MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Hybrid Meeting
October 21, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 2:32 p.m.

TAC Members Present
Evan Pinkham, Chair – Weld County
Aaron Bustow-FHWA
AnnaRose Cunningham– Loveland
Hanna Feldmann – Greeley
Tim Hoos – Johnstown
Kim Koivuniemi – Timnath
Tom Moore – RAQC
Scott Pearson- Windsor
Dana Hornkohl, Vice Chair- Fort Collins
Shantanu Tiwari – Evans
Josie Thomas – CDOT Region 4
Eric Tracy – Larimer County

NFRMPO Staff:
Mykayla Graalum
Becky Karasko
Tanya Trujillo-Martinez
Jerome Rouser
Jonathan Stockburger
Tahjiba Tarannum

TAC Members Absent:
Emma Belmont – FTA
Brendan Cicione – CDPHE-APCD
Tawn Hillenbrand – Berthoud
Kevin Koelbel- Milliken
Wesley LaVanchy- Eaton
Shani Porter – Severance
Town of Garden City
Town of LaSalle

In Attendance:
Kelly Blynn- CEO
Amanda Cabot- CDOT
Candice Folkers – COLT
Tamara Keefe-FHU
Joshua Ma – Transfort
Dan Mattson- CDOT
Eric Patton – Fort Collins
Drew Pearson – Wilson & Company, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative Representative
Antigone Peebles- CDOT
Denise Staley – Weld County

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

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Air Quality Agenda
Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) Updates
Moore reported the RAQC released the updated Blueprint draft in late September and are reviewing submitted public comments prior to board adoption in November. Moore noted the RAQC Board generally considers the Blueprint to be moving in the right direction but has also identified a need for additional resources and may revisit its Blueprint development policy after Board adoption. Moore

anticipates the final Blueprint document will be released a week before the November 6th RAQC Board meeting.

Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) Updates
Written report provided.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda
Consent Agenda
Hornkohl **moved to** *APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA*. The motion was **seconded** by Cunningham and passed unanimously.

Presentation
State Legislation on Strategic Growth and Land Use Policies
Kelly Blynn, Colorado Energy Office (CEO), outlined Colorado strategic growth laws affecting accessory dwelling units (ADUs), parking, transit-oriented communities, neighborhood centers, and housing development. Blynn noted HB24-1152 ADUs require qualifying jurisdictions within an MPO boundary to allow at least one ADU through administrative approval where detached single-family homes are allowed, including applicable planned developments and Homeowners Associations (HOAs). HB24-1304 Parking Minimums limits minimum parking requirements for multifamily housing and specified residential or mixed-use adaptive reuse in applicable transit service areas. HB24-1313 Transit-Oriented Communities established zoning capacity targets near qualifying rail, commuter Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), frequent bus or urban BRT service. HB24-1007 Residential Occupancy Limits prohibit local governments from limiting the number of people who may live together in a single dwelling based on the occupants' familial relationship. HB25-1273 Residential Building Stair Modernization requires certain large Colorado municipalities to update their building codes to allow multifamily residential buildings up to five stories to be served by a single existing stairway if the design of those buildings meets specific fire safety, structural, and design criteria to ensure safe egress in case of fire. HB26-1001 Housing Opportunities Made Easier(HOME) Act requires local governments that had a population greater than 2,000 residents at the time of the last Census to offer an administrative approval process for residential development on land owned by qualifying entities.

D. Pearson asked how the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) is tracking progress on these bills. Blynn noted it depends on the law as each law has different reporting requirements. Feldmann asked how DOLA incorporates new or updated local transit stops. Blynn stated DOLA is using the 2024 transit stops and is not anticipated to be updated annually. Tiwari asked if there are any grants to support this legislation. Blynn noted DOLA offers a variety of different grants, including grants associated with the transit-oriented communities and ADU laws as well as broader planning grants.

Discussion Items
Connecting Communities 2055 RTP: Regionally Significant Corridors (RSCs)
Rouser gave an overview of the proposed changes to the RSCs. NFRMPO staff brought the proposed RSCs to the US34 TAC in September to discuss extending RSC 29: 4th Street westward and the new proposed corridor along 1st Street/LCR20E/Ronald Reagan Boulevard. Rouser noted the US34 TAC was in support of both proposed changes and agreed to use the proposed alignment of 4th Street outlined in the US34

Corridor Preservation Project. TAC discussed RSC criteria and expressed concerns that adding too many RSCs will dilute the MPO's ability to prioritize projects. TAC requested NFRMPO staff to provide average annual daily traffic (AADT) and road classification data for the 4th street extension. NFRMPO staff recommended discussing the proposed corridors further at the November TAC meeting.

NFRMPO Regional Travel Demand Model and Land Use Allocation Model Update

Tarannum provided an overview of the Land Use Allocation Model (LUAM) and Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM). She explained the LUAM forecasts the growth of households and employment using state control totals from DOLA. The LUAM outputs are then assigned to traffic analysis zones (TAZs) and become an input in the RTDM. She specified the types of projects communities are expected to submit as outstanding development projects. Tarannum noted the NFRMPO has requested local agency staff to submit development projects that are expected to add population or employment within the region through the UrbanSim online platform. Tarannum requested communities submit their projects by Friday, October 23, 2026.

MMOF Project Funding Update

Karasko noted CDOT staff created a Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) project funding schedule to identify the anticipated date pending MMOF projects could potentially access the available budget per their reward. The City of Fort Collins' *Foothills Transit Station and Roundabout* project can access MMOF funding in FY2027. The City of Greeley and CDOT joint *MERGE US34 Regional Mobility Hub* project can access MMOF funding in FY2028, and the City of Loveland *US34 Transit Sidewalk Connectivity Projec*t can access MMOF funding in FY2029.

Outside Parter Reports

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative

Written report provided.

Regional Transit Agencies

Ma noted Transfort is several months into their new optimized service focusing on more efficient operator schedule. COLT is targeting 20-minute frequency on Route 1 by January 1st. COLT is in final design for their transit center which is anticipated to be open late fall of 2027. Gallop has hired a transit planner who is reviewing all their routes. Gallop is also looking to do a system optimization plan. City of Greeley staff met with City of Fort Collins and Town of Windsor staff to discuss the Poudre Express and came up with an agreement to reduce service. Windsor is installing a new bus shelter on 7th Street.

Mobility Updates

Trujillo-Martinez noted RideNoCo received 426 calls and 10,826 website visits to date. RideNoCo is hosting a Milliken Community Walk Audit on Friday, November 13th because of an American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) grant. RideNoCo Platform Expansion pilot is in the testing phase and is anticipated to be live over the next month.

Reports

October Planning Council Meeting Summary Draft

Written report provided.

NFRMPO Air Quality Program Updates
Written report provided.
2026 Quarter 3 TIP Modifications
Written report provided.

Mobility Committees
Written report provided.

Roundtable
Pinkham noted the WCR54/WCR13 roundabout project is opening this week. WCR 29 between SH392 and WCR74 has a paving project that is wrapping up and will be done within the week. The WCR74/WCR31 roundabout project is expected to begin construction in early 2027. Last week, Weld County held a ribbon cutting for High Plains Boulevard between WCR 32 and WCR34. Weld County is finalizing their Transportation Master Plan which is anticipated to be adopted by the end of the year.

Rouser outlined the new Connected Communities 2055 RTP schedule due to a new conformity determination and expiration date. The new proposed adoption date for the 2055 RTP is May 2028. Rouser noted the 2055 RTP roadway projects data request is progressing and he will be reaching out to communities with any questions he may have as NFRMPO staff continue to review project submittals.

Cunningham noted Loveland hired Dan Woodward as the new city engineer, who started this week.

Graalum noted the next SRTS subcommittee meeting is November 13th at 9 a.m. She requested interested TAC members reach out to her if they would like to participate. The MPO is planning a Cycle Safety Fest on Saturday, May 8, 2027. The event will take place at the Thunder Mountain Harley-Davidson.

Tracy noted Larimer County put a sales tax on the ballot which includes a transportation component.

Peebles noted the November STAC meeting will be in person.

Hornkohl noted City of Fort Collins held an Open Street event along Laurel Street between Shields Street and Mason Street. The College Avenue and Trilby Road intersection is open. Harmony Road is fully open between Timberline Road and Lemay Avenue. The Power Trail underpass will open later this year.

Stockburger noted the FY2026-2029 TIP is fully complete. The updated TIP revision form can be found on the TIP webpage.

Tarannum noted NFRMPO staff will get the base year run for the LUAM and soon after the baseline run for the RTDM. Tarannum will contact communities who have not submitted their developable projects to the UrbanSim online portal. Tarannum will email the counties once their portals are accessible to use.

Koivuniemi stated the Town of Timnath is performing a study on the multiple closures and multiple parallel north-south corridors with active construction projects.

Feldmann noted the MERGE project is moving forward. City of Greeley selected a construction manager/general contractor (CMGC). Staff are working with CDOT on the NEPA process. The 16th Street project is complete. City of Greeley staff have finalized the first phase of public outreach for SS4A. Construction for recommended SS4A projects will begin second quarter of 2027. The O Street and 59th Avenue roundabout is complete. Gallop applied for SB230 funds to start a new route to UCHealth.

Karasko noted the Ozone Exchange is next week from October 26-28. The NFRMPO office will be closed during this time. It will also be closed Friday, October 30th. Karasko noted the conformity clock is reset, but the original LUAM and RTDM schedules will remain the same due to the schedule outlined in the Cambridge Systematics and UrbanSim contracts.

Cabot noted the September 29th Open House for the pedestrian grade crossing of SH14 west of the SH14 and I-25 interchange had one community member interested in knowing more about the Cooper Slough floodplain. The 90% design is compete and CDOT is targeting a winter advertisement and a spring or summer 2027 construction date. The US34 Right-of-Way Preservation Study is progressing, and the US34 TAC was updated on the study's progress at the September US34 TAC meeting. Construction work is being completed on SH392 throughout Larimer County's portion of the MPO. These are areas with repeated erosion issues, curb hits, and high crash areas. Construction is expected to be complete by Thanksgiving. The CDOT 10-Year Plan project to resurface SH257 between SH392 and SH14 kicked off and is working through design. 30% design is expected by early 2027 and construction is anticipated to begin in June 2028. The Access Control Plan on SH14 from I-25 to Ault will kick off in January 2027, and the Access Control Plan for SH257 from SH392 to SH14 will also kick off in January 2027. The US287 and Berthoud Parkway intersection improvements project has just begun. The SH392 and WCR33 bridge replacement project has completed design and will be advertised for construction in mid-November. The SH392 and WCR35 bridge replacement project is underway. Cabot encouraged TAC members to sign up for CDOT's Active Insights e-newsletter.

Meeting Wrap-Up

Final Public Comment

There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Jerome Rouser, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, as a hybrid meeting.