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**Next Council Meeting
 February 5, 2015**

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**NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION &
 AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL
 MEETING AGENDA**

January 8, 2015
 Fort Collins Community Room
 215 N. Mason
 Fort Collins, CO

Public Hearing 4:30- 5:30
NFRMPO TMA 5307, 5310, 5339 Program of Projects

Council Dinner 5:30 p.m.
MPO Council Meeting – 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance/2-Minute Public Comment (accepted on items not for Action)
 Anyone in the audience will be given time to speak to any item on the Consent Agenda. Please ask for that item to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Items pulled will be heard at the beginning of the Regular Agenda. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak to the item before the Council acts upon it.

1. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes-Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality/MPO- Dec. 4, 2014

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

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| 3. Executive Director Report (Pg. 9) | (Written Report) | 5 min |
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ACTION ITEMS:

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| 4. 5307, 5310, 5339 Program of Projects | Karl Gannon | 10 min |
| 5. New Business Process Resolutions | Terri Blackmore | 10 min |
| 6. Appointment of Committees &
STAC Representative/Alternate | Sean Conway | 10 min |

PRESENTATION:

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| 7. TIGER Process | Herman Stockinger | 45 min |
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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| 8. TAC (Pg. 14) | (Written Report) | |
| 9. Mobility | (Written Report) | |

COUNCIL REPORTS:

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| Transportation Commission Report | Kathy Gilliland | 5 min |
| CDOT Region 4 Report | Myron Hora | |
| STAC Report | (Written Report) | |
| North I-25 | Sean Conway | |
| Host Council Member Report | Gerry Horak | |
| Other Council Members Reports | Council Members | |

MEETING WRAP-UP:

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| Final Public Comment (2 minutes each) | | 15 min |
| Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions | | |

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council agenda will include an executive session pursuant to section 24 6 402(4)(f) of the Colorado Revised Statutes for discussion of a personnel matter involving the current year's 360 evaluation of the MPO's Executive Director and her potential salary and benefits. 60 min

January 2015 Director's Report

US-85 PEL Study TAC meetings

- **Section 1 (I-76 to CR 22)**

Communities: **Commerce City, Brighton, Fort Lupton, Adams County, Weld County**

Tuesday, January 20th 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Brighton City Hall, 500 S. 4th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601

- **Section 2 (CR 22 to 1st Street in LaSalle)**

Communities: **Platteville, Gilcrest, Weld County**

Tuesday, January 20th 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Gilcrest Town Hall, 304 8th Street, Gilcrest, CO 80623

- **Section 3 (1st Street in LaSalle to SH 392)**

Communities: **LaSalle, Evans, Garden City, Greeley, Weld County**

Thursday, January 22nd 9:00 – 11:00 AM

LaSalle Town Hall, 128 N. 2nd Street, LaSalle, CO 80645

- **Section 4 (SH 392 to CR 100)**

Communities: **Eaton, Ault, Pierce, Nunn, Weld County**

Thursday, January 22nd 1:00-3:00 PM

Ault Town Hall, 201 1st Street, Ault, CO 80610

NATA

- There is considerable development and redevelopment occurring in City/County of Broomfield, City of Thornton, City of Westminster, City of Northglenn and Adams County.
- They all acknowledged that the development underway will only exacerbate the I-25 traffic.
- The NATA Board also discussed options for funding the “missing miles” portion of the I-25 project to the south.

EPA

- The Environmental Protection Agency announced that it will issue a new ozone standard in October 2015.
- They are reviewing and taking comment on revising the O₃ NAAQS to .060-.070 ppm as both the primary and secondary standard from .075 ppm.
- A reduction in the standard would require a new State Implementation Plan for Colorado.
- More information will be available once the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is released.

VanGo

- The VanGo™ program sold 9 vans at the Roller Auction in December earning \$60,720 minus transportation expenses. VanGo received all of the seven vans ordered to use the remaining RTD funds.

Air Quality

- The NFRMPO, DRCOG, CDPHE and RAQC are meeting on January 13 to

complete an MOA that works for both MPOs and CDPHE

Regional Transit Element

- TAC provided suggested events, outreach techniques and outreach stakeholders at their December 17 meeting
- The public involvement for the RTE will partner with the 2040 RTP later this fall

I-25 Coalition, CDOT and the Fix North I-25 Business Alliance

- NFRMPO sent a letter to the Transportation Commission indicating that the Planning Council had allocated \$2 million to I-25/Crossroads at its December 4 meeting.
- The Fix North I-25 Business Alliance letter to HPTE was also provided to the Transportation Commission on November 20.

Staff Training

- The National Transit Institute has approved a three day class on State and Metropolitan planning for Colorado – it is scheduled for January 28-30 in Denver so it is available for the entire state
- One of the transportation planners attended a 2.5 day Transportation Conformity Training in Mission, KS.

Plan/FY2016-2019 TIP Schedule

- Initiated the Call for TIP Projects on December 18.
- Initiated the Air Quality Conformity for the Upper Front Range Transportation Plan, the climbing lanes and the FY 2016-2019 TIP on December 5.

Severance Transportation Plan

- The draft plan is completed and will be presented at the January 19 Town board meeting.
- Anyone interested in reviewing the plan can contact Josh Johnson at jjohnson@nfrmpo.org or 970-416-2293.

Staff

- The NFRMPO held six phone interviews for the transportation planner position on December 17 and 18. Four face to face interviews were held on January 7
- The NFRMPO hired Meredith Kimsey as the part-time accounting clerk. Her first day was January 2, 2015

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY (AIS)

North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council



Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Submitted By
January 8, 2015	TIP Amendment – Fort Collins TMA Program of Projects	Mary Warring
<p>Objective / Request Action: Approval of TIP amendments for the Program of Projects for FFY 2014 FTA Section's 5307, 5310 & 5339 apportionments for the Fort Collins TMA.</p>		<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Report <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action </p>
<p>Key Points:</p> <p>The City of Fort Collins is the Designated Recipient of FTA Section 5307, 5310 & 5339 funding for the Fort Collins TMA area. These funds are used for: Public transportation capital, planning, job access and reverse commute projects, as well as limited operating expenses (Section 5307); Formula funding for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310); and, Capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities (Section 5339).</p> <p>The FFY 2014 funding is \$3,084,043 for FTA 5307; \$179,908 for FTA 5310; \$335,605 for FTA 5339</p> <p>Fort Collins works with the other TMA members to develop a distribution of available funds and identify the projects to be funded (called the Program of Projects (POP))</p> <p>Of particular note with the FFY 2014 funding;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 5307 – Fort Collins has entered into swap arrangements with all participating agencies where the City is exchanging its local funding for federal funding and therefore, freeing the participating agencies from future federal Triennial reviews <p>A public hearing will be held from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, January 8, 2015 prior to the NFRMPO Council Meeting in Fort Collins, 215 N. Mason Street. Public notice of the hearing has been published in the three primary TMA newspapers.</p> <p><u>The MPO Planning Council need not attend and will be informed of any comments received at the public hearing during the MPO Council meeting prior to any council action.</u></p>		
<p>Supporting Information:</p> <p>There is a planning requirement under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, for designated recipient of FTA Section 5307, 5310 & 5339 funding to develop a Program of Projects for inclusion in the TIP. A Program of Projects is a project list proposed by the designated recipient in cooperation with the metropolitan planning organization funded using the urbanized area's Section 5307, 5310 & 5339 apportionments.</p> <p>The Program of Projects includes brief project descriptions, including any sub-allocation among public transportation providers, total project costs, and federal share for each project. The responsibilities of the designated recipient are as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocate the relevant apportionment among recipients in the urbanized area or areas based on local needs and arrangements, and in coordination with the MPO(s); Identify and select the projects that the MPO will include in a metropolitan transportation plan, transportation improvement program (TIP), long-range statewide transportation plan, statewide transportation improvement program (STIP), and/or unified planning work program (UPWP); 		

- Submit a grant application for the applicable Section program of projects (POP) and/or authorize other eligible applicants to apply for all or part of the apportionment, and notify FTA of such authorizations;
- Ensure that the annual POP complies with the requirements that at least 1 percent of the apportionment is used for associated transit improvements and that at least 1 percent is used for public transportation security projects unless all security needs are certified to have been met; and
- Each designated recipient must verify that appropriate documentation of designation is on file with FTA and, if not, provide such documentation.

The City of Fort Collins, with the assistance of the TMA members, developed a Program of Projects for each Section's funding. Fort Collins is submitting for Planning Council approval, the Programs (5307, 5339, and 5310) of Projects. This item will be presented at the January 2015 MPO Council meeting for approval and subsequent inclusion in the TIP & STIP.

Advantages: Complies with the public participation process as determined by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 and prepares or authorizes funding use by the various agencies.

Disadvantages: None noted

TAC Recommendation: TAC recommends approval of the FFY 2014 5307, 5310 & 5339 Program of Projects.

Staff Analysis and Recommendation: The City of Fort Collins has done their due diligence in preparing and working with the TMA partners. They have or will meet all federal requirements as the designated recipient of these specific FTA funds.

MPO staff recommends approval.

Attachments:

- FFY 2014 – Programs of Projects
- FFY 2014 Federal Register Apportionments
- FTA Section 5307, 5310, & 5339 Factsheets
- December 2014 Public Notice

2014 FTA SECTION'S 5307, 5310, & 5339 - CITY OF FORT COLLINS PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

FFY 2014 FTA SECTION 5307

Project Description	Project Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Source of Funds (Federal and Local)
Operation of fixed route service including FLEX - fuel and personnel costs	Fort Collins	\$ 3,457,982	\$1,728,991 Federal and \$1,728,991 local - 50% local match requirement
Preventive Maintenance activities (vehicles and facilities)	Fort Collins	\$ 1,250,000	\$1,000,000 Federal and \$250,000 local - 20% local match requirement
3rd Party Cost of Contracting - Veolia contract to provide paratransit services	Fort Collins	\$ 887,630	\$355,052 Federal and \$532,578 local - 20% local match requirement
Total Project Costs - Fort Collins		\$ 5,595,612	
Total Federal Costs - Fort Collins		\$ 3,084,043	

FFY 2014 FTA SECTION 5310

Project Description	Project Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Source of Funds (Federal and Local)
Operation of Larimer County Mobility Coordination Program	Fort Collins (Pass-Thru)	\$ 40,218	\$32,174 Federal and \$8,044 Local - 20% local match requirement
Access A Cab - Paratransit Service to Bridge Loveland & Fort Collins	Fort Collins (Pass-Thru)	\$ 295,468	\$147,734 Federal and \$147,901 Local - 50% local match requirement
Total Project Costs - Fort Collins		\$ 335,686	
Total Federal Costs - Fort Collins		\$ 179,908	

FFY 2014 FTA SECTION 5339

Project Description	Project Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Source of Funds (Federal and Local)
ITS Equipment (Operations & Conditions Analysis Module)	Fort Collins	\$ 125,000	\$100,000 Federal & \$25,000 Local - 20% Local Match Requirement
Communications Equipment	Fort Collins	\$ 25,000	\$20,000 Federal & \$5,000 Local - 20% Local Match Requirement
Non-Revenue Transit Operations Support Vehicles	Fort Collins	\$ 60,000	\$48,000 Federal & \$12,500 Local - 20% Local Match Requirement
Electronic Fare boxes x 4	Fort Collins	\$ 40,000	\$32,000 Federal & \$8,000 Local - 20% Local Match Requirement
Mobile Video Security Systems x 4 Vehicles	Fort Collins	\$ 20,000	\$16,000 Federal & \$4,000 Local - 20% Local Match Requirement
Bus Signage & Wraps	Fort Collins	\$ 75,000	\$60,000 Federal & \$15,000 Local - 20% Local Match Requirement
Asphalt & Concrete Upgrades	Fort Collins	\$ 74,506	\$59,605 Federal & \$18,627 Local - 20% Local Match Requirement
Total Project Costs - Fort Collins		\$ 419,506	
Total Federal Costs - Fort Collins		\$ 335,605	



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**FACT SHEET:
URBANIZED AREA FORMULA GRANTS
SECTION 5307 & SECTION 5340**

	FY 2013 (in millions)	FY 2014 (in millions)
5307 Grants	\$4,367.95	\$4,428.65
Passenger Ferry Grants	\$30.00	\$30.00
5307 Program Total	\$4,397.95	\$4,458.65
Growing States/High Density Formula (5340)	\$518.70	\$525.90

Purpose

This program provides grants to Urbanized Areas¹ (UZA) for public transportation capital, planning, job access and reverse commute projects, as well as operating expenses in certain circumstances. These funds constitute a core investment in the enhancement and revitalization of public transportation systems in the nation’s urbanized areas, which depend on public transportation to improve mobility and reduce congestion.



Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Sections 5307, 5336, and 5340 / MAP-21 Sections 20007, 20026

Eligible Recipients

FTA apportions funds to designated recipients, which then suballocate funds to state and local governmental authorities, including public transportation providers.

Eligible Activities

- Capital projects.
- Planning.
- Job access and reverse commute projects that provide transportation to jobs and employment opportunities for welfare recipients and low-income workers.
- Operating costs in areas with fewer than 200,000 in population.
- Operating costs, up to certain limits, for grantees in areas with populations greater than 200,000, and which operate a maximum of 100 buses in fixed-route service during peak hours (rail fixed guideway excluded).

¹ An area with a population of 50,000 or more, defined and designated in the most recent decennial census as an ‘urbanized area’ by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

Urbanized Area Formula Grants

What's New?

- Operating costs, up to certain limits, for grantees in areas with populations greater than 200,000, and which operate a maximum of 100 buses in fixed-route service during peak hours (rail fixed guideway excluded).
- Transit enhancements are removed and replaced by more narrowly defined “associated transportation improvements.” Recipients must expend at least 1% of their 5307 apportionment on these improvements.
- Funding provided by other government agencies or departments that are eligible to be expended on transportation may be used as local match.
- Certain expenditures by vanpool operators may be used as local match.
- MAP-21 removes eligibility for the transfer of 5307 transit funds to highway projects.

Ongoing Provision

- Recipients must expend 1% for transportation security projects or certify that it is not necessary to do so.

Funding

- Federal share is 80% for capital assistance.
- Federal share is 50% for operating assistance.
- Federal share is 80% for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) non-fixed-route paratransit service, using up to 10% of a recipient's apportionment.

Formula

- For areas of 50,000 to 199,999 in population, the formula is based on population and population density, and number of low-income individuals.
- For areas with populations of 200,000 and more, the formula is based on a combination of bus revenue vehicle miles, bus passenger miles, fixed guideway revenue vehicle miles, and fixed guideway route miles, as well as population and population density and number of low-income individuals.

Passenger Ferry Grant Program

- \$30 million is set aside for passenger ferry grants, to be allocated through competitive selection.

For additional information on FTA and MAP-21, visit www.fta.dot.gov/map21.



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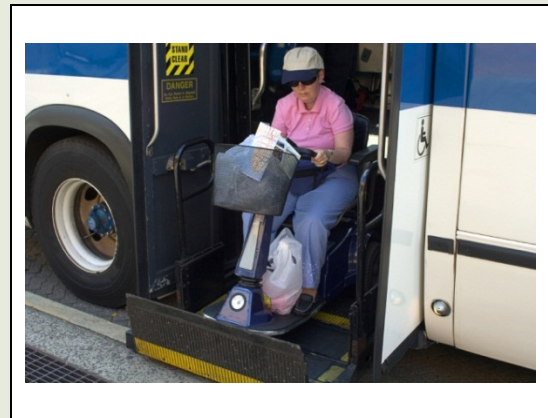


**FACT SHEET:
ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
SECTION 5310**

	FY 2013 (in millions)	FY 2014 (in millions)
Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	\$254.8	\$258.3

Purpose

This program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.



Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Section 5310 / MAP-21 Section 20009

Eligible Recipients

- States (for all areas under 200,000 in population) and designated recipients.
- Subrecipients: states or local government authorities, private non-profit organizations, or operators of public transportation that receive a grant indirectly through a recipient.

Eligible Activities

- At least 55% of program funds must be used on capital projects that are:
 - Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable.
- The remaining 45% may be used for:
 - Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA.
 - Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit.
 - Alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities.

What's New?

- Consolidates New Freedom Program and Elderly and Disabled Program.
- Operating assistance is now available under this program.

Funding

- Funds are apportioned for urbanized and rural areas based on the number of seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- Federal share for capital projects (including acquisition of public transportation services) is 80%.

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Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

Funding (cont.)

- Federal share for operating assistance is 50%.
- Adopts New Freedom funding allocations:
 - 60% to designated recipients in urbanized areas with a population over 200,000.
 - 20% to states for small urbanized areas.
 - 20% to states for rural areas.

Ongoing Provisions

- Local share may be derived from other federal (non-DOT) transportation sources or the Federal Lands Highways Program under 23 U.S.C. 204 (as in former Section 5310 program).
- Permits designated recipients and states to carry out competitive process to select subrecipients.
- Recipients must certify that projects selected are included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. The plan must undergo a development and approval process that includes seniors and people with disabilities, transportation providers, among others, and is coordinated to the maximum extent possible with transportation services assisted by other federal departments and agencies.
- Permits acquisition of public transportation services as a capital expense.
- Up to 10% of program funds can be used to administer the program, to plan, and to provide technical assistance.

For additional information on FTA and MAP-21, visit www.fta.dot.gov/map21.



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**FACT SHEET:
 BUS AND BUS FACILITIES
 SECTION 5339**

	FY 2013 (in millions)	FY 2014 (in millions)
Bus and Bus Facilities	\$422	\$427.8

Purpose

Provides capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities.

Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Section 5339 / MAP-21 Section 20029

Eligible Recipients

- Designated recipients and states that operate or allocate funding to fixed-route bus operators.
- Subrecipients: public agencies or private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation, including those providing services open to a segment of the general public, as defined by age, disability, or low income.



What's New?

- Replaces the Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Program.
- Funds are eligible to be transferred by the state to supplement urban and rural formula grant programs (5307 and 5311, respectively).

Eligible Activities

- Capital projects to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities.

Funding

- \$65.5 million will be allocated, with each state receiving \$1.25 million and each territory (including D.C. and Puerto Rico) receiving \$500,000.
- Funds are available for three years after the fiscal year in which the amount is apportioned.
- Remaining formula based upon population, vehicle revenue miles and passenger miles.
- Federal share is 80% with a required 20% local match.

For additional information on FTA and MAP-21, visit www.fta.dot.gov/map21.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Fort Collins/Transfort has planned the following Program of Projects for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FTA Section's 5307, 5310 & 5339 apportionments for the Fort Collins Transportation Management Area (TMA) area.

The City of Fort Collins is the Designated Recipient of FTA Section 5307, 5310 & 5339 funding for the Fort Collins TMA area. 5307 & 5339 funds are used for public transportation facilities and projects, and 5310 funding is used for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities.

- FY 2014 Section 5307 funding: \$ 3,084,043
- FY 2014 Section 5310 funding: \$ 179,908
- FY 2014 Section 5339 funding: \$ 335,605

Total FY 2014 FTA 5307, 5310 & 5339 Funding: \$ 3,599,556

The Proposed Program of Projects (POP) includes:

- Fixed Route Service Operations \$ 3,457,982
- Preventive Maintenance \$ 1,250,000
- Paratransit Service Contracting \$ 887,630
- Mobility Coordination Program \$ 40,218
- Access A Cab Paratransit Service \$ 295,468
- ITS, Communications & Fare Box Equipment \$ 190,000
- Transit Support Vehicles \$ 60,000
- Security systems \$ 20,000
- Signage \$75,000
- Capital Construction \$ 74,506

Total Project Costs - \$ 6,350,804

Total Federal Costs - \$ 3,599,556

Detailed information on the aforementioned projects may be obtained by contacting Karl Gannon at Transfort / Dial A Ride (970-416-2087 / kgannon@fcgov.com). Public comment is encouraged and if warranted, the Program of Projects may be amended prior to publication of the final Program of Projects.

The public is invited to comment on the POP and other amendments to the FY 2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO). A public hearing will be held from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, January 8, 2015 prior to the NFRMPO Council Meeting in Fort Collins at 215 N. Mason Street. All members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide comment. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the NFRMPO by January 8, 2015 at mwarring@nfrmpo.org

Pending no amendments, this proposed FFY2014 Program of Projects will be considered the final Program of Projects and will be forwarded to the January 8th, 2014 meeting of the North Front Range Planning Council for initial review. This public notice and time established for public review and comments on the TIP will satisfy the FTA Program of Projects requirements for the Urbanized Area Formula Program. This notice will serve as the final POP unless projects contained within are amended.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-19
OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION
AND AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL
FOR TAKING ACTION AT ANY COUNCIL MEETING**

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council is the designated agency to ensure compliance with Federal regulations and complete the required plans, budgets and programs developed through the “3C” transportation planning process for the North Front Range MPO region; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration require a transparent process with maximum opportunity for local elected officials, transportation users and the public to review and comment on the regional planning and programming processes, and such values are reflected in the agenda and scheduling requirements of the Articles of Association as amended in May, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the NFRMPO staff strive to follow the federal and state rules for open and transparent meetings by posting the Planning Council, Finance and TAC agendas on the NFRMPO website and advertise the Planning Council meetings and agenda in the Coloradoan, the Greeley Tribune and the Loveland Reporter Herald; and

WHEREAS, the NFRMPO sends the electronic packet to anyone who requests it and several members of the public are following the 2040 Plan Development and the Call for Projects; and

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council and NFRMPO staff are required by the Articles of Association to furnish background material on agenda items to the Council in advance of meetings, and have been working toward a totally transparent planning process; and

WHEREAS, changes to the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council agenda at the meeting prevent the local elected officials and the public from participating in the decision-making process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council hereby approves a policy that all agenda items shall be fixed and an agenda will be distributed to Council by close of business on the day of Executive Committee review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, members of the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council will have until noon on the Monday prior to Council packet distribution to notify the Executive Committee and the Executive Director of any additional action items they wish to have added to the agenda; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council shall act to amend the Articles of Association to reflect the foregoing policy at the first meeting after the required notice for amendments.

Passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council held this ____ day of January, 2015.

Sean Conway, Chair

ATTEST:

Terri Blackmore, Executive Director



**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-20
OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION
AND AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL
FOR DECLARING EMERGENCIES, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY ACTION,
AND REVIEW OF EMERGENCY ACTION BY THE FULL COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council is the designated agency to ensure compliance with Federal regulations and complete the required plans, budgets and programs developed through the “3C” transportation planning process for the North Front Range MPO region; and

WHEREAS, emergency circumstances (i.e., a sudden, unexpected occurrence demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public service) arise from time to time during which normal public notice processes are unable to function in a time frame necessary to further the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the NFRMPO Executive Committee, Chair, and Executive Director are charged with the oversight of the NFRMPO functions between meetings of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the NFRMPO desires to balance the ability to respond quickly in emergency circumstances with the goals of full disclosure, free debate, and public participation where possible; and

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council and NFRMPO staff wish to clearly define the circumstances under which emergency action may occur, the extent and exercise of temporary powers by authorized personnel, and the process for review and ratification of emergency actions by the entire Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council, that the following protocols shall apply to the declaration of an emergency and actions taken during the pendency of an emergency:

1. A majority of the NFRMPO Executive Committee may, by written resolution or email consent, declare an emergency whenever circumstances require action by the NFRMPO which must be taken to protect the public interest and to fulfill the obligations of the organization before a quorum can be assembled for a special meeting and before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council;
2. Upon a Declaration of an emergency pursuant to Paragraph #1, above, any action required on an emergency basis may be taken upon the written approval of any two of the following:
 - a. The Executive Director
 - b. The current Council Chair
 - c. A majority of the Executive committee

Written approval under this section shall include approval by electronic mail.

3. A written summary of all emergency actions taken shall be presented to the next meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council which shall, by resolution, ratify all such actions properly taken under this section in good faith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council shall act to amend the Articles of Association to reflect the foregoing policy at the first meeting after the required notice for amendments.

Passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council held this ____ day of January, 2015.

Sean Conway, Chair

ATTEST:

Terri Blackmore, Executive Director



**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-21
OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY
PLANNING COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE 2015 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the agency responsible for developing and updating long range regional transportation plans, the transportation improvement programs, and unified planning work programs for the federally-recognized Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA); and

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council is the responsible agency for the financial oversight of the MPO and establishes a Finance Committee to oversee that effort and make recommendations to the Planning Council on the Unified Planning Work Program and Budget, recommends a fare structure for VanGo™ and reviews and recommends approval of the annual Audit; and

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council is the responsible agency for the approval of changes to the Articles of Association for the MPO and establishes a Articles Committee to oversee that effort and recommend changes to the Planning Council as needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council hereby recommends the following members for the Finance Committee: Kevin Ross, Chair; Jan Dowker, Vice-chair; Gerry Horak; and Paula Cochran.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council hereby recommends the following members for the Articles of Association Committee: Troy Mellon, Chair; Joan Shaffer, Vice-chair; Don Brookshire; and Jordan Jemiola.

Passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council held this 8th day of January, 2015.

Sean Conway, Chair

ATTEST:

Terri Blackmore, Executive Director

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
December 17, 2014**

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2014 TAC MINUTES:

With one minor correction, the November 19, 2014 TAC minutes were approved unanimously. Wilkinson reported some signal timing funds were transferred to the bus purchases pool.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal):

NoCo Bike Ped Collaborative – Boring reported on the presentation given by CDOT at their last meeting highlighting options for bike counters that could be used throughout the region.

Regional Transit items – Jones reported that Greeley-Evans Transit has extended their hours during the week as well as the weekend.

Senior Transportation – No updates reported.

PRESENTATIONS:

CDOT Freight Programs – Wallis presented on the CDOT Freight Plan that will be released next month. The plan focuses on three freight goals: safety, efficiency, and environment. CDOT is implementing the plan to include freight in all aspects of planning throughout Colorado.

Clean Cities/Alternative Fuels – Eisemann presented options to TAC for collaboration and support that Clean Cities provides to Northern Colorado. Many different programs were discussed such as: National Parks Initiative, Northern Colorado Clean Fleets, and Alternative Fuels Colorado Grant Program.

City of Fort Collins Transportation Performance Monitoring – Olson presented a tool Fort Collins uses that measures travel time using Bluetooth readers throughout the roadway network.

ACTION ITEMS:

5307, 5310, 5339 Program of Projects – Fort Collins presented the TMA Program of Projects for 5307, 5310, and 5339 grants and detailing for each grant. Lundquist made a motion to recommend Planning Council approve that 5307, 5310, 5339 Program of Projects and it was approved unanimously.

Call for Projects Funding Schedule – Klockeman made a motion that the STP-Metro Funding Schedule for FY 2016-2019 be recommended as stated in the handout with the 10th Street project taking all its funding in 2019 and the LCR 17 project taking the remaining money in 2018 and it was approved unanimously. Holdren made a motion that the CMAQ Funding Schedule for FY 2016-2019 be recommended as stated in the handout with the signal timing projects fully funded and the money taken out of the CNG Bus Replacement pool and it was approved unanimously. Holdren made a motion that the TAP Funding Schedule for FY 2016-2019 be recommended as stated in the handout and it was approved unanimously.

Election of 2015 TAC Officers – Wilkinson made a motion that Bracke remain Chair and Mallette be Vice-Chair and it was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

RTP Public Involvement Locations and Techniques – Karasko asked TAC for guidance on any tools or techniques and events or meetings in the region that MPO staff can use during the outreach phase of the RTP and RTE.

November STAC Report

Transportation Commission Update

- C470 is discussing HOV options and exploring transponders that switch between toll and HOV
- The HPTE is taking comment on the I-70 west project options that includes lowering the freeway with the cover and investigating funding opportunities
- The HPTE is also developing a ten year plan for how to pay CDOT back for past loans
- The HPTE is also discussing requiring local regions to maintain their systems in light of SB 228 and TABOR so that there would no longer be a “State” system
- The Transit and Intermodal Subcommittee reported that the 13 vehicles for the “Bustang” interregional express service are undergoing testing and receiving a “wrap” to identify the buses. There is one spare bus for each of the three service corridors
- No service is currently planned for Bustang but it is under consideration. The buses will be available for the public to tour at the Stock Show
- Marketing for the Bustang service will begin in January 2015 with service expected to roll out in March
- The Transportation Commission held a discussion on how to fund RAMP overruns due to high bids. Do they adjust the scope or require IGA’s to require local partner to fund overages

TPR Roundtable

- Gunnison reported that they have developed a 10 year capital plan for Region 5
- Grand Valley is exploring alternative transportation
- Pueblo Area COG opened bids for their I-25 and US 50 project and it came in under bid
- Pueblo also reported that they are identifying their priority projects
- Intermountain expressed their excitement for Bustang and feel the service will be a success
- SWTPR reported that their RAMP project bid came in high but they were able to value engineer the project and award it.
- DRCOG reported that they are focused their TIP development and will complete the second phase of the project funding awards by the end of January
- Pikes Peak reported they are developing comments for the EPA proposal to lower the air quality ozone standard
- Pikes Peak also reported that the I-25 construction north of Colorado Springs has been completed
- NFRMPO reported that the Planning Council approved the Call for Projects without changes including \$3 million for I-25 climbing lanes and \$2 million for the Crossroads bridge/interchange
- UTE Tribe reported they are developing their LRP, Safety plan and Tribal TIP which will feed into the STIP
- UFR reported that they revised their plan to include freight and they have allocated their RPP across the region
- UFR also reported that they have completed their RAMP project within budget
- SCTPR reported they have installed their first roundabout and it seems to be working well
- NWTPR reported that they have identified their corridor priorities and that they need local

State Legislative Update

- Four bills related to transportation expected in this legislature

- One to bring the new division in line with statutes
- Possible fee increase for Outdoor Advertising Control program costs as audit identified that only 1/5 of costs covered. The fee would increase the fees by 20% in line with an audit recommendation
- A technical correction for HPTE loans allowed from CDOT to HPTE
- Temporary license plates to correct \$8 million loss annually for tolls
- Capital Development Requests of \$10-15 million
 - DTD and DTF will present \$3 million request in late January (avalanche reduction and I-70 Genesee bike path)
- Education is expected to receive \$400 million increase
- TABOR is now a common enemy of legislators who do not want to return the \$160 proposed by the Governor
- Session starts on January 7

Federal Legislative Update

- The federal government released a super circular that replaces A-87 and several others
- It takes effect on December 26, 2014
- Will require each federally funded grant or project to have a hard end date after which it can no longer receive federal funds

RAMP

- CDOT staff reported to Transportation Commission that STAC wants the RAMP projects finished
- They are looking to commit \$40 million in redistribution and contingency to RAMP
- May need to revisit RAMP projects and revise scope because \$13 million in contingency has been used and still need at least \$53 million
- CDOT will try to fund partnership projects but the devolution projects overruns will be local responsibility

I-70 Update

- Transportation Commission is reviewing what the right scope is , funding options, and delivery options
- Three options under consideration
 - Repair and replace - \$30 million
 - Lower only the portion where the bridge is and recover - \$950 million
 - Lower, add cover and extend capacity improvements to 225

Statewide Plan Update

- The Transportation Commission released the Statewide Transportation Plan and the non-MPO TPR plans for public comment on December 5.
- Public comment ends on January 4
- Transportation Commission adoption scheduled for January
- STAC asked why the adoption would be held prior to STAC being able to review public comment (next STAC meeting January 23)
- The plan is web based and found at <http://coloradotransportationmatters.com/>

TIGER

- A presentation was made on when Colorado has been successful in obtaining TIGER funding.

- Local communities have been more successful with TIGER applications particularly for off-system bridges
- Projects with a transit component compete better each year – the portion of TIGER funds for Highway and Bridge have declined steadily from 49% in 2012 to 37.5% in 2014
- Capacity projects do not compete as well as interesting or “out of the ordinary” projects

FASTER Consolidate Call for Transit Capital Projects

- \$14.6 million available in FY 2015-16
- \$13 million available in FY 2016-17
- Applications total \$45.6 million for 2015, 2016 and 2017
- NFRMPO requested projects:
 - City of Greeley
 - \$1.3 M for replacement of 3 fixed route vehicles in 2015
 - \$0.25 M and \$1.2 M for replacement of 6 fixed route vehicles in 2016
 - NFRMPO
 - \$.24 M for van replacements in 2016
 - \$.19 M for van replacements in 2017
 - Fort Collins
 - \$.2 M for Flex operations in 2016
 - \$.18 for Flex operations in 2017