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January

Weld County Mobility Council Meeting
Greeley History Museum
714 8th Avenue
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 27, 2015

- 1. Review of Agenda**
- 2. Public Comment** (Non- Agenda Items)
- 3. Approval of Meeting Summary** (December)
- 4. Presentations**
 NFRMPO RTP & Outreach.....Gordon
- 5. Discussion Items**
 - a. SH85 – Coalition Update.....Warring
 - b. 2015 WCMC Work Plan.....Walton
 - c. 2015 Meeting Schedule/Revisions.....Walton
- 6. Updates**
 GET Update.....Jones
 Online Transit Resource Guide.....Warring
- 7. Council Member Reports**
- 8. Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Tuesday – March 24, 2015



Weld County Mobility Council

Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2014

1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Greeley History Museum

714 8th Avenue - Greeley, CO

WCMC Members in Attendance:

Mary Lu Walton, Envision
DeeAnn Groves, Senior Resource Services
Julie Glover, Greeley Center for Independence (GCI)
Jen Palmer, Greeley Center for Independence (GCI)
Will Jones, Greeley-Evans Transit – GET
Beth Danielson, Connections for Independent Living
Libby Goode-Garasmick, Sunrise Community Health
Brad Taylor, Weld Advocacy Network for Disabilities (WAND)
Lyle SmithGrayBeale, Weld County United Way
NFRMPO Staff: Mary Warring

1. **Review of Agenda** – No changes to the agenda.
2. **Public Comment** (Non- Agenda Items) – There was no public comment.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** (September) – Groves made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written, Danielson seconded. All agreed and minutes were approved as written.

4. **Discussion Items**

WCMC Transit Research Project – The WCMC discussed details of the project and were very interested in SH-85 activities, particularly to the south. Warring will contact E. Relford at Weld County to find out more about the status of SH-85 activities.

2015 WCMC Work Plan - HS Agency Outreach Discussion centered on new partners for the WCMC and an outreach plan for Warring.

2015 Meeting Schedule – The every other month meeting schedule for 2015 was fine with the WCMC.

5. **Partner and MC Program Updates**

GET Update - Jones provided the following information:

- City Council has approved extension of service hours.
- GET planning on acquiring 10 low-floor CNG buses within the next four years
- Students are riding free through a partnership with WC School District 6 as the funding partner. Ridership with implementation of program has increased over 350%
- GET held open house regarding proposed route changes and 25+ people attended to comment. Proposed changes would affect the red route, Sunday service and later service
- Move-In date for new transit center is fall 2015

2014 ABLE Act - Warring had seen an article in USA Today and wondered if the WCMC had heard any information about the ABLE Act which amends the IRS tax code tax for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes. No MC members were aware of it but would look into it.

6. **Council Member Reports**

Taylor – The Civic/recreation Center is undergoing a \$300K renovation to improve accessibility to the locker/bathroom.

Glover – the Therapy pool was down during Thanksgiving week but is open and running again.

Groves – SRS hired new volunteer coordinator who's working on development and recruitment. New van is making trips 4x's a week with a volunteer driver. 610 riders and growing. Also, applied for respite care grant.

7. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Next Meeting – Tuesday January 27, 2015



Larimer County Mobility Council (LCMC)

Gary Thomas - Chair
SAINT
Angela Woodall, Co-Chair
Foothills Gateway
Karen Corriveau
Touchstone Health Partners
JoAnn Vande Walle
Elderhaus
Stephanie Brothers
Berthoud Area Transit System
Garrett Mumma
CO Division of Voc. Rehabilitation
Yvonne Myers
Columbine Health Services
Toni Lueck
DARTAC (Transit Committee)
Kurt Ravenschlag
Fort Collins Transport/Dial-A-Ride
TBD
Larimer County Sheriff's Office
Averill Strand
Larimer County Dept. of Health and Environment
Katy Mason
Larimer County Office on Aging
Michelle Miller
Larimer County Workforce Center
Mark Kirkpatrick
Loveland Transit (COLT)
John Teumer & Zach Wood
Loveland Disability AC
Ruth Carter-Fletcher
Berthoud RAFT

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December 2014

Executive Summary – Larimer & Weld Coordinating Committee Meetings

Weld County (WCMC) – December 2, 2014

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Larimer County (LCMC) – December 18, 2014

Action Items

Annual Elections and Elderhaus 5317 Grant Amendment were tabled until February 2015 meeting due to lack of quorum.

Discussion Items

- MPO Public Involvement Plan (PIP) - MPO Planner Alex Gordon solicited feedback & suggestions for outreach re: PIP.
- New Dial A Ride (DAR) Service to Foothills Gateway – Co-Chair Woodall shared that DAR had implemented two shuttle buses while not full-service offer extended service to Foothills clients. Foothills trying to partner w/ Touchstone and Elderhaus so more clients can use service.
- FTA 5307, 5310 & 5339 Program of Projects (POP) – Warring gave an overview of the three FTA funding streams and the next steps in the funding process. The LCMC had project specific questions that will be further discussed with a Transport representative at the Feb. 2015 meeting.
- 2015 LCMC DRAFT Work Plan – Council discussed draft changes to four of the seven primary work tasks and moved the 2015 Work Plan to an action item in February. STC
- Senior Travel Training Pilot Project – The phased project has been advertised in the 2015 Fort Collins Recreator and will feature combined lunch/travel training sessions for seniors. Phase I starts in Fort Collins, Phase II will add Berthoud trainings and Phase III will add Loveland trainings.

Mobility Program Updates/Business Items (Larimer & Weld)

Online Transit Resource Guide – Warring has postponed work w/ consultants on guide due to FTA Triennial Review work. CDOT granted contract extension and work on the project will resume January 5, 2015.

2040 Regional Transportation Plan

Weld County Mobility Council



Public Outreach

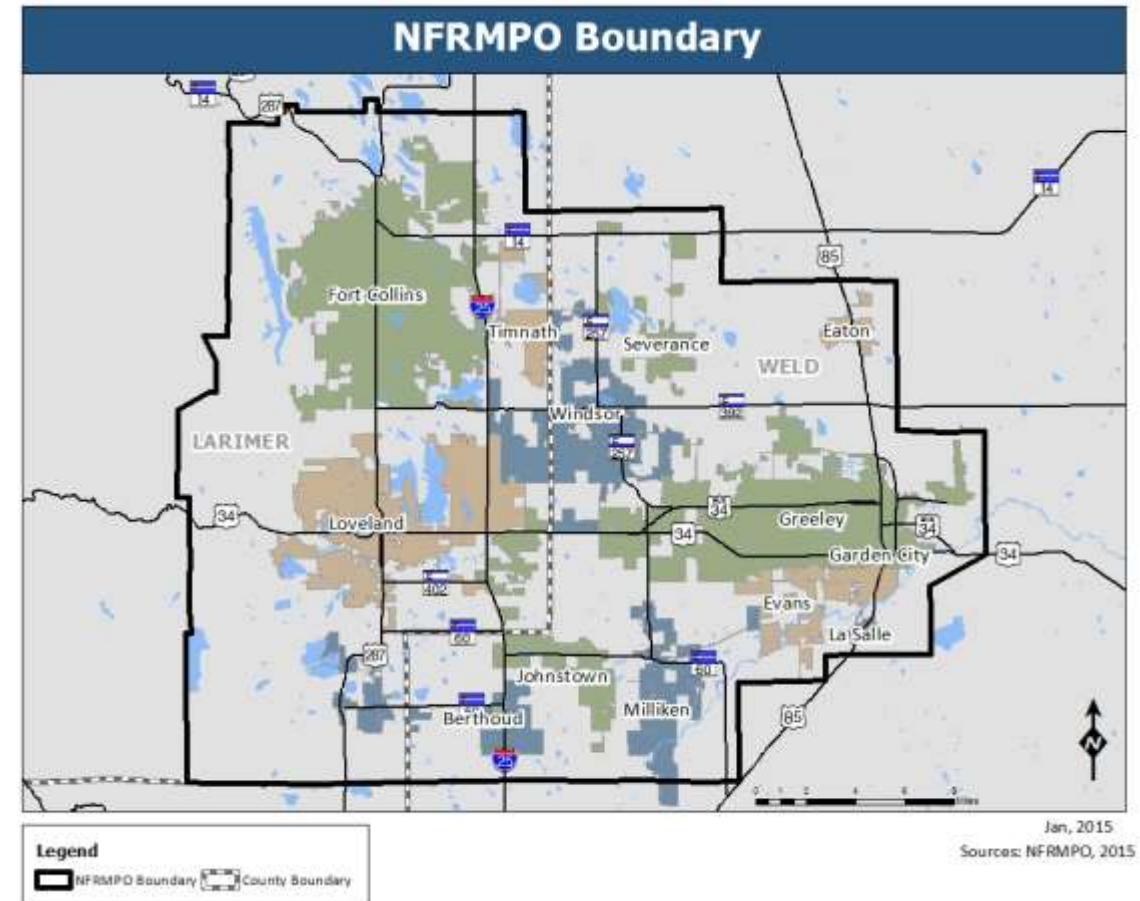
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2040 Regional Transportation Plan

Overview: NFRMPO



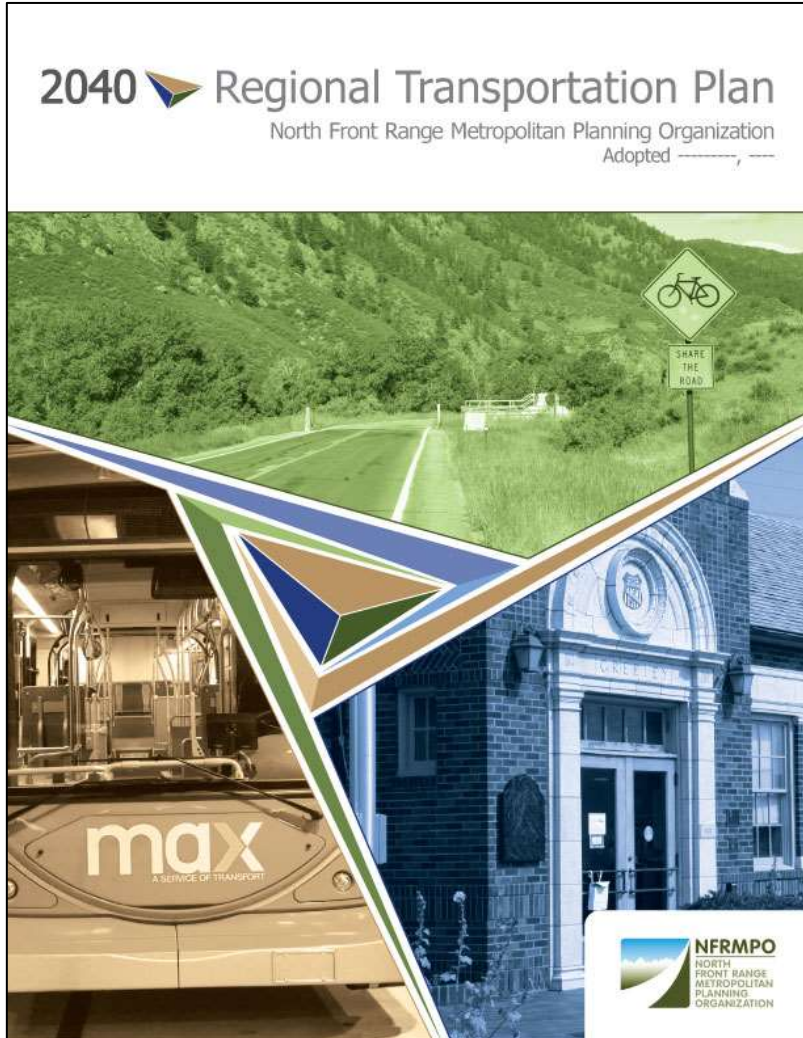
- Regional Transportation Planning and Air Quality Agency
- 15 member communities in the North Front Range along the I-25 corridor
- Bring together local jurisdictions to create a cohesive regional transportation future



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2040 Regional Transportation Plan

Overview: Regional Transportation Plan

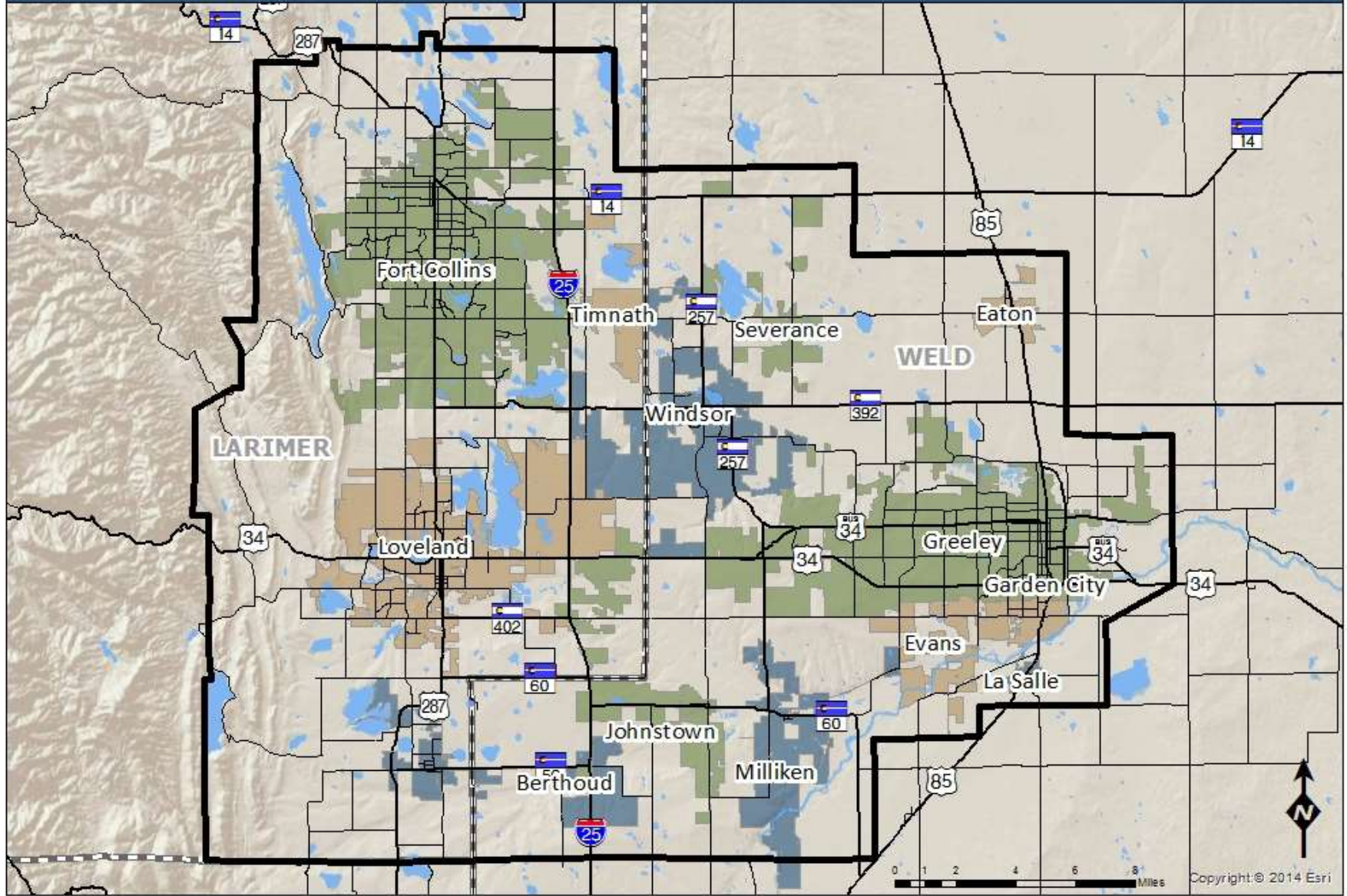


- Identifies current and future needs based on demographics, travel demand model, and population and employment projections
- Considers the regional roadway, non-motorized and transit systems, environmental features, safety and security

Public Outreach

2040 Regional Transportation Plan

NFRMPO Region

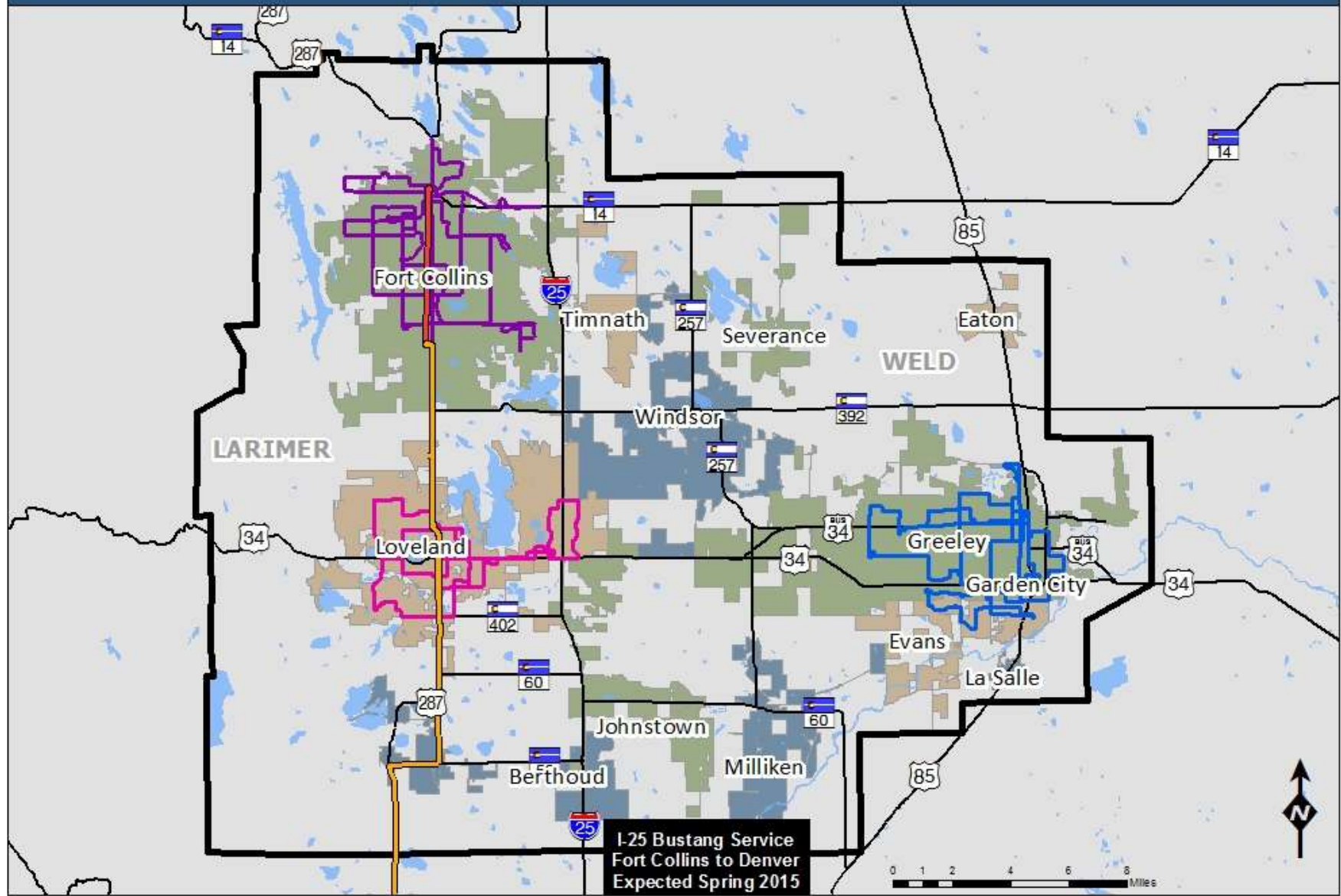


Legend

- NFRMPO Boundary
- County Boundary

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Sources: CDOT, 2014

Existing Regional Transit Services



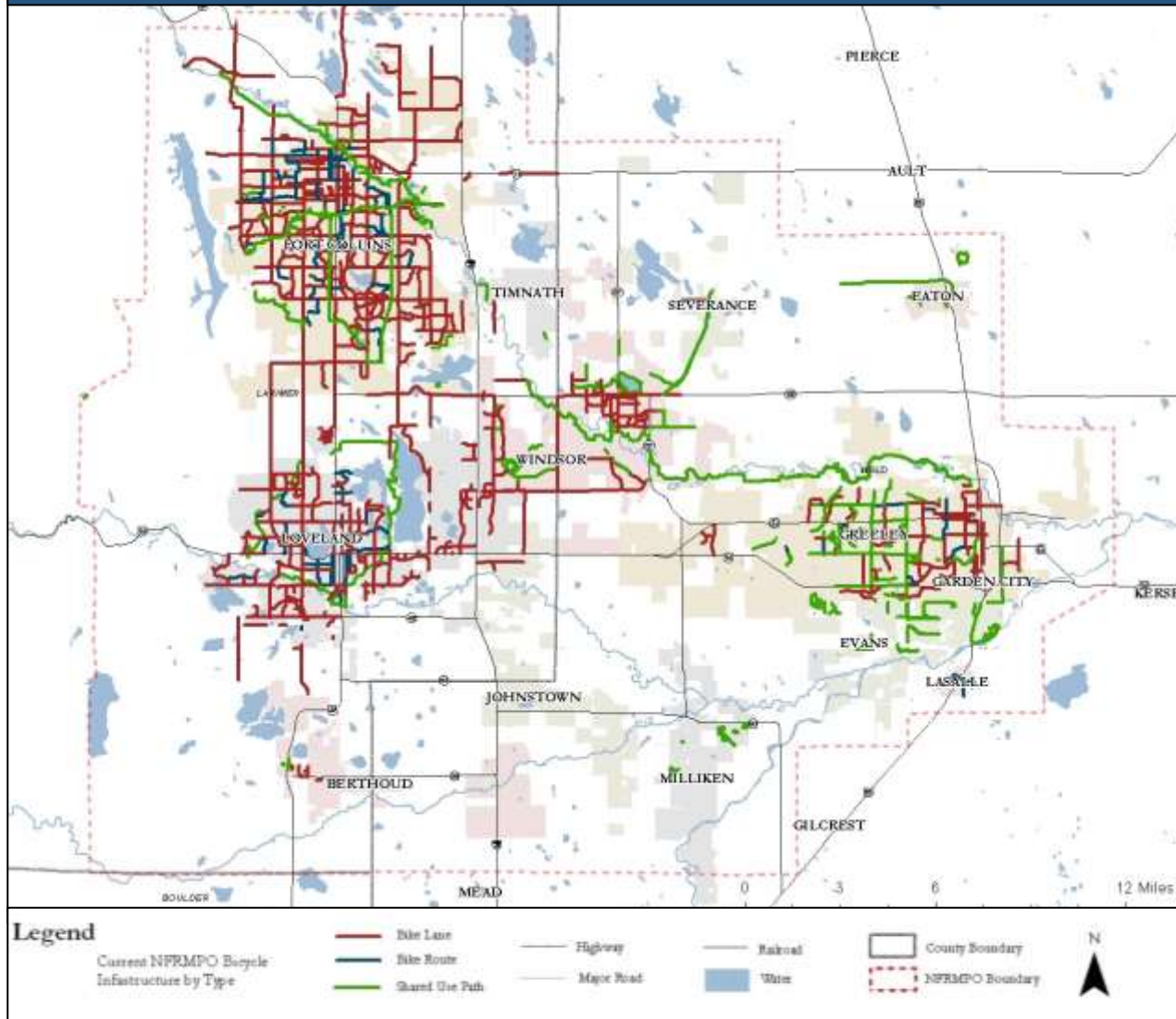
Legend

- Flex Route (2014)
- Greeley-Evans Transit Routes
- Transfort Routes
- NFRMPO Boundary
- City of Loveland Transit Routes
- MAX Route (2014)

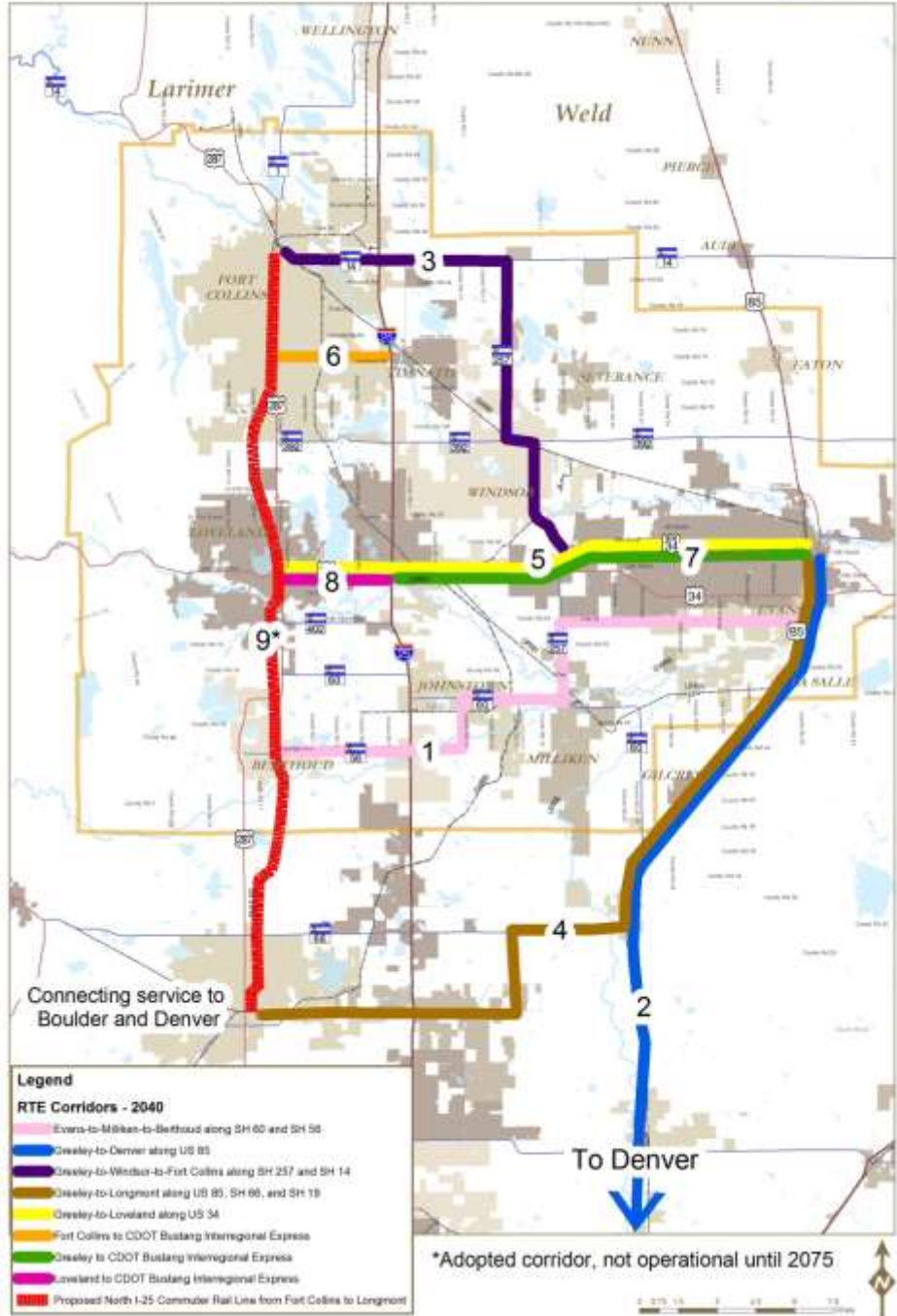
Sources:
 Transfort, Greeley-Evans Transit,
 City of Loveland Transit,
 NFRMPO, CDOT

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Regional Bike Infrastructure



- 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

- **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?**

- 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

- Future regional events:

www.nfrmpo.org/Projects/2040RTP.aspx

- Active social media presence (Twitter, Blog)

<http://twitter.com/NFRMPO>

<http://nfrmpo.blogspot.com/>

- Newsletter: <http://nfrmpo.org/News/Newsletter.aspx>

- Online survey

- Interactive outreach tools

Public Outreach

2040 Regional Transportation Plan



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Public Outreach

2040 Regional Transportation Plan



January 2015

Projects Section: Blue text = DRAFT 2015 Work Plan changes.

The primary goal of the WCMC is to ensure people who need transportation have access to the service they need for self-sufficiency and to live independently.

GOALS

Goals identified for Weld County in the 2014 NFRMPO Coordinated Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan include:

- 1. Improve Employment Transportation and Access**
- 2. Improve Medical Transportation Services**
- 3. Education and Awareness of Transportation Services**
- 4. Identify Funding and Develop Steady Funding Resources**

Strategies

Thirteen strategies have been identified by the WCMC for achieving identified goals including:

- 1. Expanded Community Outreach**
- 2. Mobility Coordinator/Mobility Coordination Program Staff**
- 3. Employment Transportation**
- 4. Improved Accessibility of Fixed-route Bus Stops and Signage**
- 5. Communication Equipment for Volunteer or Non-profit organizations**
- 6. Transit to Transit Connectivity**
- 7. Transit Connectivity to Areas Currently without Transit Services**
- 8. Expansion of Fixed-route Service**
- 9. Additional Service Hours for Fixed-route & Paratransit Service**
- 10. Multi-Agency Coordinated Travel Training Program**
- 11. Coordination Event(s) in partnership with human service groups or organizations**
- 12. Online Resource Guide**
- 13. Regular Mobility Council Meetings**



PROJECTS

The WCMC has prioritized ~~seven~~ **eight** projects for **2015** however all strategies are important to meeting overall goals and additional projects will be pursued if coordination opportunities are available.

1. Transit to Transit Connectivity

Objective – Increase connectivity between existing transit services.

Strategy – Support funding for transit service that connects communities and helps to eliminate gaps in service. Examples include transit agency connections between Fort Collins and Loveland, Greeley and Loveland and to destinations to the south. Currently, the success of the FLEX commuter service which connects Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud and Longmont could be used as a template for future transit service connections.

Outcome – Increased transit service between communities within the North Front Range area and to destinations to the south including **businesses on the SH85 corridor**, Longmont and the Denver Metro area.

2. Transit Connectivity to Areas Currently without Transit Services.

Objective – Increase connectivity to communities outside the North Front Range urban area.

Strategy – Support funding for transit service that connects communities and helps to eliminate gaps in service. An example would be to connect senior center shuttles from communities such as Wellington, Windsor and Johnstown to transit services that go to the larger urban areas.

Outcome – Increased transit service between communities within the North Front Range area and foster connections with residents that have limited transportation options.

3. Expansion of Fixed-route Service

Objective – Help to expand fixed-route services.

Strategy – Support funding for transit service that increases the frequency of bus service on existing routes and/or provides expansion of service area boundaries.

Outcome – Increased fixed-route services in areas that have a demonstrated need for additional fixed-route services.

4. Additional Service Hours for Fixed-route & Paratransit Service

Objective – Help to eliminate the service gap that exists when fixed-route and paratransit stops providing service in the evening and on weekends.

Strategy – Support funding for transit service that operates before or after fixed-route service hours. Extended service could include options must be public in nature and service for those that might normally use paratransit services.

Outcome – Extended hours of operation for paratransit service that serves individuals who have transportation needs that fall outside of fixed-route transportation operating hours.

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5. Improved Accessibility of Fixed-route Bus Stops and Signage

Objective – Improvements that make the stops more accessible to seniors or people with disabilities.

Strategy – On-going support of funding for transit agencies and other entities that would undertake bus stop accessibility projects. Matching funds would come from the communities where the bus stops are located. This might include various cement pads, connections to existing sidewalks, enhanced shelters, additional schedule information, new signage and other improvements. Additionally, maintenance, awareness and code enforcement are needed.

Outcome – Fully accessible bus stops and signage and/or facilities.

6. Expanded Community Outreach

Objective – To inform larger the community groups of the issues surrounding human services transportation and awareness of the mobility council's **transportation** goals and strategies.

Strategy–To address community and civic groups with updated information that focuses on examples of successes through current projects and coordinated efforts of the council. Program materials will help ~~have also been created to educate agency staff and~~ the general public about mobility coordination and the work of the mobility council.

Outcome – Increased community awareness of the ~~need for~~ **value of agency** coordination and **the need for** multiple transportation options ~~in each county as well as to destinations outside the county.~~ **so residents can travel within their communities and to other regional destinations.**

7. Marketing and Maintenance of Online Resource Guide

Objective – Continue partnership with Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council (DRMAC) to provide Northern Colorado data and information to the DRMAC online guide.

Strategy – Hire a consultant to complete the database component of the project and to train mobility coordination staff to continue database maintenance. Work with consultant to ensure database functionality best serves target population. **Marketing through outreach and distribution of Riders Guide and database maintenance are the key 2015 strategies.**

Outcome – A user friendly online resource guide for consumers and agency representatives to plan transit trips within the NFRMPO region and to the Denver Metro area. The database will incorporate individual transit agency trip planning/online tools through links and NFRMPO transit program(s) promotion. **Steady growth of database visits/use by consumers and agency representatives is the key outcome in 2015.** A longer term goal is to use the guide as a data

2015 Work Plan

collection point for demonstrating the need for transit connections between the two regions.

8. ~~Multi-Agency Coordinated~~ Travel Training Program Partnerships

~~Objective – To expand travel training from one or two transit programs to multiple agency capacity that offers more flexibility and demand responsive training. so more residents are familiar with public transit services. Public/private partnerships will sponsor a larger travel training program that encourages more Weld County residents to be comfortable with and use public transit services.~~

~~Strategy– Host workshops which provide participating agencies with the following services in order to further the program goal. Work with public and private agency partners to create travel training opportunities that foster and encourage Weld County residents to “Try Transit”.~~

~~– Tracking and maintenance of participants programs ensuring agencies have the tools to help their clients with the travel needs.~~

~~- Help create a better understanding of travel training’s impact on the para transit services in Weld County.~~

~~- Help facilitate and sponsor travel training program connections particularly in reaching out to private sector partners.~~

~~- Support to program agencies including materials, data tracking and training if needed.~~

~~Outcome – Have one primary transit agency with group training as well as individual human service agency travel training offering demand based training for their clients. Ongoing travel training opportunities that utilize public/private sponsorships and engage target audiences including seniors, individuals with disabilities and the general public.~~

Weld County Mobility Council

2015 Work Plan

PRIMARY WCMC

OBJECTIVES

Transit to Transit Connectivity
Support funding for transit between communities

Transit Connectivity
Support transit service that connects communities

Expansion of Fixed Route Services
Support funding for transit services

Additional Transit Service Hours
Support funding for extended transit services

Bus Stop Accessibility
Improvements, Awareness

ACTIVITIES

Expanded Outreach
Event, education & material distribution

Online Resource Guide
Collaborative Project w/ DRMAC

Training/Education
Learning Opportunities

Statewide MC Initiative
CO Mobility Action Coalition (CMAC)
State Coordinating Council (SCC)

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

Board/Commission Outreach

Weld County Mobility Council

Greeley-Evans & Surrounding Weld Area Transit Research Project (TRP)

Objective: Share analysis of all recent transit studies (2005-2013) in the Greeley-Evans & Surrounding Weld Area to gain a better understanding of transit needs and services with stakeholders and public.

Research SH85 Transit Options

NEW Riders Guide/Distribution

Travel Training Partnership Program

MM Newsletter

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Have searchable online guide in place - March 2015

PROMOTION

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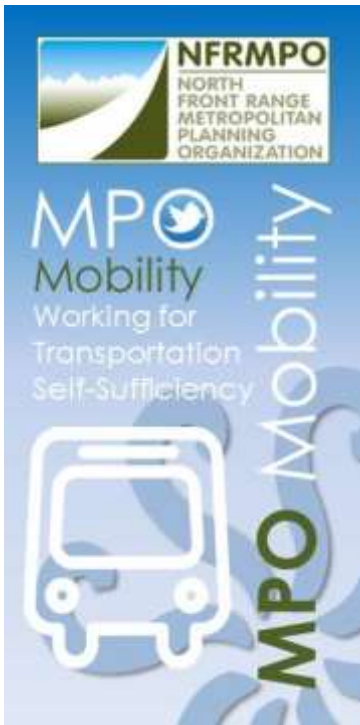
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● Begin/End Date ● Project Milestone ● Project Completion



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Tuesdays

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

January 27th

March 24th

May 26th

July 28th

~~September 22nd~~ ??

November - No Meeting

December 1st

Regularly scheduled meetings of the WCMC may be canceled up to three days in advance of the meeting at the council's discretion. For the most current meeting schedule, visit the mobility coordination page @ www.nfrmpo.org