about all things air quality, why taking simple steps matters, how to protect your health, the work of our additional programs, partners, and more!



Engines off in the school drop-off and pickup line can make a big difference for kids' health.
As we head back to school, improve both your kids' health and their education by shutting off the car in the school drop-off and pickup line.

[Read More >](#)



Get these electrifying Colorado tax credits before they expire.
Learn how you can save on a new EV while on cooler days, get discounts on electric lawn equipment, and find rebates on energy and efficiency upgrades like heat pumps right here...

[Read More >](#)



When wildfire smoke and summer ozone overlap.

Learn the difference between wildfire smoke and ozone air pollution, how to effectively deal with each, and what to do when they occur in the Front Range at the same time.

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How to navigate ozone as an outdoor athlete
In the Colorado Front Range, summertime ozone levels can negatively impact your health. Read on to learn how you can both play hard and breathe easy!

[Read More >](#)



Where to take transit for free in the Front Range this summer

Help reduce vehicle emissions, improve our air quality, and save money by taking some routes in the region for free.

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Summer marks the start of ozone season

Hot, sunny, blue-sky days in the summer are the perfect conditions for spending time outside – and the formation of ground-level ozone pollution.

[Read More >](#)

Ahead of 2027, Simple Steps. Better Air. is looking for suggestions for Larimer and Weld County-based...

- news media publications and advertising opportunities
- community outreach events and sponsorship opportunities
- groups interested in sharing our SSBA educational materials
- ways to leverage or promote our ozone alerts in Northern Colorado
- ideas or resources to add to the SSBA website and blog
- **(*We are already in touch with the City of Fort Collins and FC Moves)**

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North Front Range
**Metropolitan
Planning
Organization**

August 31, 2026

Mike Silverstein, Executive Director
Regional Air Quality Council
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246-1530

Re: Comments on the RAQC's Blueprint for Mobile Emissions Control Strategies

Dear Mr. Silverstein:

On behalf of the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) Planning Council, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Regional Air Quality Council's (RAQC) draft mobile emissions control strategies recommended for the Blueprint.

The NFRMPO remains committed to improving regional air quality and values the collaborative process the RAQC has established for developing ozone precursor reduction strategies. We recognize the complexity of identifying additional emission reduction opportunities and would appreciate reviewing additional technical information as these concepts continue to be developed. Herein we are providing both overall comments and comments related to non-road and on-road strategies.

Overall, the NFRMPO is concerned that even under the Blueprint's identified "best-case" emission reduction scenario, the modeling does not demonstrate attainment of the applicable ozone standard. While pursuing additional emission reductions is important, the Blueprint should clearly acknowledge the limitations of the modeled reductions and avoid creating the perception that implementation of all identified strategies alone will result in attainment.

We are also concerned that the identified emission reduction estimates may be interpreted as achievable policy outcomes even though the individual strategies have not yet been evaluated for technical feasibility, legal authority, implementation practicality, economic reasonableness, or cost-effectiveness.

Before emission reduction targets are relied upon for planning purposes, we believe each strategy should undergo a comprehensive evaluation to determine whether the projected reductions are reasonably attainable and to identify the locations where implementation would provide the greatest return on investment and the most significant reductions in ozone precursor emissions.

The NFRMPO also reserves the right to provide additional comments as the RAQC develops and releases concept papers for these strategies. Additional technical information and implementation details will be necessary before meaningful feedback can be provided on many of the proposed concepts.

Non-road Strategies

For non-road strategies, the Blueprint would benefit from additional Colorado-specific information for each non-road emissions category. The proposed strategies are presented at a broad level, making it difficult to understand the underlying assumptions, emissions inventory, reduction potential, affected sources, and implementation considerations unique to Colorado.



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Additionally, we have concerns regarding stakeholder engagement with these specific categories of sources, as well as regulatory authority and practical ability to implement reductions across several of the identified categories. Stakeholders directly representing each of these categories of sources should be involved in developing this control strategy further. This is particularly true for the agricultural sector, who do not appear to be engaged in the development of this strategy, and where existing regulatory authority, operational practices, and economic considerations may present unique implementation challenges.

Finally, we are concerned with establishing broad emission reduction targets for each non-road category without taking the next steps in evaluating the technical feasibility, economic feasibility, implementation timeline, and overall affordability associated with achieving those reductions. Understanding what level of reductions is realistically achievable within each source category is foundational to establishing planning assumptions or policy recommendations.

On-Road Strategies

The NFRMPO recognizes that reducing emissions from on-road vehicles will remain an important component of any successful ozone attainment strategy. We encourage the RAQC to continue developing transportation-related strategies that balance emission reduction potential with implementation feasibility, affordability, and community impacts, while recognizing the significant investments already being made through regional transportation planning, congestion mitigation, transportation demand management, transit, active transportation, and fleet modernization initiatives.

Finally, we appreciate the opportunity to comment; however, the timeframe provided for reviewing a document of this significance is limited. Providing local governments and regional agencies with additional time to review technical information, coordinate with governing boards, and develop thoughtful comments would improve the overall quality of stakeholder input.

Overall, Colorado has made significant strides in improving air quality over the years, and we encourage the RAQC to continue recognizing and communicating these improvements. We remain committed to working collaboratively toward practical, effective, and achievable strategies that further improve Colorado's air quality while recognizing implementation realities and potential impacts on local governments, businesses, and the public.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Relford", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Elizabeth Relford
Executive Director

Cc: Tom Moore, RAQC Planning Director & Policy Advisor
Kyra Reuman-Moore, RAQC Air Quality Planning and Policy Manager
NFRMPO Planning Council



Prepared September 2026

PROJECT PURPOSE: Evaluate walking conditions in central Milliken, with a focus on pedestrian safety, accessibility, comfort, and mobility for adults age 50 and older.

OVERVIEW

The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) received \$2,500 through the 2026 AARP Community Challenge to conduct walk-audit activities in Milliken. The project will evaluate local walking conditions, emphasizing the needs of older adults and people aged 50 and older.

Participants will document sidewalks, crossings, intersections, accessibility features, connectivity, and overall walking conditions. Findings will identify opportunities to strengthen Milliken's pedestrian environment for all ages. The project will use the AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit and complement regional active transportation planning.

NFRMPO will coordinate a community meeting to introduce the project, review route options, gather input, and identify participants. Meeting and walk-audit dates, participation details, and accessibility accommodations will be provided as planning progresses.

AT A GLANCE

FUNDING

\$2,500 AARP Community Challenge

COMMUNITY

Milliken, Colorado

PRIMARY FOCUS

Walkability for adults aged 50 and older

PARTICIPATION

Open to interested community members

PROPOSED WALK AUDIT ROUTES

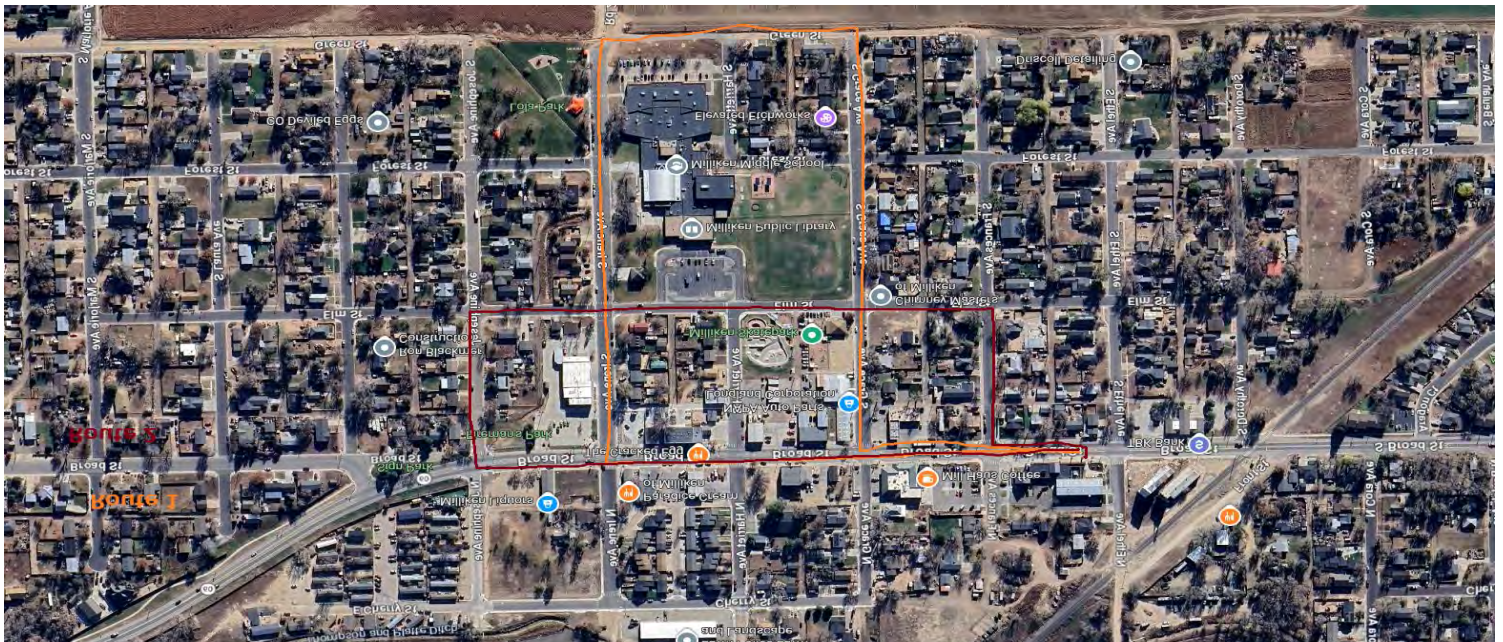


Figure 1. Preliminary route options; routes may be refined based on community input, accessibility, weather, and field conditions.

ROUTE 1 | Orange
Approx. 1 mile

ROUTE 2 | Brown
Approx. 3,400 feet



**Front Range Passenger Rail District
Board of Directors 2026
REGULAR MEETING**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Join by Phone: 720-707-2699

Webinar ID: 846 0703 5098

Friday, August 28, 2026, 9:00 AM

AGENDA

- 1. ENSCO Safety Briefing**
- 2. Call to Order; Roll Call, Establish Quorum (Pg. 3)**
- 3. ENSCO President - Jeff Stevens**
- 4. FRA Director of Railroad Safety Training - Sean Anderson**
- 5. Public Comment (Pg. 4-7)**

Advance registration is required to speak during Public Comment. The order of speaking is on a first-come, first-served basis. Public comments will be limited to 2 minutes per person, and will conclude at 40 minutes. People wishing to make a comment will have the opportunity to sign up before the start of the meeting and can also sign up before the start of the meeting at this link https://bit.ly/FRPRD_PublicComment.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (Pg. 8-25)**
 - A. Approval of June 26, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes (Pg. 8-17)
 - B. Approval of July 31, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes (Pg. 18-25)
- 7. Greenhouse Gas Presentation - SWEEP (Pg. 26-30)**
- 8. General Manager's Report**
- 9. Committee Reports (Pg. 31-35)**
 - A. Finance
 - i. District Finances
- 10. Board Action Items (Pg. 36-71)**
 - A. Resolution 2026-29 Approving an Amendment to Task Order No. 3 with Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors, LLC ("EY") (Pg. 36-40)

- B. Resolution 2026-30 Ratifying Amendment No. 1 to the Contract for Services with Greenlight Strategy, LLC for Communications Services ([Pg. 41-45](#))
- C. Resolution 2026-31 Adopting the District's Detailed Financial Plan and Certifying Its Efforts to Secure Funding ([Pg. 46-62](#))
- D. Resolution 2026-32 Adopting a Resolution to Submit a Ballot Question to the Registered Electors of the District at the November 2026 General Election and Providing for Certain other Election-Related Matters ([Pg. 63-67](#))
- E. Resolution 2026-33 Adopting a District Policy Regarding Fair Campaign Practices Act Compliance ([Pg. 68-71](#))

11. General Counsel Update

12. Director Updates

13. Adjourn



Front Range Passenger Rail District Board of Directors

Need 9 voting members present for a quorum.

Representation	Name	Executive	Finance	Planning	GA/Comms
Gov Appt.	John Putnam	Chair	X	X	X
DRCOG	Chris Nevitt	Vice Chair	X	X	X
SCCOG	Luis Lopez	Treasurer	Chair		
DRCOG	Joan Peck	Secretary		X	X
PPACG	Cory Applegate			X	
<i>Union Pacific</i>	<i>Nathan Anderson</i>				
NFRMPO	Tricia Canonico			X	X
Gov Appt.	Daneya Esgar				X
PACOG	Miles Lucero			X	
Govt. Appt.	Maria Garcia Berry	X			
<i>New Mexico</i>	<i>David Harris</i>				
<i>RTD</i>	<i>Debra Johnson</i>				
<i>I-70 Coalition</i>	<i>Michael Koch</i>				X
Govt. Appt.	Josh Laipply	X	X	Chair	
Govt. Appt.	Claire Levy			X	X
NFRMPO	Jon Mallo		X	X	X
DRCOG	Deborah Mulvey			X	Chair
<i>Amtrak</i>	<i>Nicole Bucich</i>			X	
DRCOG	Sarah Nurmela			X	
Govt. Appt.	Jose Soto			X	X
<i>Wyoming</i>	<i>Dale Steenbergen</i>				
CDOT	Herman Stockinger	X			X
Colorado Springs ~ PPACG	Gayle Sturdivant			X	
<i>BNSF</i>	<i>Jim Tylick</i>				

Directors in italics are non-voting.



Hybrid Meeting

Northern Colorado Mobility Committee — MINUTES

August 25, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, and Overview of Agenda

In Person:

- Steve Teets, WAND
- Katlyn Kelly, Transfort / DAR
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip
- Adrianna Torres, Via Mobility
- Robyn Upton, WAND / CBIC
- Celeste Ewert, Envision

NFRMPO Staff:

- Aaron Hull, Mobility Planner
- Lisa Joyner, Mobility Specialist
- Tanya Trujillo-Martínez, Mobility Director
- Elizabeth Relford, Executive Director

Virtual:

- Monica Wickstrom, Weld AAA
- Michelle Trevino, United Way of Weld Co.
- Jenna Robinson, SAINT
- Amanda Cabot, CDOT Region 4 Planning
- Elanuz Buck, 60+ Ride
- Ari Edgeley, Foothills Gateway
- Bridie Smith, COLT
- Ty Lamm, United Way of Weld Co.
- Kristy Wygmans, PAFC
- Trevor Trepanier, City of Greeley
- Steve Conaway, RAFT
- Bailey Roubidoux, RAFT
- Reese Klotz, Arc of Larimer County
- Chrysti Britt, Qualified Listeners
- Nicole Limoges, Larimer County Office on Aging
- James Flattum, Front Range Passenger Rail District

Introductions:

Both virtual and in-person attendees introduced themselves and their organizations.

Public Comment:

No public comment was made.

Member Updates:

Kelly reported that changes to Transfort routes and Dial-A-Ride service took effect on Monday, August 18, as part of the Transfort Optimization Plan. Several routes were suspended or realigned, and Dial-A-Ride no longer operates on Sundays. Additional information is available at [Transfort](#). In response to Teets' question about service boundaries, Kelly explained that Dial-A-Ride operates within three-quarters of a mile of fixed-route service. Customers traveling beyond the Fort Collins service area may use a Dial-A-Taxi voucher that covers the first \$15 of the trip, with the customer responsible for the remaining fare.

Kaliczak added that zTrip now provides service throughout the Fort Collins Growth Management Area, extending beyond the paratransit service area. Dial-A-Taxi vouchers cover the first \$15 of a one-way trip within Fort Collins, with the customer responsible for the remaining balance. Additional information is available on the [Dial-A-Ride and Dial-A-Taxi webpage](#).

Ewert announced the Envision H'Art Show, a free family event scheduled for October 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Academy of Natural Therapy in Greeley. She also shared that Envision will host a Health and Wellness Fair for employees and providers on October 22 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at its Evans location and is currently seeking vendors.

Teets reported attending three state-level meetings focused on independent living centers, including meetings involving the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) subcommittee. He also attended a Northeast Health Partners meeting addressing Medicaid transportation services. Teets added that WAND continues to **advocate for transportation and housing in Greeley.**

Wygmans announced that PAFC is participating in the Rotary Duck Race and will receive 80 percent of the proceeds. The deadline for adopting a duck is August 28, and the race will take place at City Park in Fort Collins on the Saturday following Tour de Fat.



Approval of May Minutes:

Teets requested a correction of the May minutes to change CBTC to CBIC.

Torres made a motion to approve the May minutes, seconded by Kaliczak.

The Northern Colorado Mobility Committee unanimously approved the May Minutes.

Mobility Program Updates:

Joyner shared the RideNoCo year-to-date call center stats, including number of calls, emails, and website visits. Reporting 337 calls/emails (50% increase from 2025 YTD) and 7,907 website visits (89% increase from 2025 YTD) She shared the caller demographics, summer outreach events, and upcoming events through October.

Presentations:

The Ozone Exchange Conference-Redford

Redford announced the Ozone Conference in partnership with Pikes Peak Council of Governments. She explained that transportation organizations are not typically the hosts of ozone conferences, but MPOs have been collaborating because they face similar ozone challenges related to mountain topography, weather patterns, and regional air movement. The conference aims to bring researchers, planners, regulators, and the public together to better understand why ozone levels have not continued to improve despite reductions in man-made emissions. She noted that regional strategies have successfully reduced ozone precursors such as nitrogen oxides (often associated with vehicle emissions) and volatile organic compounds (associated with sources such as oil and gas development). However, since around 2011 ozone levels have not responded as expected, even as those emissions declined. A primary goal of the conference is to explore why this disconnect exists and identify additional research needs and potential strategies.

The conference will take place **October 26-28** at the Ranch Events Complex in Loveland.

- **Day 1:** Air Quality 101, Clean Air Act requirements, and state implementation planning.
- **Day 2:** Scientific research presentations and discussions of emerging findings from ozone studies across the Intermountain West.



- **Day 3:** Public health communication and outreach, focusing on consistent messaging around air quality and ozone advisories.

Relford said that rather than a traditional lecture-style conference, organizers want an interactive event. Researchers will be asked to explain what their findings mean for different audiences, including planners, local officials, and residents. The conference will include audience questions, panel discussions, and a session where attendees can speak directly with researchers.

The event received a \$300,000 grant from the Air Quality Enterprise, which is being used to reduce registration costs and provide scholarships and stipends to help nonprofit and government participants attend. Proposed registration fees are:

- \$300 for government and nonprofit attendees
- \$400 for private industry
- \$500 for late registration

Scholarships will be available to reimburse attendance costs.

The conference planning process received 61 research abstracts from across multiple western states. Organizers hope to reduce duplication of research efforts and identify common findings and data gaps across the region. EPA representatives, state air quality agencies, local governments, and researchers are expected to participate.

Teets asked several questions regarding ozone challenges in Colorado. Elizabeth Relford explained that the Denver Metro/North Front Range area is currently subject to ozone nonattainment requirements. Regional weather patterns, topography, transported pollution, and wildfire smoke contribute to ozone challenges. Colorado can directly influence only a portion of the ozone problem; other contributing factors originate outside the state or country. The conference is intended to focus on understanding ozone science and public health implications rather than advocating for specific regulatory or policy changes.

Qualified Listeners- Britt

Britt provided an overview of the services Qualified Listeners offers to veterans and their families across Northern Colorado. Transportation is the organization's primary and most requested service, with no-cost rides available for medical appointments, errands, and other needs. Qualified Listeners began as a peer-to-peer listening service and remains focused on non-medical, non-treatment-based support, with partner organizations available for referrals when additional assistance is needed. The organization also partners with veteran-serving agencies and nonprofits



to provide furniture and housewares, free home modifications that improve safety and mobility, financial assistance for rent, mortgage, and utilities, appliance repair or replacement, vehicle repairs, and vehicle loan payment support. Britt shared the organization's top five services from January through June, including volunteer hours, miles traveled, missions completed, listening support, standard and wheelchair-accessible transport, and furniture requests.

Committee members discussed referral processes, service eligibility, and transportation coverage for Qualified Listeners. Teets shared his experience seeking transportation to a Wyoming clinic and noted that he contacted Disabled American Veterans, the VA, and Qualified Listeners. Britt explained that clients complete an application and provide a DD214, and she noted the organization's ongoing need for volunteers. Kaliczak asked whether Qualified Listeners refers clients to RideNoCo, and Britt indicated that sharing trip gaps and referral information could help connect clients with additional transportation resources. Britt noted that trip distance varies, with service generally originating in Northern Colorado. Qualified Listeners currently has a wheelchair-accessible vehicle, though the volunteer who operates it is retiring. Robinson asked how many people the organization serves; Britt reported serving approximately 100 transportation clients during the first six months of the year, compared with about 200 transportation clients in 2025. Conaway asked about service boundaries and potential partnerships to cross county or service-area lines. Britt explained that Qualified Listeners does not follow strict county boundaries and generally serves the Northern Colorado area. Joyner also asked about support available to veterans' families.

Front Range Passenger Rail District (FRPRD)- Flattum

Flattum provided an overview of the Colorado Connector (CoCo) passenger rail project, a proposed 190-mile passenger rail corridor connecting Fort Collins, Loveland, Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo. The project envisions up to 10 daily round trips between Fort Collins and Denver and eight daily round trips between Denver and Pueblo. The FRPRD recently released a public delivery plan outlining project phasing, service levels, costs, and implementation strategies. The district's board is scheduled to consider a ballot referral to establish a permanent funding source for future project phases.

The initial phase of the project, scheduled to begin service in 2029, is already funded through a combination of existing RTD funding and state transportation revenues. This phase would provide three daily round trips between Fort Collins and Denver.

Future phases would expand service throughout the Front Range corridor and increase train frequencies. To support long-term operations and expansion, the district is considering a proposed 0.333% sales tax within the district boundaries. Revenue from this source would fund



additional service, infrastructure improvements, and local station-area investments. The presentation emphasized the project's incremental implementation strategy, use of existing rail infrastructure, collaboration with freight railroads, and focus on reliability and affordability. Passenger amenities discussed included accessible boarding, bicycle accommodation, onboard workspace, and connections to local transit systems. Committee members asked about opportunities to serve Weld County and communities along the Highway 85 corridor. Flattum explained that the current project focuses on the BNSF corridor due to existing rail capacity and lower infrastructure costs. While future expansions could be considered, they are not included in the current project scope.

Relford discussed the need for coordination between the passenger rail project and regional transportation planning efforts. She noted that NFRMPO's Regional Transportation Plan will need information on project costs, funding sources, and service assumptions to appropriately incorporate the rail program into future planning documents. Questions were raised regarding district boundaries and the proposed sales tax. Flattum clarified that only communities within the defined service district would vote on and be subject to the proposed tax. Weld County is not currently included in the district.

FRPRD encouraged continued public engagement and invited stakeholders to submit questions and feedback as the project moves through the board review and potential ballot process.

Discussion

Mobility Case Study – Joyner

Joyner shared a case study involving a caller who lives just outside both the Dial-A-Ride and SAINT service areas. The caller is unable to work, drive, or ride a bicycle due to an ongoing leg issue related to a previous surgery and needed transportation to an appointment at Orthopedic Center of the Rockies. The caller had scheduled a Medicaid ride the previous week; however, MediDrive did not arrive, resulting in a last-minute appointment cancellation. The appointment has since been rescheduled, and the caller expressed concern that MediDrive may not arrive again. Because the caller is unable to work, paying out of pocket for transportation is not feasible. Joyner suggested exploring MedRide and United Way 211 as potential transportation resources.

Kaliczak discussed Dial-A-Taxi as another possible option. She explained that trips may now originate anywhere within the Fort Collins or Loveland Growth Management Areas, rather than being limited to the Dial-A-Ride service area. She suggested the caller could use Dial-A-Taxi to reach the Dial-A-Ride service area and then use Dial-A-Ride for the remainder of the trip.



Round Table & Wrap up

Robinson announced that SAINT will start corridor rides in mid-September connecting Fort Collins and Loveland. She also announced the fundraising dinner coming up November 1st.

Suggestions for next meeting:

Teets requested a representative from SPIN for Weld Co., to discuss e-bikes & Scooters and a GoNo34 update.

Second Round of Public Comment

No public comment made

Meeting Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings*

- Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC): Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
- Larimer County Mobility Committee Meeting (LCMC): Tuesday, Oct. 20th, 1:30 pm 3:00 pm
- Northern Colorado Mobility Committee Meeting (NCMC): Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**All Mobility Committee Meetings are hybrid; Locations for the meetings are as follows:*

- **WCMC:** The United Way of Weld County: 814 9th Street, Greeley, CO 80631
- **LCMC:** The Loveland Youth Campus: 2366 E 1st Street, Loveland, CO 80537
- **NCMC:** Windsor Community Recreation Center Buckeye/Redwood Room 250 11th Street, Windsor, CO 80550