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

February 5, 2015
Larimer County- Carter Lake Boyd Rooms
200 W. Oak St.
Fort Collins, CO

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-Jan. 8, 2015 (Pg. 7)

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

COUNCIL REPORTS:

3. Air Pollution Control Division Report (Pg. 15) (Written Report)

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

4. Executive Director Report (Pg. 17) Terri Blackmore 5 min

ACTION ITEMS:

5. Draft FY 2016-2019 TIP (Pg. 20) Josh Johnson 10 min

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

6. NFRMPO 2040 Plan Scenarios (Pg. 22) Horn 10 min
7. Preliminary Conformity Results (Pg. 24) Horn/Karasko 10 min

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8. TAC (Pg. 27) (Written Report)
9. Finance (Pg. 29) Kevin Ross 10 min

COUNCIL REPORTS:

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| Transportation Commission Report | Kathy Gilliland | 10 min |
| CDOT Region 4 Report | Johnny Olson | |
| STAC Report | (Written Report) | |
| North I-25 | Joan Shaffer | |
| Host Council Member Report | Tom Donnelly | |
| Other Council Members Reports | Council Members | |

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10. 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. 45 min

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

11. Executive Session Results Conway/Shaffer/Dowker 5 min

MEETING WRAP-UP:

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| Final Public Comment (2 minutes each) | 5 min |
| Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions | |

Next Council Meeting
March 5, 2015
Riverside Library Cultural &
Event Center-Banquet Room
3700 Golden Street
Evans, CO



**MPO MEETING
PROCEDURAL INFORMATION**

1. The order of the agenda will be maintained unless changed by the Planning Council Chair.
2. "Public Comment" is a time for citizens to address the Planning Council on matters that are not on the agenda. Each citizen shall be limited to a total of two (2) minutes time for public comment, or at the discretion of the MPO Chair.
3. Before addressing the Planning Council, each individual must be recognized by the Chair, come and stand before the Council and state name and address for the record. (All proceedings are taped.)
4. For each Action agenda item, the order of business is as follows:
 - MPO staff presentation
 - Planning Council discussion
 - Public input on the agenda item
 - Planning Council questions
 - Planning Council action
5. Public input on agenda items should be kept as brief as possible, and each citizen shall be limited to two (2) minutes time on each agenda item, subject to time constraints and the discretion of the MPO Chair.
6. During any discussion or presentation, no person may disturb the assembly by interrupting or by any action such as applause or comments. Any side conversations should be moved outside the meeting room. Courtesy shall be given to all speakers.
7. All remarks during the meeting should be germane to the immediate subject.

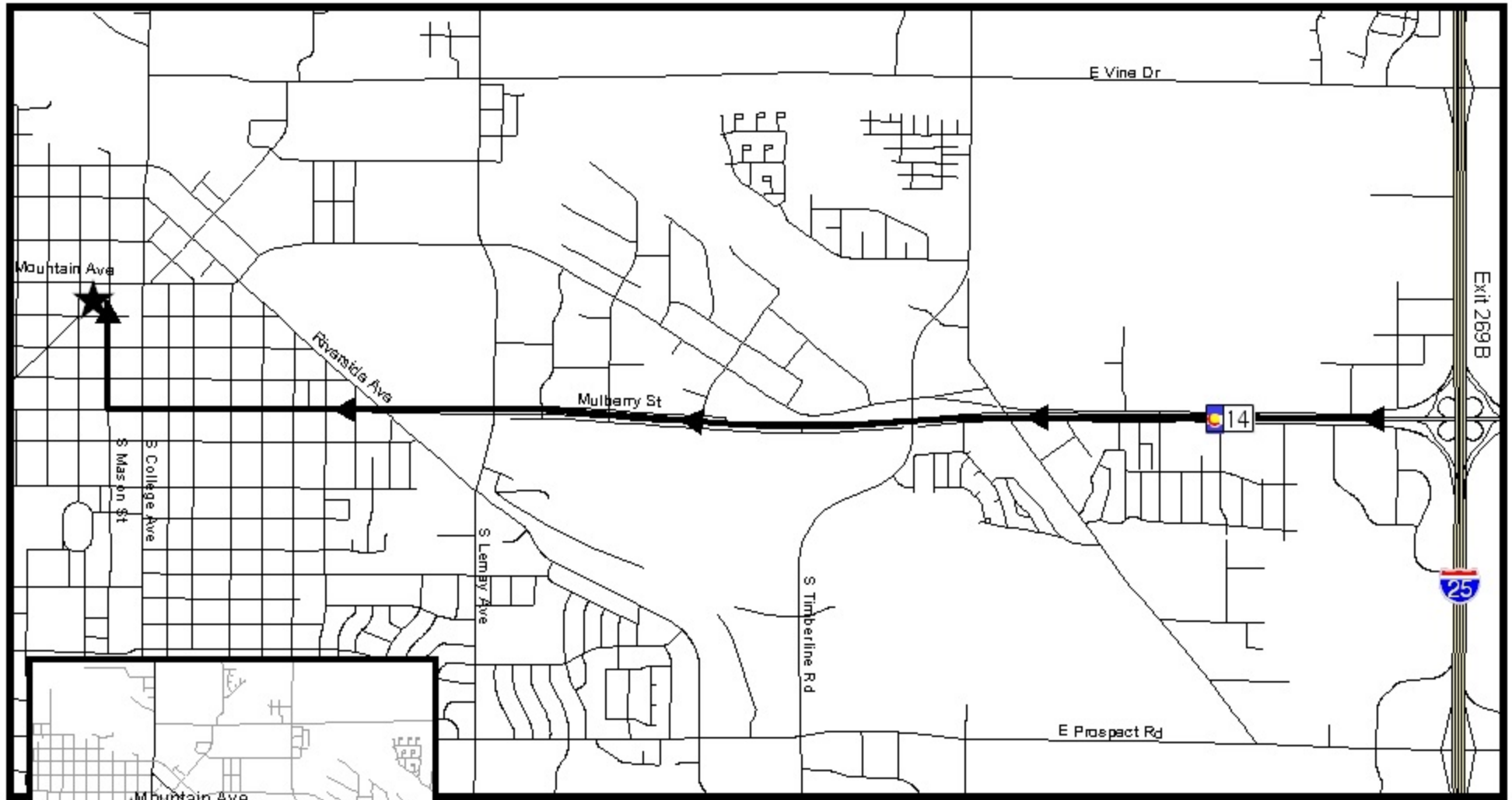
GLOSSARY

1310	State funds for surface transportation
5303 & 5304	FTA program funding for multimodal transportation planning (jointly administered with FHWA) in metropolitan areas and States
5307	FTA program funding for public transportation in Urbanized Areas (i.e. with populations >50,000)
5309	FTA program funding for capital investments
5310	FTA program funding for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities
5311	FTA program funding for rural and small Urban Areas (Non-Urbanized Areas)
5316 (see 5307 or 5311)	FTA program funding for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC; a pre-MAP-21 program)
5317 (see 5310)	FTA program funding for “New Freedom” (a pre-MAP-21 program)
5326	FTA program funding to define “state of good repair” and set standards for measuring the condition of capital assets
5337	FTA program funding to maintain public transportation in a state of good repair
5339	FTA program funding for buses and bus facilities
3C	Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative
7th Pot	CDOT’s Strategic Investment Program and projects—originally using S.B. 97-01 funds
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials
ACP	Access Control Plan
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
ADT	Average Daily Traffic (also see AWD)
AIS	Agenda Item Summary
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
APCD	Air Pollution Control Division (of Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment)
AQC	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program funds (also CMAQ)
AQCC	Air Quality Control Commission (of Colorado)
AQTC	Air Quality Technical Committee
AWD	Average Weekday Traffic (also see ADT)
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (federal)
CDOT	Colorado Department of Transportation
CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (a FHWA funding program)
CMP	Congestion Management Process
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CPG	Consolidated Planning Grant (combination of FHWA & FTA planning funds)
DOT	(United States) Department of Transportation

DRCOG	Denver Regional Council of Governments
DTD	CDOT Division of Transportation Development
DTR	CDOT Division of Transit & Rail
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FASTER	Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (Colorado's S.B. 09-108)
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FY	Fiscal Year (October - September for federal funds; July to June for state funds)
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
HPTE	High-Performance Transportation Enterprise (Colorado)
HTF	Highway Trust Fund (the primary federal funding source for surface transportation)
HUTF	Highway Users Tax Fund (the State's primary funding source for highways)
I&M or I/M	Inspection and Maintenance program (checking emissions of pollutants from vehicles)
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
LRP or LRTP	Long Range Plan or Long Range Transportation Plan
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (2012 federal transportation legislation)
MDT	Model Development Team
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MVEB	Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget
NAA	Non-Attainment Area (for certain air pollutants)
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFRT & AQPC	North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (also NFRMPO)
NFRMPO	North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (also NFRT & AQPC)
NHS	National Highway System
NOx	Nitrogen Oxide
OBD	On-Board Diagnostics (of a vehicle's engine efficiency and exhaust)
O₃	Ozone
PL	Planning (funds)
PPP (also P3)	Public Private Partnership

R4 or R-4	Region 4 of the Colorado Department of Transportation
RAQC	Regional Air Quality Council
RPP	Regional Priority Program (a funding program of the Transportation Commission)
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTP (see TAP)	Recreational Trails Funds - FHWA Environment funds
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Replaced by MAP-21)
SH	State Highway
SIP	State Implementation Plan (air quality)
SOV	Single Occupant Vehicle
SPR	State Planning and Research (funds)
SRP	State Rail Plan
SRTS (see TAP)	Safe Routes to School (a pre-MAP-21 FHWA funding program)
STAC	State Transportation Advisory Committee
STE (see TAP)	Surface Transportation Program funds (FHWA) for Transportation Enhancement Activities (a pre-MAP-21 FHWA funding program)
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
STU	Surface Transportation Metro (a FHWA funding program that is a subset of STP)
STP	Surface Transportation Program (a FHWA funding program)
STP-Metro	Surface Transportation Metro (a FHWA funding program that is a subset of STP)
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee (of the NFRMPO)
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program (a FHWA funding program)
TAZ	Transportation Analysis Zone (used in travel demand forecasting)
TC	Transportation Commission of Colorado
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
TE	Surface Transportation Program funds for Transportation Enhancement Activities (a pre-MAP-21 FHWA funding program; now see TAP)
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (replaced by MAP-21)
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
Title VI	Refers to the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting discrimination in connection with programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance
TMA	Transportation Management Area (federally-designated place >200,000 population)
TOD	Transit Oriented Development
TPR	Transportation Planning Region (state-designated)
TRAC	Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (for CDOT)
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound

Larimer County Offices Building



Directions from I-25 North Bound

From I-25 take Exit 269B to Highway 14/Mulberry Street.
Go West on Highway 14/Mulberry Street to College Avenue.
Go West 1 block to Mason Street, turn North.
Go 4 blocks North to Mountain Avenue.
Use Mountain Avenue entrance.



January 8, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Minutes of the
NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION &
AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL**

**January 8, 2015
6 p.m.
Fort Collins Community Room
215 N. Mason St.
Fort Collins, CO**

Voting Members

Present

Jan Dowker
Kevin Ross
Jay Schaffer
Gerry Horak
Robb Casseday
Troy Mellon
Paula Cochran
Joan Shaffer
Jordan Jemiola
Don Brookshire
Kathy Gilliland
Sean Conway
Myles Baker

-Berthoud
-Eaton
-Evans
-Fort Collins
-Greeley
-Johnstown
-LaSalle
-Loveland
-Milliken
-Severance
-Trans. Comm
-Weld County
-Windsor

Absent

Mike Silverstein -APCD
Brian Seifried -Garden City
Tom Donnelly -Larimer County
Paul Steinway -Timnath

MPO STAFF:

Terri Blackmore, Becky Karasko, Renae Steffen, Josh Johnson, Mary Warring

IN ATTENDANCE:

Leah Browder, Jared Fiel, Karl Gannon, Myron Hora, Mark Jackson, Dave Klockeman, Janet Lundquist, Suzette Mallette, Bob Massaro, Bob Sakaguchi, Karen Schneiders, Jed Scott, Gary Thomas, Martina Wilkinson.

Chair Conway called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

Chair Conway recognized Past Chair, Jan Dowker, for her service and dedication to the MPO and the region as MPO Chair for 2014, previous Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee, Finance Committee Chair and continuing member of the NFRMPO. Dowker was presented with a plaque, flowers, a card and a cake.

Gilliland said how appreciative she was of Dowker’s leadership and that she looked forward to her continuing work with the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC).

Dowker thanked the Council.

Council recessed for eight minutes and reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

The agenda was accepted as presented.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The December 4, 2014 Minutes were approved as submitted.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair Conway opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

- 3. Executive Director Report:** Terri Blackmore, Executive Director gave an update to her written report announcing that the in-person interviews had been conducted on January 7th and an offer was being made to a candidate for the final Transportation Planner position. She hoped to hear back within the week and have them in the office by mid-February, at the latest. Then she highlighted that there will be four important US 85 PEL Study meetings in January at which their findings and recommendations will be announced. She also commented that the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) meeting had shed light on the overwhelmingly large amount of residential and commercial development expected throughout the area just south along I-25 of the MPO.

ACTION ITEMS:**4. TIP Amendment-Fort Collins TMA-5307, 5310, 5339 Program of Projects- Karl Gannon**

Karl Gannon, City of Fort Collins Financial Coordinator, explained that as part of their compliance effort to receive federal funds, it is necessary to go through a public participation process when developing the Program of Projects for FTA funds. This process includes the encouragement of public comment prior to and at the meeting and having projects outlined for the TAC members, who also play a vital role. The Council's role is to agree to put the projects into the TIP, which is also a federal requirement, prior to receiving funds. He indicated that there had been no public comment at the public hearing earlier in the evening.

Horak moved to approve the FFY 2014 5307, 5310 & 5339 Program of Projects. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

5. New Business Process Resolutions – Terri Blackmore

Conway directed the Council to the revised New Business Process Resolutions in the meeting handout packet and asked Council feedback regarding the resolutions.

Horak made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-04 for Taking Action at Any Council Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Horak moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2015-02 for Declaring Emergencies, Authorizing Emergency Action, and Review of Emergency Action by the Full Council. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

6. **Appointment of Committees & STAC Representative/Alternate - Sean Conway**

Conway briefly reviewed the charging statements for the formation of a Council Articles of Association Revision Subcommittee. Subcommittee assignments are as follows:

Chair: Troy Mellon
Vice-Chair: Joan Shaffer
Members: Don Brookshire & Jordan Jemiola

Conway briefly reviewed the charging statements for the formation of a Council Standing Finance Committee. Committee assignments are as follows:

Chair: Kevin Ross
Vice-Chair: Jan Dowker
Members: Gerry Horak & Paula Cochran

Casseday moved for the approval of Resolution No. 2015-03 for Establishing the 2015 Committee Membership. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Conway confirmed that this resolution also formalized the appointment of Jan Dowker as STAC Representative and Sean Conway as STAC Alternate. He thanked all of the appointees for serving on their respective committees.

Conway noted that Herman Stockinger was not yet present at the meeting and therefore was unable to give his presentation currently. He reordered the meeting in the interest of time and went forward with the Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7. **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)** - A written report was provided. Conway announced that Suzette Mallette, Larimer County Transportation Program Manager was the new Vice Chair of the TAC. Mallette introduced herself to the Council and indicated that Eric Bracke would remain the TAC Chair.
8. **Mobility-** Gary Thomas, Larimer County Mobility Council Chair, explained how the LCMC Travel Guide is a tool to help residents get from one location to another using different modes of transit and noted that they are working to get the guide online and potentially, one day, integrated with the bus system. He indicated that they are also working very closely with the Senior Transportation Coalition, as well as other local organizations, on feasible planning for senior transportation when the demand for transportation exceeds the capacity of all the currently available systems, citing that there are nearly 78M senior citizens currently in the US. He presumes that he will be bringing transportation recommendations for this region to the Council in the fairly-near future.

PRESENTATION:

9. **TIGER Process- Herman Stockinger**

Herman Stockinger, Director, CDOT Office of Government Relations, apologized for being late to the meeting and gave the TIGER Grant Program Analysis presentation.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Gilliland asked what the best way to get potential projects noticed was for TIGER applications.

Stockinger suggested taking project ideas to CDOT R4 and STAC representatives.

Conway agreed that regional cooperation is essential.

Stockinger expounded on Conway's point stating that the USDOT had identified one of the main reasons CDOT was not receiving grants was they were uncertain of what their priorities were. They also emphasized the importance of local government partnership.

Gilliland asked how the prioritization worked.

Stockinger replied that every government that is eligible to apply for TIGER can apply for up to three grants, and co-applicant applications have no limit. All submitted projects should be prioritized on a scale of 1-3.

Dowker inquired about the process of getting the application requests in a timely manner to ensure CDOT's response.

Stockinger indicated that he will be in contact with Myron Hora, CDOT R4, in the next few weeks and they will begin the tracking of incoming applications. The applications can be taken to the Transportation Commission only after they receive a Notice of Funding Availability from the feds, probably March. It will be ideal if 6-8 projects, vetted by STAC, have been selected and are ready to submit.

Baker announced that Windsor had been successful in receiving 100% TIGER grant funding for 13 quiet zones in 2014.

Stockinger indicated that was an example of a transit and rail project that fared very well.

Conway thanked Stockinger for his presentation to the Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Transportation Commission: Kathy Gilliland, Transportation Commissioner, District 5, reported the following:

- \$30.2M was approved for Crossroads. She thanked all the communities for sending letters and attending the HPTE.
- CDOT's new Executive Director, Shailen Bhatt, will assume his new role in mid-February. He comes to CDOT from the Delaware DOT.
- Bustang was unveiled at the National Western Stock Show parade on January 8th. The buses are very upscale with exceptional leg room. She hopes to provide all Council members an opportunity to ride the new system before beginning its regular operations in late spring.

CDOT Region 4: Myron Hora, CDOT R4, reported on the following:

- US 287: SH1 to LaPorte Bypass bids came in over budget by more than \$7M. The project will now be repackaged.
- SH 14/Mulberry Bridge project was slightly delayed by weather but is getting back on schedule. The plan is to have it operational with no detours by Thanksgiving.
- US 287 resurfacing from Harmony Road to Prospect Road will begin as soon as weather permits. The intersection at SH392 and US 287 will be kicking off again the second week of January and delays should be expected.

- Harmony Park N' Ride parking management is being worked on in support of the Bustang system that will incorporate fees for long-term stay. This will allow for more open spots for commuters going into the Denver area. Expansion is part of the long-term plan.

Horak added that there are also plans for TransFort to connect at the Harmony Park N' Ride beginning in late January.

Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Report: A written report was provided to the Council. Dowker asked that Council members present any questions or concerns to her, Blackmore or Conway to ensure they are getting the information they need to be able to work regionally and compete at a state level.

North I-25: Conway reported that there had been a good turnout at the North I-25 Coalition (NIC) meeting on January 7th. The Business Coalition has put together funding to help them hold focus groups regarding SB228. They are requesting direction from the NIC before they begin. One suggestion has been to engage with the Congressional Delegation as well as the Colorado State Legislators.

He referenced a white paper titled *Federal Infrastructure Financing Concept Based on the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program*, which he presented to the NIC and will be sending to the Council. The draft suggests how the tax credit could be applied to generate additional revenue if the concept was allowed to be applied to transportation.

The concept of having freight corridors was also discussed. Freight corridors are determined by having a volume of at least 8000 trucks per day. Sections of North I-25 are currently exceeding that number by at least 500 per day, but are not yet characterized accordingly. No funding mechanism has been identified for the freight corridor concept but he believes there is an opportunity through MAP 21 reauthorization for the NFRMPO to partner with DRCOG, the Upper Front Range, CDOT and Wyoming to remedy this. Communication with the Congressional Delegation will be a significant factor in getting funding for freight corridors identified on North I-25.

Ross asked how traffic and gas use had fluctuated since the recession.

Stockinger replied that Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) has remained steady since the recession and gas tax collection last peaked in 2007.

Gilliland suggested that the Council as a whole put together talking points for individual members to use when having their discussions with the legislators to help them understand precisely the need for funding along the corridor.

Shaffer added that it would be helpful if all the federally organized leadership such as MPO's, DRCOG and Upper TPR's, bring their combined knowledge together to present the important issues to the legislators and help advocate for what the bill needs to look like.

Host Council Member Report: Horak thanked Karen Schneiders and Myron Hora from CDOT R4 for delaying some funding from the I-25 Crossroads project to allow some local projects to start in 2017 instead of 2018. He then reported the following:

- The Max bus is becoming very successful especially on the weekends. Buses run until just before midnight.
- TransFort, which currently serves approximately 2,500 riders each day, including CSU students, faculty and others. TransFort has increased service on several routes, some that now run until 10:30 p.m.
- The new \$320M Foothills Mall is projected to be open October 2015.

- The Woodward Governor Corporate Office expansion project just off Mulberry will create 400 jobs in 2016.

Conway thanked Horak and the City of Fort Collins for the meal and for hosting the MPO Council meeting.

Other Council Reports:

Loveland- Shaffer reported that the US 287 Coalition met on January 8th and set goals for 2015. There was discussion regarding the Flex Bus Route possibly being extended into Boulder. CDOT will now have representation at the meetings. She also recognized that Bob Massaro, member of the Loveland Transportation and Advisory Board, was attending the meeting.

Berthoud- Dowker announced that the Annual Chamber of Commerce dinner was on January 9th in Berthoud. She also informed the Council that the Champions of Life Rally 5K Run, Walk or Jog which was hosted by Gold Medalist Paralympians Tyler Carron and Nikko Landeros (graduates of Berthoud High School), members of Team USA's Sled Hockey team, will be held on Sunday, January 18th at Bruce's Bar in Severance. She will email all of the information to the Council.

Evans- Shaffer commented that Mayor Morris was unable to attend the meeting due to some health issues but was hoping to be in attendance at the next meeting.

CDOT R4- Hora introduced Jared Fiel, CDOT Regional Communications Manager to the Council.

Eaton- Ross announced that Eaton was preparing for the groundbreaking for their new Recreation Centre. The new Board of Directors has been sworn in and they are working on their Bonding Issuance process and locking down a contracting company and architect.

LaSalle- Cochran reported that LaSalle was looking forward to hosting the US 85 PEL Study and getting some good discussions going in the meetings.

Milliken- Jemiola commented that Milliken had partnered with the Thompson Rivers Parks and Recreation District to build a new Recreation Center in Milliken.

Windsor- Baker announced that Windsor's Recreation Center is being expanded to include a swimming pool.

Greeley- Casseday reported that the City of Greeley had closed on the property for the new emergency responders' training center being built on 4th Street at 35th Avenue. Weld County purchased a downtown Greeley high-rise building to be used for some of their Weld County offices.

Weld County- Conway elaborated on Weld County's high-rise purchase, signifying it was a seven story building known as the Chase Tower and added it would help the county consolidate a multitude of services and create a long-anticipated judicial complex in downtown Greeley. He is very excited about the acquisition as it should meet the needs of the county for the next two to three decades and bring more than 100 employees into the downtown area. Combining the judicial center with two other newly acquired properties in that area will help complete Weld County's master plan which they believe will greatly compliment work the City of Greeley's DDA has done.

FINAL WRAP-UP:

Final Public Comment: There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mellon moved that the Council enter into 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. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

The Council entered into an Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. The Session lasted 40 minutes.

Conway reopened the regular MPO Council meeting.

Conway stated that the Council will give the Executive Director a copy of the full 360 review conducted by Mountain States Employers Council (MSEC). The Council requests that one week prior to the February 5, 2015 Council meeting she provide a written response to the Council regarding her review. The Council will hold an Executive Session at that same meeting to finalize her review.

Shaffer suggested that the Council have a session in the middle of the year with a representative from MSEC to provide guidance on all of the Executive Director Review steps expected in the review process in the coming years.

Conway agreed that the Executive Committee would discuss the review process mid-year and bring their suggestions to the Council for a vote.

Blackmore also requested that the scoring criterion be identified on future surveys to ensure more consistency in the scale.

Conway stated for the record that he was handing Blackmore the complete 360 review with the comments. He also committed to sending her an electronic copy.

Blackmore requested feedback from the Council on specific goals they have for her.

Horak replied they would provide that information to her at the Executive Session at the February 5th Council meeting.

Conway complimented MPO staff on the VanGo Metrics handout and their newsletter *On the Move* and noted that both documents are electronically available on the MPO website www.nfrmpo.org.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions: There were no suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Renae Steffen, MPO Staff

Air Pollution Control Division Report: February 2015

Monthly Report from CDPHE to the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council

February 2015

The Air Quality Control Commission:

- The AQCC did not meet in December 2014 or January 2015; the next meeting is scheduled for February 19th. Significant agenda items will include:
 - consideration of the North Front Range's Transportation Improvement Program and the Upper Front Range's 2040 Regional Transportation Plan conformity determinations - a public meeting will likely occur at the AQCC's March 19th meeting; and
 - discussion of greenhouse gas emission reduction measures in response to federal requirements and direction from the Commission.
- Information on the Commission's past and planned activities can be found on their website at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/aqcc>

The Air Pollution Control Division:

- The APCD has selected Chris Colclasure and Roland Hea to fill two senior management positions. Chris will lead the Planning and Policy Program and Roland will lead the Stationary Sources Program.
- EPA published a proposal to revise the federal ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards on December 17, 2014. Comments are due to EPA by March 17, 2015. The Division will present an overview of the proposal at the March 5th MPO meeting.

Executive Director Report: January 2015

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:

Date	Time	Event	Location
12/18/2015	1PM-3PM	Larimer County Mobility Council	NFRMPO Office
1/26/2015	3PM-4:30PM	Greeley Transportation Advisory Board	Greeley
1/27/2015	1PM-4PM	Weld County Mobility Council	Greeley History Museum
1/27/2015	1PM-3PM	Colorado Farm Show	Weld County
2/2/2015	4PM-6PM	Loveland Transportation Advisory Board	2525 W. First Street
2/9/2015	2PM-5PM	GET Route Change Open House	Greeley
2/10/2015	10AM-12PM	Loveland Public Library	Loveland Public Library
2/18/2015	6PM-9PM	Fort Collins Transportation Board	Fort Collins

Proposed

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

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

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 delayed approval to allow adequate review.
- 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.

ACTION ITEM: Draft FY 2016-2019 TIP

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY (AIS)

North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council



Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Submitted By
February 5, 2015 Larimer County	Draft FY 2016-2019 TIP	Josh Johnson
Objective / Request Action		
Release the Draft FY 2016-2019 TIP for a 30 day public comment period.		<input type="checkbox"/> Report <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action
Key Points		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The TIP is scheduled to be adopted, pending final public comment and Air Quality Conformity, at the March 5, 2015 Council meeting. Staff requests Council to release the Draft TIP for the required 30 day public comment period beginning February 6, 2015 and ending March 7, 2015. The Draft TIP includes an updated narrative covering amendment and delay policies and procedures (previously approved), environmental justice analysis and fiscally constrained project listing for the TAP, STP-Metro, and CMAQ funding programs. Projects included were selected in the approved call for projects process. An Environmental Justice map and analysis, and financial conformity table will be provided for adoption with the Draft TIP Narrative at the March 5, 2015 meeting. 		
Committee Discussion		
TAC discussed the draft TIP at their January 21, 2015 meeting and recommends Council release the TIP for a 30 day public comment period.		
Supporting Information		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects resulting from the approved FY 2016-2019 Call for Projects Process are included in the TIP for the TAP, STP-Metro, and CMAQ funding programs. Loveland and Greeley requested three projects be rolled forward from the FY 2012-2017 TIP using CMAQ and Evans requested one project be rolled forward using STP-Metro. NFRMPO added project selections made through CDOT's processes into the Draft TIP as the information becomes available (i.e. Bridge-On System and Bridge-Off System pools, Regional Priority Program (RPP) projects, FASTER Safety and Transit projects, and Regional TAP selections) Transfort and GET project selections made through Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and CDOT processes are also added into the Draft TIP as the information becomes available. The Draft TIP, pending Council approval, will be made available for public comment on the NFRMPO website on February 6, 2015. The public comment period will close on March 7, 2015. 		
Advantages		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the TIP public comment period ensures federal compliance and the timely merger of projects into the STIP so budget processes can occur for FY 2016. 		
Disadvantages		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 		
Analysis /Recommendation		
TAC and Staff support releasing the Draft 2016-2019 TIP for public comment.		
Attachments		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		

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DISCUSISON ITEM: NFRMPO 2040 Plan Scenarios

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY (AIS)

North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council



Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Submitted By
February 5, 2015 Larimer County	NFRMPO 2040 Plan Scenarios	Angela Horn
Objective / Request Action		
Review the NFRMPO 2040 Plan scenarios and provide TAC and staff with input.		<input type="checkbox"/> Report <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action
Key Points		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The travel and land use models have been updated for the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) The NFRMPO models evaluate projected travel growth for the 2040 RTP using 2012 base year, 2015, 2025, and 2035 interim years, and 2040 horizon year. The 2040 RTP will identify land use, travel, and transit scenarios to evaluate projected growth using different land use patterns and road and transit improvement scenarios for the region. 		
Committee Discussion		
<p>TAC was presented with four scenarios at their November 19, 2015 meeting and requested staff update the land use scenarios with one scenario representing all future household and employment from 2012 to 2040 reaching build out. At their January 21, 2015 meeting, TAC combined this land use scenario with the travel model scenarios, which have not changed.</p>		
Supporting Information		
<p>TAC proposes the following two scenarios be run:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scenario #1: All transportation investment from 2012 to 2040 funds transit projects while all future household and employment in 2040 reaches build out. This will demonstrate how the regional transportation system would operate if the region was built to capacity with only transit investments from 2012-2040 in transportation projects. Scenario #2: All transportation investments from 2012 to 2040 are road and highway projects while all future household and employment from in 2040 reaches build out. This will demonstrate how the regional transportation system would operate if the region was built to capacity with only road and highway investments from 2012-2040 in transportation projects. 		
Advantages		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scenarios provide a way for local communities analyze the transportation system when different regional growth patterns occur. Scenarios provide information on how the region's transportation system would operate given different investment options. 		
Disadvantages		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scenarios require additional model runs. 		
Analysis /Recommendation		
<p>TAC and staff requests Planning Council review and discuss the proposed scenarios.</p>		
Attachments		
None		

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DISCUSISON ITEM: Preliminary Conformity Results

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY (AIS)

North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council



Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Submitted By		
February 5, 2015 Larimer County	Preliminary Conformity Determination Results	Angela Horn		
Objective / Request Action				
Discuss air quality conformity determination reports in anticipation of a public hearing and NFRMPO Council approval on March 5, 2015.		<input type="checkbox"/> Report <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action		
Key Points				
<p>1. A requirement for an updated air quality conformity determination regarding ozone is being addressed at this time. This was prompted by the FY 2016-2019 TIP and 2040 Upper Front Range Regional Transportation Plan.</p> <p>2. The air quality conformity determination for carbon monoxide (CO) is being updated concurrently to keep the effective date the same as that for ozone.</p> <p>3. Both air quality conformity determination reports address assumptions about the future transportation system as programmed in the NFRMPO's FY 2016-19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The ozone report also addresses proposed projects located in the Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region (TPR) featured in the 2040 Upper Front Range RTP.</p> <p>After the NFRMPO Council's review, both reports will require approval actions—conformity findings—by the Planning Council with concurrence by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA).</p>				
Committee Discussion				
<p>Preliminary results of the updated model were reviewed by the Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) in cooperation with the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) and the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC). The ICG includes staff from regional, state, and federal transportation and environmental/health agencies.</p> <p>These conformity determination reports are being processed under the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission's (AQCC) Regulation Number 10 deemed by APCD as "non-routine," which requires a review by AQCC.</p>				
Supporting Information				
<p>The ozone standard for the Northern Subarea¹ of 0.075 ppm, is classified as Marginal and does not require changes to the SIP. The emission budgets pertaining to ozone are based on precursor pollutants: volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx).</p> <p>The Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB's) for carbon monoxide remain the same. The conformity report simply reflects changes due to the required change by EPA from the MOVES2010b model to the MOVES2014 air quality model.</p> <p>The test results for all pollutants (CO, NOx, and VOC) indicate no failures in the horizon years. Therefore, conformity is demonstrated for the Fort Collins and Greeley CO maintenance areas and the Denver-North Front Range 8-hour Ozone nonattainment area. These tables demonstrate compliance with MVEBs for CO and ozone precursors for the projected years.</p>				
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	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>

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	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>

* Socioeconomic and vehicle travel data were interpolated for 2023 (for Fort Collins) and for 2019 (for Greeley) between the 2015 and 2025 model years in the regional travel model. The emissions test was run for these interpolated years, per 40 CFR 93.118(d)(2).

8-Hour Ozone Conformity for Denver-North Front Range (Northern Subarea¹)
(Emission Tons per Day²)

	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

¹The Northern Subarea includes the NFRMPO region and the UFR TPR “donut” area (within the Northern Subarea).

²The emissions of both VOC and NOx shown in the table are considered conservative due to two modeling assumptions:

- Additional VOC emission reductions would have been calculated if a more stringent, lower gasoline Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) specification had been modeled. The assumed RVP for the Northern Subarea was 8.5 pounds per square inch (psi) and 10 percent by volume ethanol in all gasoline. In contrast, EPA established an applicable standard for gasoline at 7.8 psi under the federal volatility control program in the Denver-Boulder-Greeley-Ft. Collins-Loveland, Colorado 1997 8-hour ozone nonattainment area--as codified in volume 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 81--during the high ozone season, effective on March 31, 2010.
- No emission reduction credit in the model had been calculated for the State-only inspection and maintenance (I/M) program that is currently active in Larimer and Weld Counties.

Full Reports Online:

The Fort Collins and Greeley Carbon Monoxide (CO) Maintenance Areas Conformity Determination and Denver-North Front Range (Northern Subarea) 8-Hour Ozone Conformity Determination documents are available on the NFRMPO website at: www.nfrmpo.org/AirQuality.aspx.

Advantages

- Approval of this conformity determination on March 5, 2015 allows the NFRMPO to adopt the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).
- Approval of this conformity determination on March 5, 2015 also allows the Upper Front Range to adopt their 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Disadvantages

- None noted

Analysis /Recommendation

NFRMPO staff is requesting Planning Council review the conformity determination reports and approve the conformity determination on March 5 after the required public hearing at Planning Council.

Attachments

- See full reports online, as noted above.

COMMITTEE REPORT: TAC – January 21, 2015

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
January 21, 2015**

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2014 TAC MINUTES:

With three minor corrections, the December 17, 2014 TAC minutes were approved unanimously. Mallette reported Larimer County Road 27 was one of the last roads to open after the 2013 flood. The next meeting date was January 21, 2015. Thomas reported he is a member of TAC.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal):

NoCo Bike Ped Collaborative – Boyd reported on CDOT’s presentation on the status of flood reconstruction projects at the January NoCo Bike Ped Collaborative meeting. Boyd reported the Collaborative has selected a preferred date for their upcoming conference and asked TAC members for potential venue locations. The preferred date is October 29, 2015 with November 5, 2015 as back-up.

Regional Transit items – Jones reported Greeley-Evans Transit received 4,000 surveys from Ride Free ID for Youth program participants.

Schneiders reported Bustang buses have arrived and are stationed at CDOT headquarters. Bustang service is anticipated to begin in March 2015.

Senior Transportation – Thomas reported SAINT is making progress on an enhanced travel trainers’ lunch and outing for seniors.

PRESENTATIONS:

TIP Database Tool – Johnson presented the new NFRMPO Online TIP Database Tool, which will be released for the FY 2016-2019 TIP. The tool will allow project sponsors to manage their projects and amendments, view all projects in the TIP, and print reports.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM:

Draft FY 2016-2019 TIP – Johnson reported additional FY2015 CMAQ and STP-Metro funds have been made available due to additional allocation and project closures, and asked TAC how to allocate the funds. Holdren made a motion to fully fund the Greeley 65th Avenue widening project under STP-Metro in the FY 2012-2017 TIP, and give the remaining money to the Evans 65th Avenue widening project in the FY 2016-2019 TIP. The Large Community Pool will be backfilled if additional funds become available in the future. The motion was approved unanimously.

No decision was made on additional CMAQ funds. TAC requested staff outline a process for allocating additional funds in the future.

Johnson reported the FY2016-2019 TIP must be released for public comment ahead of Council action in March. Klockeman motioned TAC recommend Council open the TIP for a 30-day public comment period and it was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NFRMPO 2040 Plan Scenarios - Horn reported the MPO will run three scenarios: full build-out, all transportation investments in transit, and all transportation investments in road and highway.

Preliminary Conformity Results – Horn reported a conformity determination was triggered from two projects. The region passed for both Ozone and Carbon Monoxide (CO).

2040 Regional Transit Element – Karasko presented the updated nine corridors to be included in the Regional Transit Element based on suggestions from Planning Council.

FY2016-2017 UPWP – Blackmore discussed projects MPO staff is preparing in the upcoming year. Blackmore requested TAC provide additional issues or projects the MPO should add.

*A copy of the full meeting minutes will be available, a week prior to the next TAC meeting, at
<http://www.nfrmpo.org/AboutUs/TransportationAdvisoryCommittee.aspx>*

COMMITTEE REPORT: Finance – January 21, 2015

Finance Committee Report

- Finance Committee met on January 21, 2015.
- The draft Procurement Policy and Procedures Manual had been reviewed by the members present prior to the meeting.
- The Finance committee encourages all council members to forward the draft policy to their individual entities purchasing department for review and suggestions. Any comments or suggestion should be sent via email to Crystal Hedberg, Finance Manager, at chedberg@nfrmpo.org. Crystal can also be reached MWF at 970-416-2638.
- Staff updated the committee regarding the new dollar threshold for A-133 audits, which requires a more detailed analysis of federal expenditures during audits. This threshold will increase from \$500,000 to \$750,000 of annual federal fund expenditures.
- Based on expected federal expenditures, the MPO will not meet this threshold in 2015. This will be a year by year determination
- The MPO cannot be reimbursed with federal funds for any audit that does not meet this threshold. This will require the local members cover 100% of the costs of the audit.
- If the threshold is met, the amount will be billed to federal grants and the local entities will only be required to pay the local match portion.
- It was suggested that we issue a request for proposal that would provide costs for both an A-133 audit and non A-133 audit.

FINANCE COMMITTEE | Minutes

Meeting date | time /21/2015 7:30 AM | Meeting location *Mimis Café, 1450 Fall Rive Dr., Loveland*

Meeting called by Terri Blackmore, Crystal Hedberg

Attendees

Jan Dowker

Kevin Ross

Type of meeting NFRMPO Financial Update

1. Approval of Minutes

No action taken

AGENDA TOPICS

Time allotted | 7:30-8:00am | Agenda topic *Procurement Policies and Procedures* | Presenter *Terri, Blackmore/Crystal Hedberg*

2. Discussion: Procurement policies and procedures have been developed that meet federal requirements for procurements.

Conclusion: The members present had reviewed the policies prior to the meeting. The committee members requested that the procurement policies be sent as a separate pdf in order for it to be more convenient for council members to forward them to their entities purchasing departments for review if desired. MPO staff would welcome any suggestions from member entities.

Action items

Person responsible

Finance Committee requests Council members have the draft procurement Policies and procedures reviewed by their individual purchasing departments.

Kevin Ross

Time allotted | 8:00-8:30am | Agenda topic *2015 Audit* Presenter *Terri Blackmore/Crystal Hedberg*

3. Discussion: The auditors will meet with the committee at the February meeting. Field work has been scheduled for the week of March 26th.

Starting with 2015 the federal government requires all entities that receive \$750,000 or more of Federal funds to obtain a more detailed A-133 audit that reviews federal funding. In the past the amount required for an A-133 audit has been \$500,000. Based on current expenditures, we will not meet this threshold, removing the

requirement to obtain an A-133 audit. All audits that are not A-133 audits are non -allowable expenditures for federal reimbursement purposes. Therefore, starting with the 2015 audit, the local match will need to be increased to cover the expense of the audit. Member entities are currently covering 20 % of the audit with local match. Any increase will be reflected in the 2016 budget.

It was suggested that we issue a request for proposal in 2015 that would include a costs for an A-133 audit and one without that requirement.
