

February 2015 Director's Report

EPA

- The DC Circuit Court issued a two to one opinion that vacates the revocation of the 1997 standard and that the EPA could not set a December attainment date when it issued the 2008 NAAQCS in July. It is unclear the impact the DC ruling will have but it could require showing attainment for both the 1997 and the 2008 NAAQCS. EPA is still determining the impact this ruling has on transportation conformity.
- 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.

Air Quality

- The NFRMPO, DRCOG, CDPHE and RAQC have agreed on an MOA that is currently under review by the NFRMPO attorney.
- The NFRMPO will begin negotiating a MOA with the RAQC.

Regional Transit Element/Regional Transportation Plan

- Working with TAC, staff has scheduled public outreach for the RTE and RTP.
- The MPO will join GET during a public meeting, attend the Greeley, Fort Collins and Loveland Transportation Committees,
- The planned events to date are included below:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
2/9/2015	2PM-5PM	GET Route Change Open House	Greeley
2/10/2015	10AM-12PM	Loveland Public Library	Loveland Public Library
2/12/2015	3PM-5PM	Transit Outreach	South Transit Center
2/17/2015	9AM-12PM	Student Outreach	CSU
2/18/2015	6PM-9PM	Fort Collins Transportation Board	Fort Collins
2/19/2015	2PM-5PM		
2/26/2015	2:30PM-4PM	NoCO Highway 287 Corridor Coalition	Gertrude Scott Meeting Room Loveland Public Library. 300 N. Adams Avenue, Loveland

Proposed

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
2/12/2015	3PM-5PM	Transit Center Outreach	South Transit Center
3/18/2015	12PM-1PM	Lunch presentation	Greeley Chamber of Commerce

Staff Training

- Four staff attended the National Transit Institute three day class on State and Metropolitan planning for Colorado on January 28-30 in Denver along with other MPO and CDOT planners

FY2016-2019 TIP Schedule

- Initiated the Air Quality Conformity for the Upper Front Range Transportation Plan, the climbing lanes and the FY 2016-2019 TIP on December 5. The preliminary results will be presented at the February Planning Council meeting.
- There will be public hearing for Conformity Determination for the TIP and the Upper Front Range 2040 Plan at the March Planning Council meeting.

Severance Transportation Plan

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

VanGo

- The VanGo™ program will sell 8 vans at the Roller Auction in February with model years from 2006 to 2011.

Staff

- The NFRMPO hired Aaron Buckley and he will start on February 17.
- The Planning department will be fully staffed.
- The MPO may need to hire a part time data entry person for the VanGo™ program to replace an employee that left in August.

FY 2016 and FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP) and Budgets

- *The NFRMPO staff has been discussing planning priorities with TAC once the Call for Projects and the RTP are completed. The discussion will continue at the February meeting*
- *The draft FY 2016 and FY 2017 UPWP will incorporate recommendations identified in the FHWA Planning Certification Review*
- *The NFRMPO plans to request funding from CDPHE for continued Air Quality work and SHRP2 for some new Freight work that will be incorporated into the regional planning work.*



Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets

Mayors' Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:00:00 PM MST - 2:00:00 PM MST

Learn more about the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets and the seven challenge activities. USDOT staff will provide an overview and share steps to be taken over the next year.

<https://connectdotcqp1.connectsolutions.com/content/connect/c1/7/en/events/catalog.html?folder-id=1109538312>

Mayors' Challenge Q's & A's

Is the Challenge limited to only cities?

The Challenge is open to all cities, towns, townships, villages, counties, regions, territories, tribal land, States, or other jurisdictions.

Who can sign up on behalf of a city?

The city's (or other jurisdiction's) top leadership must approve joining the Challenge and only their designated representative may enlist their community to participate. The point of contact identified should be the leader of the action team as discussed here.

What are the steps to signing up and getting started with the Challenge?

1. Mayor or top elected official representative has or gets approval and support from their city or jurisdiction to join the Challenge.
2. City or jurisdiction signs up by submitting the name and contact of the designated team leader via the Mayors' Challenge web page or sending email to pedbikesafety@dot.gov.
3. Mayor or other designated elected official makes public statement about their city's commitment to making roads safe, convenient, and accessible for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, and those using personal mobility devices.
4. Mayor-designated team leader coordinates and leads a local team with the ability to take action on one or more Challenge activities.
5. Local team assesses their community for gaps, barriers, and challenges and develops a work plan with relevant and appropriate Challenge activities that addresses their assessment results.

Who should be on the Challenge team?

Challenge team members should have the authority and ability to address and make changes in their community to carry out their select Challenge activities. Challenge team members may include but not be limited to: mayors and other elected officials, city managers, transportation planners and traffic engineers, community and workforce development staff, transit and rail representatives, law enforcement leaders, educators, researchers, injury prevention specialists, pedestrian and bicycle advocates, healthcare and Americans with Disabilities Act professionals. Existing pedestrian and bicycle

advisory committees, task forces, or other bodies may be designated to serve as the Mayors' Challenge Team.

How can citizens participate?

Citizens can participate through engagement with a jurisdiction's Mayors' Challenge team by coordinating ideas that are notable for any of the seven challenge areas.

How do I find out more information about the Challenge and the seven activities?

We have created fact sheets on each of the seven challenge areas [here](#). Sign up to participate in the Mayors' Challenge [webinar](#) scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, from 3 to 4 PM EST. If you still have questions, email us at pedbikesafety@dot.gov.

What if our city is already practicing some of the Challenge steps?

Jurisdictions are welcome to focus on the Challenge areas which need the most attention to improve safety in their community.

What resources are available for participating in the Challenge?

USDOT's modal administrations have a number of resources including publications, guidance documents, and tools for cities and other jurisdictions that may help successfully implement Challenge activities. Key resources are listed at the bottom of each Challenge activity page. While no monetary resources or funding are available specifically for participating in the Challenge, the [Federal Transit Administration](#) and [Federal Highways Administration](#) lists funding opportunities that may support the pedestrian and bicycle safety efforts of cities and other jurisdictions.

What is the Mayors' Challenge Summit and who can participate?

USDOT will invite mayors of participating cities and members of their Mayor's Challenge Team to the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets Summit on March 12th. The Summit will bring together participating cities to network and learn more about the Challenge activities. It will include a mayors' roundtable discussion with the US Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx in the morning, followed by work sessions for Team members. Staff members with the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will share the resources and tools available to help cities with Challenge activities.

How long is the Challenge?

The Challenge is a year-long effort that officially kicks-off on March 12, 2015 at the Mayors' Challenge Summit in Washington, DC. However, cities are encouraged to continue their efforts long after the Challenge ends.

Ask your city, county, or state leadership to sign up.

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Preliminary Air Quality Conformity Results

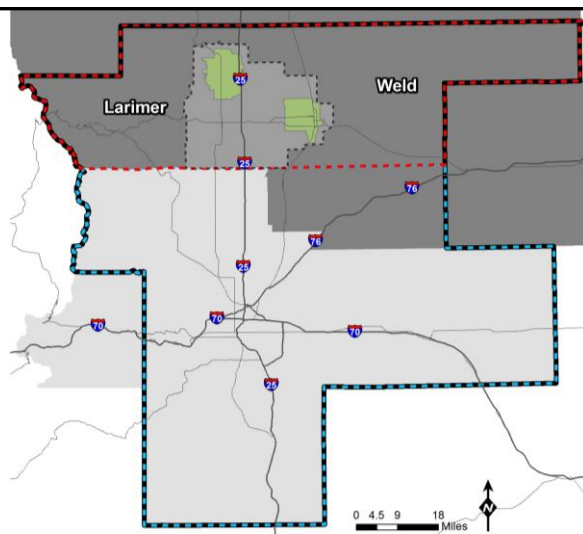
Ozone and Carbon Monoxide (CO)



February 5, 2015

Overview: AQ Boundaries

- NFRMPO and parts of Upper Front Range (UFR) make up the Northern subarea
- DRCOG and parts of UFR make up the Southern subarea



Legend

- Carbon Monoxide (CO) Maintenance Areas
- NFRMPO Boundary
- NFRMPO Modeling Area (Northern Subarea)
- DRCOG Modeling Area (Southern Subarea)
- Ozone Nonattainment Boundary
- UFR Boundary
- DRCOG Boundary

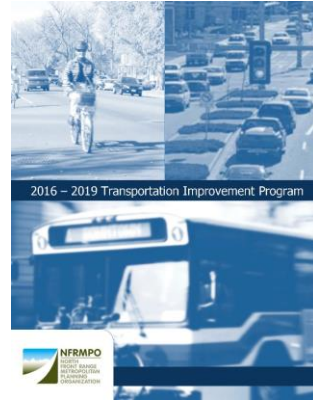


Why Now?



UFR 2040 Plan Adoption

- Expansion of WCR 49
- MOVES 2014



NFRMPO FY 2016 – 2019 TIP Adoption

- I-25 Climbing Lane
- MOVES 2014

Results: Ozone



8-Hour Ozone Conformity for Denver- North Front Range (Northern Subarea)
(Emission Tons per Day)

	SIP budgets	2015	2025	2035	Pass/Fail
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	19.5	10.14	7.06	4.31	PASS
Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx)	20.5	17.51	8.79	4.40	PASS

Results: Carbon Monoxide (CO)



CO Fort Collins Emissions Test (Tons per Day)

	2015	2023	2025	2035
Emissions	37.87	32.61	20.33	11.80
Budget	94	94	94	94
Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

CO Greeley Emissions Test (Tons per Day)

	2015	2019	2025	2035
Emissions	23.47	20.65	14.07	8.55
Budget	60	60	60	60
Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

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Next Steps



- AQCC request for public meeting – February 19, 2015
- Planning Council public hearing and Conformity Determination – March 5, 2015
- AQCC public meeting – March 19, 2015
- CDOT and FHWA concurrence – Spring 2015
- USDOT/EPA approval – Spring 2015

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www.nfrmpo.org/AirQuality.aspx

Colorado Department of Transportation - Project Status Updates (February 5, 2015)

<u>Roadway / Segment</u>	<u>Status</u>
SH14	
I-25 to WCR23 Resurfacing	<i>Going to ad in March 2015</i>
US287 PR at Ted's Place	<i>In Design</i>
US287	
29 th in Loveland to SH392 Resurf	<i>In Winter Construction shutdown</i>
SH392 to Harmony Resurf	<i>Complete</i>
Harmony to Mulberry Resurf	<i>Advertisement late Feb</i>
SH392 Intersection	<i>Construction Work is underway</i>
SH1 to LaPorte Bypass	<i>Reevaluating the Scope / Schedule / Budget to reduce overall cost. Re-advertising Fall 2015.</i>
US85	
Ault to Wyoming	<i>Under Ad as of today- Opening 5 Mar.</i>
Park & Ride in Evans	<i>Construction begins April 2015</i>
Adaptive Signals in Greeley	<i>In conjunction with US34 Adaptive Signal. Waiting on Task Order approval. On track for June 2015 advertisement</i>
I-25	
SH392 to Harmony Rubblization	<i>Winter Construction Shutdown</i>
Crossroads Blvd Interchange / Bridges	<i>Task Order submitted. Still on track for Spring 2016 start and December 2017 completion</i>
Truck Climbing Lane	<i>Task Order submitted. On track for advertisement winter 2015/2016, construction completed in 2016.</i>
US34	
Big Thompson Canyon Flood Repair	<i>Construction estimated Fall 2015</i>
Greeley Bypass Adaptive Signals	<i>In conjunction with US85 Adaptive Signal. Waiting on Task Order approval. On track for June 2015 advertisement</i>
East Greeley Flood PR	<i>Construction Work is underway</i>
SH392	
Windsor to Lucerne Resurf	<i>Going to Ad in Feb 2015</i>
US85 Intersection	<i>In Design. FOR in June</i>
SH60	
SH257 PR	<i>Construction starting 2 Mar. Closing each road for 20 days. Not concurrently</i>
SH402	
Larimer CR 9E	<i>In Design</i>

- Plus- CDOT Meet & Greet with new Executive Director Shailen Bhatt at Weld County Event Center, 12 Feb 2015 from 10:30 – 11:30 AM. RSVPs are requested to Lynn Holly at 303/ 757-9065 or lynn.holly@state.co.us

January STAC Report

Don Hunt

Don provided the following update on the accomplishments during his four years with CDOT:

- Faster Safety monitored with criteria for better investment
- Increased the RPP available
- Created the Asset Management and Operations Divisions to maximize the system particularly on the I-70 mountain corridor
- Bustang will start this spring and will be expanded if ridership is good
- Implemented budget efficiencies through the RAMP program to maximize the construction funds and minimize carry over funds
- Leveraging the limited transportation funds through public private partnerships
- Supported tolling to add capacity
- Initiated the Peak Period Shoulder toll lanes on EB I-70 that will be congestion priced to keep travel time to two hours
- The RAMP program will be completed in 2017 which will be the funding cliff for Colorado
- SB 228 funding in jeopardy due to TABOR
- Funding is not better at the end of his four years and there is no long term fix in sight
- Shailen Bhatt is the new CDOT Director who will start February 17 after a three day tour of the state – February 12-14 starting in Greeley

Transportation Commission Update

- The Commission is exploring innovative contracting options beyond Design Bid including Design, Bid, Build and Contract Management General Contractor. They are focusing on Project management to move projects more quickly to build. Bids are leveling out with fewer spikes
- The Asset Management Committee is examining PD 14 and how it aligns with the Asset Management Goals and the State Wide Plan Goals
- The Transit and Intermodal Committee is working on rolling out Bustang this spring and the application process for Faster Transit
- The Commission discussed the CDOT Action plan with 5 External +1 internal strategies or recommendations
 - Improve business processes for better customer service and efficiency
 - Use innovation and improved management to get more money to construction
 - Get more out of the existing system
 - Expand private partnerships to deliver more
 - Achieve better transparency and accountability
 - Prepare our workforce
- The Commission is also discussing when they should make the decision on the I-70 E funding. The selected scope is \$1.17 B with a \$90M shortfall. If they move forward they would need a backstop if SB 228 is less than anticipated. Could impact the funding for the entire state. They are considering Design Build Operate & Maintain and Design Build Operate Maintain & Finance

TPR Roundtable

- Grand Valley is starting their construction projects
- NW TPR has many changes in leadership
- Pueblo Area COG starting two projects; I-25 and US 50 split diamond interchange and adding the third lane to US 50 EB both will start this spring.

- Pueblo also reported that they are considering an RTA
- The Southwest TPR reported that their shuttle is carrying 450 trips per month
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) reported that their I-25 Fillmore project is out for bid.
- PPACG also reported that they are scoring their TIP (call for projects) in February
- DRCOG reported that they will hold their public hearing for their fiscally constrained 2040 Plan with March action planned
- DRCOG also reported that they are selecting projects for their TIP and will approve them in April
- NFRMPO reported that the Transportation Commission approved the Crossroads bridge/interchange
- UFR TPR reported that they broke ground on Weld County 49 in October
- The Southern UTE Tribe reported they are hiring a consultant to develop their LRP and Safety plans. They noted they are also developing their Tribal TIP which is challenging because they are a checkerboard reservation covering two counties and numerous cities but it will feed into the STIP
- Eastern TPR reported that they have approved their RTP and are reviewing their TIP. He also reported that the Deer Trail rest area maybe closed leaving few places for trucks to stop. He requested that CDOT put the rest areas in the state Capital improvement Program
- The Intermountain TPR reported that they will adopt their RTP next week and that local communities are working with CDOT and updating the Statewide Bike Map
- Intermountain TPR also noted that they are revising their RAMP Scopes to adjust to funding available. They also noted that CDOT had quickly cleaned up the rockslide on US 24
- SCTPR reported they have examined the difference in RPP in the 2040 RTP vs the 2035 RTP and that it is sad the reduced funding available for regional priorities
- SETPR reported that their STAC representative resigned and a new representative will be approved on January 28
- Gunnison reported that they have had lots of fog making it difficult to see black fog. He also reported that no comments were received on the Statewide RTP

I-70 Update – Chief Financial Officer

- Transportation Commission has determined what the right scope, and is examining funding and delivery options
- He noted this is one of the top worst 30 bridges in the state
 - Funding identified includes
 - Bridge enterprise \$850M
 - DRCOG \$ 50M
 - 2 Years SB228 \$180M
 - Shortfall \$ 90M
 - Or gap if no SB228 \$270M
- Preferred Scope
 - Remove bridge and build partial lower cover
 - Extend 1 toll lane in each direction (instead of 2 in each direction) to I-225
- ROD in Spring 2016
- Final RFP in Spring 2016
- Construction start 2016/2017

State Legislative Update

- 200 bills introduced
- 30 bills that CDOT is following that are related to transportation
 - HB 1046 allows CDOT to select a contractor if there are fewer than 3 bidders if within a fixed percentage of the estimate
 - SB 90 updating temporary license plates for law enforcement and to correct \$8 million loss annually for tolls – DOR is pushing back on this bill
 - CDOT is opposing HB 1077 and SB 18 that repeals FASTER Late fees or reduces late fees
 - HB 1109 eliminates time frame from SB 228 if there is a reduction triggered so that funds are received in the future
 - HB 1003 identifies \$3M out of CDOT budget for Safe Routes to Schools
 - Many other discussions that are not currently in bills

Statewide Plan Update

- The Transportation Commission released the Statewide Transportation Plan and the non-MPO TPR plans for public comment on December 5 and public comment closed on January 4
- Transportation Commission adoption scheduled for February
- DRCOG, PPACG and NFRMPO provided comments/suggestions to CDOT
- The plan is web based and found at <http://coloradotransportationmatters.com/>

PD 14

- CDOT wants to include performance measures in PD 14

Local Agency Requirements

- A presentation was made on CDOT Civil Rights and Business Resource Center
- Focused on local communities requirements for Title VI and ADA
- Agencies with current IGA's will receive a survey for both ADA and Title VI
- CDOT willing to do an "on-site" for agencies

FASTER Consolidate Call for Transit Capital Projects

- \$14.6 million available in FY 2015-16 , \$13 million available in FY 2016-17
- 110 applications from 50 agencies total \$45.6 million for 2015, 2016 and 2017
- NFRMPO awarded projects:
 - City of Greeley
 - \$.393 M 5339 for replacement of 1 fixed route vehicles in 2015
 - \$0.79 M 5339 for replacement of 2 fixed route vehicles in 2016
 - VanGo™
 - \$.24 M FASTER for van replacements in 2016
 - \$.19 M FASTER for van replacements in 2017
 - Fort Collins
 - \$.2 M FASTER for vehicle replacement match in 2016
 - \$.2 M Faster TBD in 2017
 - \$.2 M for Flex operations in 2016
 - \$.2 M for Flex operations in 2017