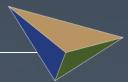
# Appendix A

Public Involvement



Open Space in Weld County. Image Credit: Weld County

## A. 2040 RTP Public Involvement Meeting Log

Date	Event	Purpose	Staff Present	Participants	Respondents	Location	Notification
5/27/2014 through 10/9/2014	2014 Congestion Survey	Feedback about congested corridors within the region for use in the 2015 CMP and 2040 RTP	N/A	General public	226	N/A	
12/18/2014	Larimer County Mobility Council	Guidance for outreach events, EJ populations, General feedback	Gordon	LCMC Members	5	NFRMPO Offices	Website, Twitter, Meeting Agenda
1/18/2015 through 9/3/2015	2040 RTP Survey	Obtain feedback about regional transportation issues and how people commute/travel	N/A	General public	362	N/A	Website, Blog, Twitter, VanGo listserv, NFRMPO Newsletter listserv, Planning Council listserv, TAC listserv, Events
1/26/2015	Greeley Citizens Transportation Advisory Board	Gain feedback about transit recommendations, general feedback about transportation issues and concerns	Gordon, Karasko	GCTAB Members, General public	10	Downtown Greeley Recreation Center	Website, Twitter, Meeting Agenda
1/27/2015	Weld County Mobility Council	Guidance for outreach events, EJ populations, general feedback about transportation issues and concerns	Gordon	WCMC Members	10	Greeley History Museum	Website, Twitter, Meeting Agenda
2/2/2015	Loveland Transportation Advisory Board	Discussion of regional transportation issues, general feedback	Horn, Karasko	LTAB Members, General public	8	2525 W 1 <sup>st</sup> Street, Loveland	Website, Twitter, Meeting Agenda
2/9/2015	GET Route Change Open House	Discussion of transit issues in region, general feedback about transportation issues and concerns	Gordon, Johnson, Karasko	General public	15	Downtown Greeley Recreation Center	Website, Twitter
2/10/2015	Loveland Public Library Outreach Event RMPO	General feedback about regional transportation issues	Gordon, Horn, Johnson	General public	5	Loveland Public Library	Website, Twitter



		and concerns					
2/12/2015	Transfort South Transit Center Outreach Event	Discussion of transit issues in region, general feedback about transportation issues and concerns	Gordon, Johnson	General public	6	South Transit Center, Fort Collins	Website, Twitter
2/17/2015	Colorado State University Student Union Outreach Event	General student feedback about regional transportation issues and concerns	Buckley, Gordon, Horn	CSU Students	50	Student Union, Colorado State University	Website, Twitter, ASCSU listserv
2/18/2015	Fort Collins Transportation Board	General feedback about regional transportation issues and concerns	Buckley, Johnson, Karasko	FCTB Members, General public	3	215 N Mason St, Fort Collins	Website, Twitter, Meeting Agenda
3/12/2015	US 85 Coalition Meeting	General feedback about regional transportation issues and concerns	Johnson, Karasko	US 85 Coalition Members, General Public	5	Eaton Town Hall	Website, Twitter, Meeting Agenda
3/26/2015	Highway 287 Corridor Coalition	General feedback about regional transportation issues and concerns	Gordon, Karasko	Highway 287 Corridor Coalition	7	Loveland Public Library	Website, Twitter, Meeting Agenda
4/3/2015	Greeley Chamber of Commerce Local Government and Business Affairs Committee (LGBAC) Meeting	General business feedback about regional transportation issues and concerns	Buckley, Gordon	LGBAC Members	6	Greeley Chamber of Commerce Office	Website, Twitter, Meeting Agenda
5/6/2015	Fort Collins Planning, Development, and Transportation Open House	General feedback about regional transportation issues and concerns	Gordon, Johnson, Karasko	General public	5	Everyday Joe's, Fort Collins	Press Release, Website, Twitter, Meeting Agenda
6/6/2015	Johnstown BBQ Day	Feedback about RTE Recommendation, Draft Plan, Regional transportation issues and concerns	Gordon, Johnson	General public	8	Parish Park, Johnstown	Website, Twitter
6/6/2015	Berthoud Day	Feedback about RTE Recommendation, Draft Plan, Regional transportation issues and concerns	Buckley, Horn	General public	15	Berthoud Town Park	Website, Twitter



6/15/2015	Weld County Transportation Summit	Feedback about RTE Recommendation, Draft Plan, Regional transportation issues and concerns	Gordon, Horn, Karasko	Government officials, General Public	3	Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley	NFRMPO Website, Transportation Summit Website, Twitter
7/11/2015	Eaton Days	Feedback about RTE Recommendation, Draft Plan, Regional transportation issues and concerns	Buckley, Johnson	General Public	6	Eaton Town Park, Eaton	NFRMPO Website, Twitter
7/18/2015	LaSalle Day	Feedback about RTE Recommendation, Draft Plan, Regional transportation issues and concerns	Gordon, Horn	General Public	12	Main Park, LaSalle	NFRMPO Website, Twitter
8/8/2015	Beef N Bean Day	Feedback about RTE Recommendation, Draft Plan, Regional transportation issues and concerns	Buckley, Gordon	General Public	15	Lola Park, Milliken	NFRMPO Website, Twitter
8/8/2015	Community Safety Day	Feedback about RTE Recommendation, Draft Plan, Regional transportation issues and concerns	Horn, Johnson	General Public	9	Sam's Club Parking Lot, Evans	NFRMPO Website, Twitter
8/15/2015	Severance Day	Feedback about RTE Recommendation, Draft Plan, Regional transportation issues and concerns	Buckley, Karasko	General Public	3	Lakeview Park, Severance	NFRMPO Website, Twitter
8/21- 8/22/2015	Old Fashion Corn Roast Festival	Feedback about RTE Recommendation, Draft Plan, Regional transportation issues and concerns	Gordon, Karasko	General Public	65	Downtown Loveland	NFRMPO Website, Twitter

### B. Summary of Public Input

### **Outreach Events**

NFRMPO staff attended events throughout the 2040 RTP outreach phase. Staff recorded notes from these events and have summarized them by theme in **Table A-1.** The themes include: bicycle and pedestrian; roads; transit; and other. Surveys were provided at these events and are summarized in the *2015 Survey* section of this *Appendix*.



Table A-1: Public Outreach Themes					
Theme	Comments				
Bicycle and Pedestrian	Provide regional bicycle trail connections between cities				
	Create bicycle facilities along Mulberry Street				
	Fix and expand US 34 through Loveland				
Roads	<ul> <li>Expand I-25 between Fort Collins and Longmont</li> </ul>				
	Fix congestion on College Avenue during afternoon commute				
	Provide east-west transit connection between Greeley and Loveland				
	Provide transit connection between Greeley and Fort Collins				
	<ul> <li>Provide connection points for COLT, GET, and Transfort</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Educate public about innovative transportation funding, tools, facilities, and technologies</li> </ul>				
Transit	<ul> <li>Research why transit initiatives like 34 Xpress and the Regional Transportation Authority failed in the past</li> </ul>				
	Provide a transit connections to Denver and Denver International Airport				
	Connect Windsor and Timnath to COLT and Transfort				
	Provide a connection from Laporte and Wellington to Fort Collins				
	Extend service hours and, frequency on FLEX				
	• Encourage COLT, GET, and Transfort to introduce a regional transit pass				
	<ul> <li>Expand service hours and frequency to college campuses</li> </ul>				
Other	• Ensure the transportation system is equitable and affordable for aging and low				
other	income populations				

### **Survey Results**

### 2014 Congestion Survey

The 2014 Congestion Survey was created for the 2014 CMP Annual Report and asked participants to describe the causes, effects, and implications of congestion in the region. Major survey themes are summarized in **Table A-2**.



	Table A-2: 2014 Survey Themes
Theme	Comments
Alternatives	<ul> <li>Provide public transit alternatives to driving on I-25</li> <li>Complete the bicycle trail between Timnath and Fort Collins</li> <li>Provide a rail passenger corridor linking the communities of the Front Range</li> <li>Encourage businesses to provide flexible work schedules to spread out traffic</li> <li>Encourage use of public transit, carpooling/sharing, bicycle and pedestrian facilities</li> </ul>
Coordination	<ul> <li>Coordinate construction projects to provide additional alternative routes</li> <li>Coordinate traffic signals to allow efficient movement of cars, including longer left turn signals</li> <li>Coordinate street crossings with MAX, freight railroads, trails, and cars</li> </ul>
Safety, Education, & Enforcement	<ul> <li>Reduce tailgating and distracted driving</li> <li>Enforce cell phone restrictions while driving to ensure drivers are attentive to the road</li> <li>Enforce speed limits</li> <li>Ensure drivers drive in right lane on I-25 and merge safely</li> <li>Educate drivers to stay in proper lane when turning</li> </ul>
Roads	<ul> <li>Expand I-25 to three lanes in each direction between Longmont and the Colorado/Wyoming border</li> <li>Expand US 34 to three lanes in each direction through Loveland</li> <li>Provide additional east-west route between Loveland and Greeley</li> <li>Provide alternate route between Fort Collins and southeast Larimer County</li> <li>Connect Kechter Road in Fort Collins to River Pass Road in Timnath</li> <li>Widen Harmony Road east of I-25</li> <li>Build railroad overpasses at Harmony Road and Mason Street; Horsetooth Road and Mason Street; Mason Street and Drake Road; Mason Street and Prospect Road</li> <li>Enhance ITS systems by alerting drivers to accidents and delays before they enter I-25</li> <li>Limit truck traffic on Berthoud Hill due to slower speeds, dangerous passing</li> </ul>
Other	<ul> <li>Prioritize projects to ensure projects with highest need are handled first</li> <li>Move Port of Entry away from Exit 268 (Prospect Road)</li> <li>Work with freight railroads to encourage freight movement outside of commuting hours</li> <li>Work with State and federal governments to increase transportation funding, and keep it in line with growth and inflation</li> <li>Use Bluetooth and location data from smartphones to analyze traffic patterns and optimize traffic signals</li> </ul>



#### 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Survey

The 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Survey was created in 2015 to gather feedback about transportation issues, concerns, and habits of residents in the region. The feedback helped to guide the creation of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2040 Regional Transit Element. Major themes are summarized in **Table A-3**.



	Table A-3: 2015 Survey Themes
Theme	Comments
	Add trail connections between Fort Collins and Loveland
	Improve bicycle trails outside of cities
	Build safe crossing for Poudre River Trail across I-25 to Fort Collins
Bicycle and	Expand bicycle trail to Southeast Fort Collins
pedestrian	Increase bicycle parking
	Ensure sidewalks are ADA-accessible
	Create a dedicated bicycle trail along US 85
	Create a bicycle trail from Berthoud to Fort Collins
	Expand capacity on I-25 from SH 66 to SH 14
	Expand capacity on US 34
	Improve US 287 through the region, including surface treatment
Highways	Expand SH 402
	Create a diagonal connection between northwest Greeley and Fort Collins
	<ul> <li>Signal improvement at County Route 17 and US 34</li> </ul>
	Signal improvement along 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue in Greeley
	Build roundabout at Canyon Avenue & Magnolia Street
Local roads	Improve intersections at College Avenue and Trilby Road; Timberline Road and
LOCATIOAUS	Horsetooth Road; and the Harmony Road Corridor
	<ul> <li>Improve intersection at Taft Avenue and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Provide transit connection on US 34 between Greeley and Loveland</li> </ul>
	Provide additional transit along US 287
	• Provide transit connection to Denver, Denver International Airport, and metro Park-
	n-Rides
	Provide longer service hours in Fort Collins, including Sundays and late nights
	<ul> <li>Build light rail between Fort Collins, Greeley, and Loveland</li> </ul>
	Provide transit connections between Evans, Greeley, and Windsor
	Provide quicker local bus routes within cities
Transit	Provide connections to Wellington and Laporte
Transic	Expand MAX routes to other important corridors, including to Loveland
	Provide bus route to southeast Fort Collins
	Enable regional cohesion between municipal transportation hubs
	Create a bus route from Eaton to downtown Greeley
	• Expand service on US 287 south of Harmony Road to ensure connections to senior
	and social services along corridor
	Provide a transit connection between Fort Collins and Windsor
	Provide rail transit between Fort Collins and Cheyenne, WY
	Improve lighting at bus stops
	Build cities at human scale, not for cars
Other	Convert Old Town Fort Collins to a car-free zone
other	Expand MPO to include Estes Park
	Decrease number of at-grade railroad crossings throughout region



### C. Public Meeting Notes

Below are the notes taken by staff at the public outreach events. These are comments received in addition to the *2040 Regional Transportation Plan* survey responses.

#### **Greeley Citizen Transportation Advisory Board**

Date: January 26, 2015 Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Location: City of Greeley Recreation Center, 651 10th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631

- > What is the projected ridership for Bustang? (total and per route) Number of trips per day?
- Looking at the next 25 years, buses getting people from Greeley around the region is not enough. To get people out of their cars, you need to make it fast and worth people getting out of their cars. Light rail, monorail, lots of new technologies out there. Need to be a leader, not a follower. A bus by 2040 is not enough; want to see a bus by next year. Need to look at new technologies. Great resources within the State the MPO can use.
- Need to keep the public educated, encourage the MPO to look online for great speakers to discuss new technologies (light rail). Have speakers come in to prepare the public to ask for something more than a bus. Maybe they do not know to ask for more than a bus. Have citizens think outside of the box.
  - Rail is very expensive; many communities are turning to BRT with a dedicated lane to speed up travel time. Using BRT to lay the groundwork to bridge to light rail (i.e. US 36).
  - There is so much more out there than light rail, many new technologies. Have people who know about these new technologies come out and present to the public to educate people. There are things that are less expensive than light rail out there. Want to keep people from thinking the plan is static and to think about possibilities beyond what we know and are familiar with in the State of Colorado.
  - Zappos does a speaker series about urban issues and is currently revitalizing downtown Las Vegas. This is something we could bring to the region.
- Another important thing to bring up is things that have not worked in the past (like the US 34 Xpress) and identifying why it didn't work in the first place. Bring to the public's attention why it did not work, but why it will work this time.
- > Will the draft chapters/plan be put on the website for public comment?
- Are you considering affordability? So far east, we have a huge population that simply cannot afford transit let alone rail or their own vehicles. Have no way to get to places they need to go (hospitals, medical appointments, etc.).



#### Loveland Transportation Advisory Board

Date: February 2, 2015 Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Location: 2525 W First Street, Loveland, CO

- Survey data can be skewed because of participants chosen in a certain area instead of depicting an accurate picture of reality. What are the demographics for your survey? How are you trying to reach people?
- > When is the plan scheduled to be finished? When will the survey close?
- A great example of an event to go to is the Sustainable Living event. There will be a wide range of people at this event.
- People are always against rail. A resident in Denver did not want the train because it was not going to his home.

#### **Greeley-Evans Transit Open House**

Date: February 9, 2015

#### **Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### Location: City of Greeley Recreation Center, 651 10th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631

- Create a Regional Transit Agency that allows transfers and a regional transit fare.
- Reinstate the 34 Xpress for access between Loveland and Greeley.
- Improve transit/transportation on east side of I-25.
- Create a guest speaker series to educate the public about transportation technology, issues, etc.
- > Update the US 85 Commuter Bus plan to a commuter rail line.
- Change RTE Corridor 3 to run from Downtown Fort Collins Transit Center, down College/287, to Harmony, across to 257 and on to Greeley.
- > There are no east-west transit connections between Greeley/Evans and Fort Collins/Loveland.
  - There is a need to bring back 34 Express. The route should run from the Greeley Transit Center to Orchards Shopping Center in Loveland.
  - There is a need for improved connections to medical campuses and more accessible shopping areas.
- > Create a transit hub at Centerra to connect the three local transit agencies.
- Extend I-25 Bustang to Greeley.
- Insurance, gas, and car payments make it hard to own a car in this region.
- The region has a good bicycle route network, but there should be more connections throughout the region.



#### Loveland Public Library

Date: February 10, 2015

#### Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### Location: Loveland Public Library, 300 North Adams Avenue, Loveland, CO

- > There is a need to provide a bus to Denver.
- There is a need to provide better transit to connect to DIA directly to this region. It is inconvenient to connect at Union Station.
- > We need commuter rail to Denver.
- ➢ Fix US 34.

#### **Transfort South Transit Center**

Date: February 12, 2015

#### Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### Location: South Transit Center, 4915 Fossil Blvd, Fort Collins, CO 80525

- Provide a transit connection on Taft Avenue in Loveland.
- > Transportation connections in Windsor and Timnath (COLT/Transfort transfers).
- > Work with local businesses like Costco and Walmart.
- East/West connection between Loveland and Greeley.
- I-25 worst spots are between Fort Collins and Longmont, 144<sup>th</sup> to Denver.
- > Trucks education and enforcement about the rules of the road.
- > Fort Collins Airport extension for routes.
- Extend Corridor #6 along SH392, Fort Collins to Windsor.
- Connect to Laporte and Wellington.
- I approve of the commuter rail.
- Provide more service on FLEX.



#### **Colorado State University**

**Date:** February 17, 2015 **Time:** 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Colorado State University, Lory Student Center, Fort Collins, CO 80523

- > Provide additional parking on campus for CSU students.
- > Hourly transit service can lead to congested buses during inclement weather, after classes end.
- > Ensure transit service is in line with class schedules, including running after night classes end.
- > Provide frequent transit service to dorms and student apartments.
- Buses on Routes 31 and 32 can bunch stagger the buses to create even and consistent service.
- > The routes serving CSU follow circuitous routes.
- Provide additional transit routes between North Front Range and Denver, including Bustang and commuter rail service.
- > Improve the intersection of College and Harmony.
- > Create a bicycle trail or path along the Mulberry corridor.
- It is hard to get around the region without a car.
- > Provide efficient signal timing at the Plum St & Shield St intersection.
- Provide east-west transit connections between Fort Collins and Greeley.
- Provide a shuttle to ski resorts.
- > Provide transit connections to Wellington and Laporte.
- > Work with railroad companies to reduce delays at at-grade crossings.

#### Fort Collins Transportation Board

**Date:** February 18, 2015 **Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Location:** 215 N Mason St, Fort Collins

- > Number of trips per day?
- What are you expecting from the Board today?
- What do you plan to do with this plan?



#### US 85 Coalition

Date: March 12, 2015 Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Location: Eaton Town Hall, Eaton

What is the role of the MPO in transportation?

What is the timeline for this plan?

#### US 287 Corridor Coalition

Date: March 26, 2015 Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Location: Loveland Public Library, Loveland

- > You should show the expansion of the FLEX route to Boulder on the RTE map.
- > Recommend expanded and enhanced service on US 287, including FLEX and MAX.

Greeley Chamber of Commerce Local Government and Business Affairs Committee Meeting

Date: April 3, 2015 Time: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Location: Greeley Chamber of Commerce, Greeley

- What is the role of the MPO? Where does it get its authority?
- > How does MPO funding work? How can Greeley get money to complete more transportation projects?
- > Can the MPO work with the railroads to reduce traffic delays at at-grade crossings?

#### Fort Collins Planning, Development, and Transportation Open House

Date: May 6, 2015 Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Location: Everday Joe's, Fort Collins

> The MPO should work with the Poudre School District as they build new schools.



#### Johnstown BBQ Day

Date: June 6, 2015 Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Location: Parish Park, Johnstown

- Provide education for bicyclists and cars about the rules of the road.
- > Clean bike lanes of debris for safer bicycle corridors.
- > Preference for biking on roads for speed rather than trails.
- Partner with Strava or other apps to allow data sharing to see where people are bicycling to prioritize routes and improvements.
- Trails are good for running.
- Need to provide a transit connection between Milliken and Greeley to connect medical trips and the elderly.
- Congestion on I-25 and US-34 varies between AM and PM peak hours there is a big difference between morning and night.
- Provide transit connections to Berthoud.
- Improve I-25 using transit.
- Provide a train to Denver.
- > Provide bicycle facilities outside of just roads because they are a hazard for bicyclists.
- > Provide safety and education for bicyclists and drivers.
- > Elderly population does not want to drive everywhere.
- Connect Johnstown to transit through all areas.
- Reduce congestion.
- Expand I-25.
- Provide a transit link between Johnstown to CSU.

#### Berthoud Day

**Date:** June 6, 2015 **Time:** 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Location:** Town Park, Berthoud

- What does the MPO do? What is its role in the community?
- What projects are being funded in the TIP?
- > The MPO should study and invest in more east-west transit routes.
- More bus stops for the FLEX service should be provided in Berthoud.



#### Weld County Transportation Summit

Date: June 15, 2015 Time: 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Location: Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley

- > Traffic on SH 402 is unbearable. It is difficult to get in and out of our subdivision.
- > Need to provide better access for elderly populations to medical, shopping, groceries, etc.

#### **Eaton Days**

**Date:** July 11, 2015 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Location:** Town Hall, Eaton

- Bicycle paths should not take priority over highways. There is limited funding and it should be put toward roads.
- I-25 needs to expand to 8 lanes.
- Bicycle pedestrian connections for US-85.
- > Provide bicycle paths and crossings on US-85.

#### LaSalle Day

Date: July 18, 2015 Time: 11 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location: Main Park, LaSalle

- "No complaints in Garden City!"
- > WCR 394 needs repair and in-town maintenance. There is a lot of traffic.
- ▶ US 34 and US 85 need six lanes of traffic.
- > There should be bus service connecting US 85 to Denver.
- WCR 394 needs maintenance. There are infrastructure problems because communities keep annexing land but cannot maintain existing roads.
- Is there any more information about the shuttle to Red Rocks? There should be a shuttle to connect to entertainment districts.
- There should be later transit service on weekends and on Sunday. I run a shuttle on Sundays because there are people who cannot attend church without bus service.
- LaSalle is in need of additional sidewalks.



- > There should be commuter transit in LaSalle to Greeley and Evans.
- We should be aware that expansion can happen in the Plains where there is open space to build. Communities along US 85 such as Eaton have a lot of space to grow.
- > There should be a LaSalle to Greeley bus route.
- There should be bicycle and pedestrian connections in small communities for safety and commuting. Specifically, we should look at Kersey, LaSalle, Johnstown, and Milliken.

#### Beef N Bean Day

Date: August 8, 2015 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location: Lola Park, Milliken

- > I-25 between SH 66 and Fort Collins forces me to use backroads to get around. I feel unsafe at all times.
- ▶ US 34 between Loveland and Greeley needs to be improved. Traffic depends on time of day.
- ➢ US 34 has too many traffic signals.
- I-25 and Crossroads Boulevard needs to be improved. It was hard to leave after the Larimer County Fair last week.
- > SH 402 can get very congested because there are only two lanes.
- > I avoid all roundabouts along US 34, especially at Boise, Madison, and Medical Center of the Rockies.
- I-25 needs additional capacity and funding, especially between Mead and Fort Collins. It is especially bad around US 34 and Windsor.
- There should be more north/south arterials, like Colorado Boulevard. They can be used as alternatives for I-25.
- There should be more respect for farmers and farms in Weld County. People speed off the Interstate and compete with tractors.
- There should be additional recreational trails between Johnstown and Milliken. There aren't any currently.
- > There should be rail transit along the I-25 corridor and a Bustang stop for Johnstown.
- > I use backroads to avoid I-25. I cannot guarantee consistent timing otherwise.
- Pave WCR 46 to CR19.
- > There is a lot of traffic out of Johnstown.
- > Do not invest in anything else. We do not have enough money to take care of what we have now.



#### **Community Safety & Awareness Fair**

Date: August 8, 2015 Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Location: Sam's Club Parking Lot, Evans

- ➢ I-25 third lane needs to be built and not be a toll lane.
- > Ault and Eaton should be connected by transit.
- > Evans to LaSalle: bike route because you can't use the sidewalk.
- I like the regional connections.
- There is a lack of communication for transit resources in the area. School facilities need to know there is a connection.
- Wider Bike Lane on 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue is good because a middle school might be going in there.
- ➢ Hill-n-Park transportation needed.
- > There should be light rail to Loveland.
- ▶ US 85 should have transit to Denver as far as Brighton.
- ➤ I bike because of the congestion.

#### **Severance Days**

### Date: July 11, 2015 Time: 11 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location: Lakeview Park, Severance

➢ I-25 is too congested.

#### **Old-Fashioned Corn Roast Festival**

### Date: August 22, 2015 Time: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Location: Railroad Avenue, Loveland

- Railroad crossings are an issue in Fort Collins.
- > My husband's car has been hit so many times on US 85, he installed a dash cam on his car.
- > Accident near intersection of US 85 and US 85 Business north of Greeley unsafe section of road.
- There should be more frequent COLT routes. I want Dial-a-Ride service that will take you to multiple places on the same trip. I still have a car but need somebody else to drive me.
- > I-25 should be a six lane highway. I don't support toll lanes. Freeways should stay free.



- > There are no alternatives to driving to Denver.
- > There is too much time wasted on planning and not enough time on implementing.
- > There should be a Loveland to Fort Collins express bus.
- > More Bike to Work days may lead to less traffic and congestion in Loveland.
- > There should be a Loveland to Fort Collins bike route.
- We live at LCR 16 and LCR 9 and do not support the Boyd Lake Avenue extension. It would cut through farmland and agriculturally preserved land.
- I-25 should be widened to three lanes. Money should be diverted from parks to pay for this. There should be rail parallel to I-25 and it should happen before 2075. Transportation here is not as bad as it is in Northern Virginia.
- There should be more money for transit in Loveland. There should be a FLEX-style transit route for US 85 from Greeley.
- > I support railroads and the planned route but the route should be flexible.
- Sood job to have the FLEX extension to Boulder from Fort Collins. Commuter rail is also a good idea.
- ▶ US 85 is a parking lot.
- > The region should look at US 287 because it is super busy.
- > Are there any extensions planned for MAX?
- It is unsafe to be a pedestrian on Eisenhower. People drive in the bike lane on Timberline. There should be more red light cameras. There should be a specific license for people depending on the cars they drive. I am willing to pay more for my pick-up truck because it weighs more.
- > I am interested in Commuter Rail from Fort Collins to Denver. I am interested in transit in the region.
- Signal timing should be changed to allow more time for left turns in Fort Collins.
- I support transit in the region. Young kids aren't driving as much but can't afford to live in Fort Collins. I want to spend more time in Fort Collins but can't enjoy myself as much because I have to drive home. I would enjoy a commuter rail to Denver to see shows at the Pepsi Center. Transit should connect cities in Northern Colorado so create a regional cohesion. I can't always get to appointments because there is not enough transit.
- I don't take transit because there are no stops nearby. Is there no bus from Greeley to Loveland anymore?
- > There should be a public vote on projects because this is a democracy.
- > There should be North/South and East/West bike-only routes in Fort Collins.
- There is no bike path to Mountain View High School or Centerra. The bike lane on Boyd Lake Avenue should be extended. The Windsor exit is bad on I-25. Fort Collins should be connected to Loveland by bike route.
- There should be transit from Eaton to both Fort Collins and Greeley. US 85 is a big route for freight so transit should be used to offset some of the trucks.
- There should be more bike trails to connect towns and cities within Larimer County. You should deal with the traffic in the region.
- I have to drive a car alone but I-25 is horrid. I support commuter rail to Denver but this needs to happen before 2075.
- Front Range trail is a priority for US 287. Commuter rail needs to happen.



- Roads should consider all users. I grew up in the Netherlands, where roads are built with bike paths. They do not need to be retrofitted.
- ▶ US 287 is super congested.
- > Build intercity rail from Cheyenne to Albuquerque/New Mexico.
- Congestion on I-25 is creeping past Wellington. There are a lot of fatalities along I-25 and it seems worse than usual.
- > I would ride transit if it ran more places. I could ride it to the grocery store when time isn't an issue.
- > US 34 between Loveland and Johnstown has gotten very congested.
- > I-25 should be expanded. Toll lanes should be considered. I used VanGo for 18 years.
- > There should be High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and Electric Vehicle Lanes on I-25.
- Bustang should run on the weekends.
- ➢ I support the FLEX extension to Boulder.
- > There should be commuter rail to Denver. I-25 should be expanded.
- ➢ US 85 has issues.
- > I will not use I-25. I use local roads instead.
- When will the 3<sup>rd</sup> lane on I-25 be added? Traffic is horrible. I don't even go to Denver anymore because it's so bad.
- Shared Right of Way with freight rail for a starter transit service would be a service I would use.
- County Road 27 needs a bike trail because it leads right to Bobcat Ridge and an elementary school. There are tons of bikers along that road. It's only a matter of time before something happens. Blind curves are dangerous for bicyclists. People slow down at curve but it is still 45 MPH.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Garfield roundabout is dangerous. Slows traffic but it is hard to see. Tourists get lost at Madison and Eisenhower.
- Martin Marietta's new plant will cause truck and traffic gridlock. It will be a mess. The McWhinney property that will be developed into a truck transfer/transportation station/facility will make the traffic even worse. The proposed stop light at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and US 34 and the acceleration lane over the Great Western Railroad will not help.
- > There should be trail connections between Fort Collins and Loveland.
- > MAX hours should be extended.
- Get more people to work from home.
- US 34 has gotten very bad near Centerra. People misuse left turn lane at Centerra. People slow to 30-35 when going west on US 34.
- > Arrivals and departures should be synchronized between FLEX, COLT, Transfort and RTD.
- > Some trails do not allow dogs and this is unfair.
- Bustang is a good thing. There should be commuter rail to Denver. There should be a bike trail between Fort Collins and Timnath.
- There is no bus line to Denver.
- Expand I-25 to three lanes at least as far as Mulberry St. I drive local roads to avoid driving on I-25.



## D. 2014 Congestion Survey (online) - Questions

1. Where do you live?

	a.	Berthoud	b. Eaton	c. Evans	d. Evans	e. Fort Collins
	f.	Garden City	g. Greeley	h. Johnstown	i. LaSalle	j. Loveland
	k.	Milliken	I. Severance	m. Timnath	n. Windsor	o. Larimer County
	p.	Weld County				
2.	Where	do you work or	volunteer?			
	a.	Berthoud	b. Eaton	c. Evans	d. Evans	e. Fort Collins
	f.	Garden City	g. Greeley	h. Johnstown	i. LaSalle	j. Loveland

- k. Milliken I. Severance m. Timnath n. Windsor o. Larimer County
  - p. Weld County
- 3. What is your primary commute method?
  - a. Drive alone
  - b. Bus
  - c. Carpool/vanpool
  - d. Bicycle
  - e. Walk
- 4. What do you think causes heavy traffic and congestion? Check all that apply.
  - a. Too many people on the road
  - b. Unorganized or ineffective traffic signals
  - c. Weather
  - d. Aggressive drivers
  - e. Drivers disobeying traffic rules
  - f. Road conditions
  - g. People who drive too slow
- 5. Heavy traffic/congestion means I am:
  - a. Driving at the posted speed
  - b. Driving 1-5 miles per hour less than the posted speed
  - c. Driving 6-10 miles per hour less than the posted speed
  - d. Driving 11-15 miles per hour less than the posted speed
  - e. At a complete stop at a location other than traffic signal or stop sign
- 6. How often do you experience heavy traffic or congestion?
  - a. Every day
  - b. A few times a week
  - c. A few times a year
- 7. Please select up to three factors you consider important when making travel decisions (route choice, travel method, departure time) for your commute trip.
  - a. Minimize distance traveled
  - b. Avoid freeway travel
  - c. Reliability of travel time
  - d. Minimize costs (gas, transit pass, etc.)



- e. Avoid high accident locations
- f. Minimize travel time
- g. Minimize time spent in heavy traffic
- h. Avoid roads with signals
- i. Route with amenities along the way (school, shopping)
- 8. How do you avoid traffic?
  - a. I am unable to avoid it
  - b. I change my driving time
  - c. I do not drive
  - d. I take a different route
  - e. I take the bus, walk, or bike
- 9. Compared to five years ago, would you say traffic congestion has...
  - a. Gotten worse
  - b. Gotten better
  - c. Stayed about the same
- 10. What category below includes your age?
  - a. 18-29
    - b. 30-44
    - c. 45-54
    - d. 55-64
    - e. 65 or older
- 11. What is your household income category?
  - a. Less than \$25,000 per year
  - b. \$25,000 to \$49,999 per year
  - c. \$50,000 to \$74,999 per year
  - d. \$75,000 to \$99,999 per year
  - e. Over \$100,000 per year
- 12. What is the highest level of education you have completed?
  - a. Less than High School Graduate
  - b. Graduated from High School (GED)
  - c. Some College/Trade School (Associates, no 4-year degree, Technical)
  - d. College graduate (Bachelors)
    - Post graduate (Study/Degree)
- 13. Do you have any additional comments?



## E. 2014 Congestion Survey – Answers

1. Where do you live?		
Berthoud	0.5%	1
Eaton	1.4%	3
Evans	0.5%	1
Fort Collins	41.7%	88
Garden City	0.5%	1
Greeley	2.8%	6
Johnstown	1.4%	3
LaSalle	0.5%	1
Loveland	10.9%	23
Milliken	0.0%	0
Severance	0.0%	0
Timnath	21.8%	46
Windsor	11.4%	24
Unincorporated Larimer County	6.2%	13
Unincorporated Weld County	0.5%	1
Other (please specify)		17

2. Where do you work or volunteer?		
Berthoud	3.1%	6
Eaton	1.0%	2
Evans	0.0%	0
Fort Collins	71.4%	137
Garden City	0.0%	0
Greeley	10.9%	21
Johnstown	1.6%	3
LaSalle	0.5%	1
Loveland	14.6%	28
Milliken	0.5%	1
Severance	0.5%	1
Timnath	2.6%	5
Windsor	5.2%	10
Unincorporated Larimer County	2.6%	5
Unincorporated Weld County	2.1%	4
Other (please specify)		30



3. What is your primary commute method?		
Drive alone	85.5%	189
Bus	0.0%	0
Carpool/vanpool	5.0%	11
Bicycle	8.6%	19
Walk	0.9%	2
Other (please specify)		6

4. What do you think causes heavy traffic and co	ngestion? Check all	that apply.
Too many people on the road	71.4%	150
Unorganized or ineffective traffic lights	50.0%	105
Road conditions	23.8%	50
People who drive too slow	20.0%	42
Drivers disobeying traffic rules	19.5%	41
Aggressive drivers	14.8%	31
Weather	10.0%	21
Other (please specify)		63

5. Heavy traffic/congestion means I am:		
Driving at the posted speed	1.4%	3
Driving 1-5 miles per hour less than the posted speed	12.0%	26
6-10 miles per hour less than the posted speed	49.1%	106
11-15 miles per hour less than the posted speed	41.7%	90
At a complete stop at a location other than a traffic signal or stop sign	39.4%	85
Other (please specify)		18

6. How often do you experience heavy traffic/congestion?		
Every day	42.8%	95
A few times a week	47.7%	106
A few times a year	9.5%	21



<ol> <li>Please select up to 3 factors you consider impedecisions (route choice, travel method, depart trip.</li> </ol>		
Minimize time spent in heavy traffic	69.7%	154
Minimize travel time	52.0%	115
Reliability of travel time	48.9%	108
Minimize distance traveled	38.5%	85
Avoid high accident locations	20.8%	46
Avoid roads with signals	22.2%	49
Avoid freeway travel	19.9%	44
Minimize costs (gas, transit pass, etc.)	14.5%	32
Route with amenities along the way (school, shopping)	8.1%	18
Other (please specify)		16

8. How do you avoid heavy traffic?		
I am unable to avoid it	36.5%	80
I change my driving time	30.1%	66
l do not drive	3.7%	8
I take a different route	56.2%	123
I take the bus, walk or bike	10.0%	22
Other (please specify)		12

9. Compared to five years ago, would you say traffic congestion has:		
Gotten Worse	94.5%	208
Gotten Better	0.5%	1
Stayed about the same	5.0%	11

10. Which category below includes your age?		
18-29	5.5%	12
30-44	28.6%	63
45-54	19.5%	43
55-64	30.5%	67
65 or older	15.9%	35

11. What is your household income category?		
Less than \$25,000 per year	1.5%	3
\$25,000 to \$49,999 per year	14.4%	29
\$50,000 to \$74,999 per year	21.9%	44
\$75,000 to \$99,999 per year	20.4%	41
Over \$100,000	41.8%	84



12. What is the highest level of education you have completed?		
Less than High School Graduate	0.0%	0
Graduated from High School (GED)	4.2%	9
Some College/Trade School (Associates, no 4 year degree, Technical)	15.1%	32
College Graduate (Bachelors)	37.7%	80
Post Graduate (Study/Degree)	42.9%	91



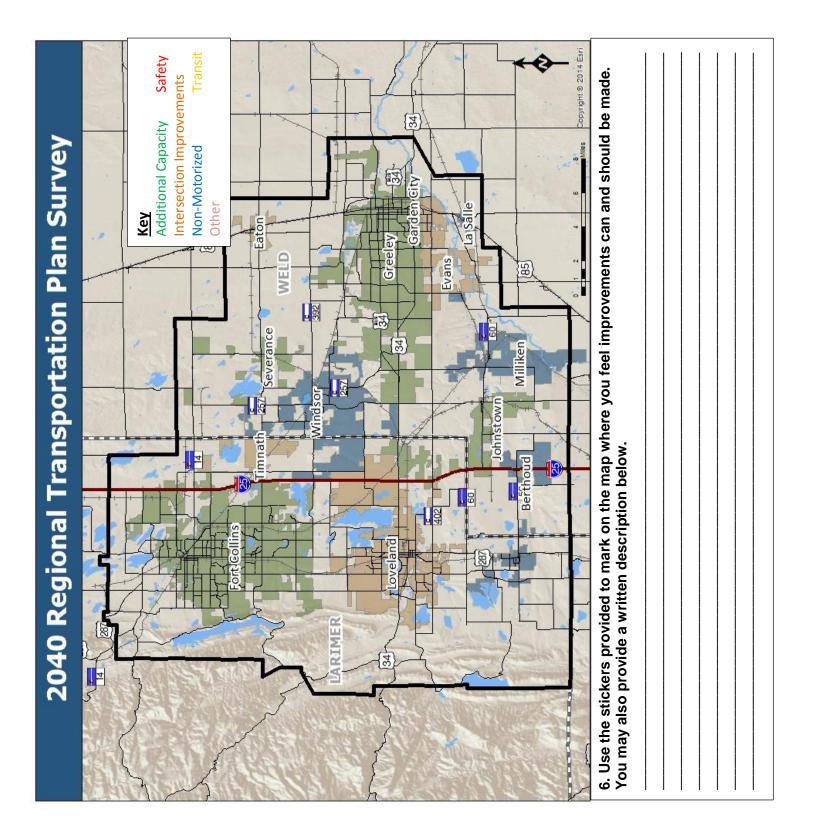
F. 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Surve	y – Questions
Name:	
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Community where you work:	[ ] Not applicable
For information about future meetings:	
Email:	[ ] Sign up for Electronic Newsletter
1. What are your most common modes of com []Transit/Park-n-Ride []]	Valk [] Not applicable
	Carpool / Vanpool
[] Work from home [] E	
<ul> <li>2. If you use an alternative commute mode (bit to do so? (check all that apply)</li> <li>[] Cost or time savings</li> <li>[] Convenience / Do not want to worry about park</li> <li>[] Improve air quality / Environmental reasons</li> <li>[] Save wear and tear on personal vehicle</li> <li>[] Health reasons / Increase physical activity</li> <li>[] Other:</li> <li>[] Not applicable</li> <li>3. If you drive alone to work, what are your material sectors</li> </ul>	
[] Need car at work for personal or company busin	• • • • • • • • •
[] Prefer to drive own car or no shared ride availal	
[] Need to transport children	
[] Infrequent or no transit option	
[] Irregular work schedule	
[ ] Other: [ ] Not applicable	
4. Would you be willing to pay an additional ta []Yes []No If no, what funding source of	x to fund regional transportation projects? lo you recommend?
the region, what percentage would you assi Additional Capacity:	Safety:
Intersection Improvements:	Signal timing: Local transit (bus):
<u> </u>	Local transit (bus).



Other:

Regional transit (bus):

Rail transit:





## G. 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Survey – Answers

A. Geography of Survey Responses				
Community	Live		Work	
Community	Percent	Count	Percent	Count
Berthoud	1.6%	6	0.5%	2
Eaton	0.3%	1	0.0%	0
Evans	0.3%	1	0.5%	2
Fort Collins	49.7%	183	39.7%	148
Garden City	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Greeley	7.4%	28	9.7%	36
Johnstown	2.1%	8	0.3%	1
LaSalle	0.3%	1	0.0%	0
Loveland	22.3%	84	8.8%	33
Milliken	0.8%	3	0.0%	0
Out of	C C0/	25	27 50/	140
Region/Other	6.6%	25	37.5%	140
Severance	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Timnath	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Windsor	3.5%	13	0.3%	1
Larimer County	4.0%	15	1.6%	6
Weld County	2.1%	8	1.6%	6

1. What are your most common modes	of commuting? (check up to 3	3)
Transit/Park-n-ride	19.1%	72
Drive alone	60.5%	228
Work from home	15.1%	57
Walk	19.1%	72
Carpool / Vanpool	45.6%	172
Bike	26.3%	99
Not applicable	1.1%	4

# 2. If you use an alternative commute mode (bike, bus, walk, vanpool, carpool), what motivated you to do so? (check all that apply)

what motivated you to do so: (encer an that apply)	/	
Cost or time savings	58.5%	209
Convenience / do not want to worry about parking	41.7%	149
Improve air quality / Environmental reasons	40.6%	145
Save wear and tear on personal vehicle	47.3%	169
Health reasons / Increase physical activity	30.3%	108
Not applicable	19.1%	68
Other (please specify)		39



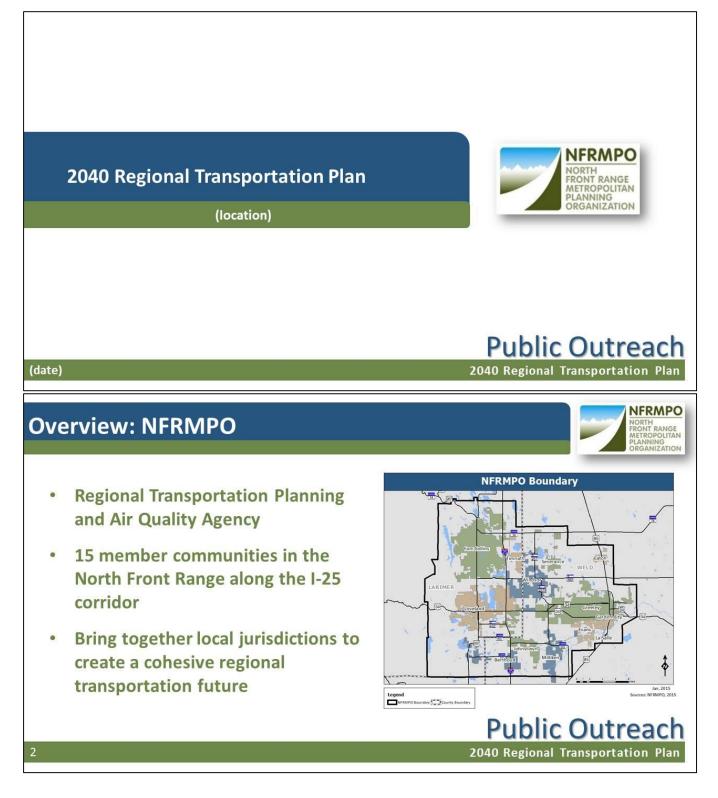
<ol> <li>If you drive alone to work, what are your main re that apply)</li> </ol>	asons for doing	so? (check all
Need car at work for personal or company business	30.4%	104
Prefer to drive own car or no shared ride available	16.4%	56
Need to transport children	5.0%	17
Infrequent or no transit option	20.5%	70
Irregular work schedule	32.5%	111
Not applicable	36.0%	123
Other (please specify)		27

4. Would you be willing to pay an additional tax projects?	to fund regional tra	ansportation
Yes	69.4%	261
No	20.2%	76
If no, what funding source do you recommend?	10.4%	39

5. If you were given money from the hypothetical tax in Question 4 to spend on transportation projects in the region, what categories would you fund? (check up to 3)			
Additional capacity	32.8%	115	
Intersection Improvements	18.2%	64	
Safety	18.5%	65	
Signal timing	18.8%	66	
Non-motorized (bike/ped)	23.4%	82	
Regional transit (bus)	42.2%	148	
Local transit (bus)	28.5%	100	
Rail transit	56.7%	199	
Other (please specify) or Not applicable		38	



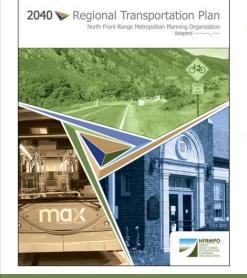
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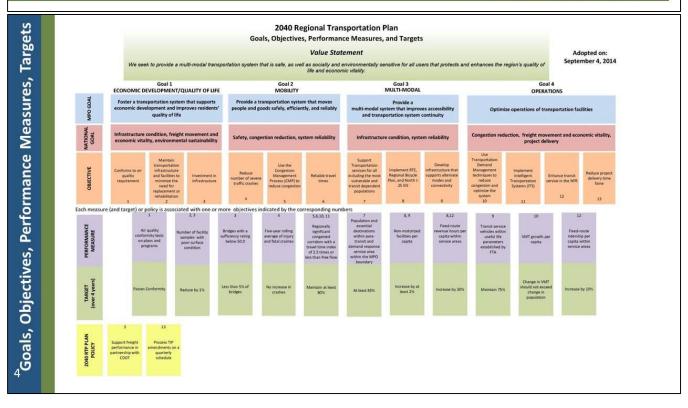




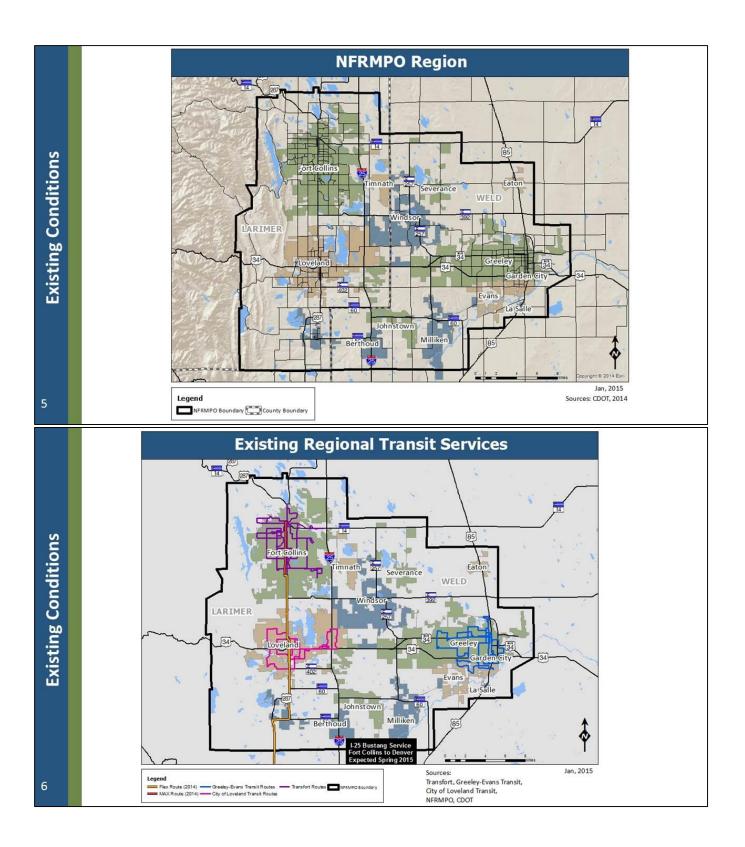
- Identifies current and future needs based on demographics, travel demand model, and population and employment projections
- Considers the regional roadway, nonmotorized and transit systems, environmental features, safety and security

## **Public Outreach**

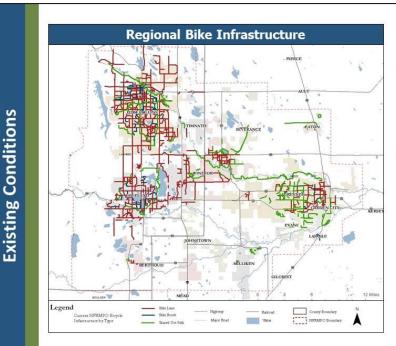
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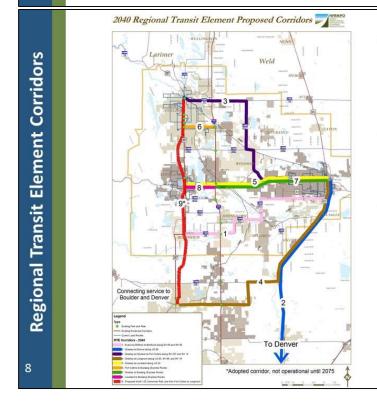








- NFRMPO Regional Bicycle Plan completed in 2013 and incorporated into RTP
- Existing Facilities include:
  - 374 Miles of On-Street Bicycle Lanes
  - 83 Miles of On-Street Bicycle Routes
  - 207 Multi-Use Off-Street Routes



- Updated Regional Transit Element incorporating regional transit investment options for 2040 RTP
- Focus on intra- and interregional connections
- Investment in I-25 Corridor via CDOT's Bustang service requires community connectors





## Survey

- How do you typically commute?
- Why do you commute the way you do?
- Would you be willing to pay an additional tax for regional transportation projects?
- How would you spend the tax revenue?

## **Public Outreach**

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## **Next Steps**

- Ongoing public outreach
- Survey results
- Incorporate public input to:
  - Guide and finalize transportation goals, outlook
  - Finalize Regional Transit Element, corridor recommendations
- Draft document



Public Outreach 2040 Regional Transportation Plan



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