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March

**Weld County Mobility Council Meeting
 Greeley History Museum
 714 8th Avenue
 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 24, 2015**

- 1. Review of Agenda**
- 2. Public Comment** (Non- Agenda Items)
- 3. Approval of Meeting Summary** (January)
- 4. Action item**
 2015 WCMC Workplan.....Walton
- 5. Discussion Items**
noco.findmyride.info – First Run/ Testing
 DRAFT Riders Guide (handout)
Warring
- 6. Updates**
 GET Update.....Jones
 SH85 – Coalition Update.....Warring
- 7. Council Member Reports**
- 8. Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Tuesday – May 26, 2015



Weld County Mobility Council

Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2014

1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Greeley History Museum
714 8th Avenue - Greeley, CO

WCMC Members in Attendance:

Mary Lu Walton, Envision
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
Lyle SmithGrayBeale, Weld County United Way

LCMC Liaisons:

Ruth Fletcher-Carter
Garrett Mumma

NFRMPO Staff: Mary Warring, Alex Gordon

- 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** (December) – Garasmick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written, Mumma seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.

4. Presentations

NFRMPO RTP & Outreach – MPO Planner, Alex Gordon gave a presentation and provided additional details re: information in the packet. The WCMC had multiple questions and were most interested in the 2040 Regional transit corridors map and future corridor plans. After further discussion, they shared their transit route priorities including routes #1, 4, 7 & 9 and #3 (see packet for details). Additional comments included the need for a universal bus pass – particularly with the new I-25 transit that will start this spring and the need for more specificity in the survey questions.

5. Discussion Items

SH85 – Coalition Update – Warring shared she was unable to find out new information about the coalition or any transit plans relating to their work but she will be attending their next meeting in February to find out more.

2015 WCMC Work Plan – Walton asked for a summary of the changes which Warring provided including updates/revisions to projects and the addition of the Travel training program in cooperation w/ GET.

2015 Meeting Schedule/Revisions – Warring will be out of town in September and requested that meeting be moved to October – all agreed that would work. Jones wanted to have a more in-depth discussion with the WCMC on the proposed GET route changes and Tuesday February 24th was picked and will be a lunch meeting from 11:30 am – 1:00pm.

6. Updates

GET Update - Jones shared the following:

- Open House re: Proposed route changes February 9th – 12:00pm – 7:00pm & there will be a drawing for an annual GET pass.
- There will be a presentation to the Greeley City Council this week and next week Evans regarding the proposed route changes. The discussion will center on proposed routes & to see if there are any flaws/problems that need to be addressed. Elimination of routes spaced too closely together is of primary importance. Want to make it easier and quicker to get to and from. Route spacing ie distance between parallel routes is another goal. Using data driven information to decide on route changes. Will also discuss funding a council presentations.
Q – Mumma. Do you have GET folks that drive the route and look for access problems and/or impediments?
A - Jones – Yes. Looking at it w/ financial restraints in mind. Going over w/ engineering/overlay to ensure any issue might be addressed. – set aside funds.
- After school transit for after school activities have increased by 700%
- Funding secured for 14 new low floor CNG buses

Online Transit Resource Guide – Warring said she is making progress on database with consultants and should have a test site running in March. Asked about website name – looking for input on what might be best and most familiar to area residents.

Council Member Reports

Fletcher-Carter – Gave an update on RAFT – Berthoud’s rural transportation volunteer driver program. Picks up outside urban area and tie’s into BATS service or outside service hours. Also, connect with Medical Center of the Rockies. Just completed agreement with Town of Berthoud – and will be providing service outside service area /hours. Berthoud is paying for those services.

Garasmick – Family practice facility will be opening soon. General/dental – will be across from Children’s Clinic across from Island Grove Park.

Garrett – Spoke with Greeley traffic engineers about signals that align with GET services. A new talking pedestrian signal will be installed by new clinic.

7. Adjournment – 3:05 pm

SPECIAL TRANSIT ROUTE DISCUSSION MEETING: Tuesday February 24th 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday – March 24, 2015



March 2015

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 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.

2015 Work Plan

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 the community 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 educate the general public about mobility coordination and the work of the mobility council.

Outcome – Increased community awareness of the value of agency coordination and the need for multiple transportation options 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 collection point for demonstrating the need for transit connections between the two regions.

8. Travel Training Program Partnerships

Objective – To expand travel 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– Work with public and private agency partners to create travel training opportunities that foster and encourage Weld County residents to “Try Transit”.

- Help create a better understanding of travel training’s impact on 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 – Ongoing travel training opportunities that utilize public/private sponsorships and engage target audiences including seniors, individuals with disabilities and the general public.

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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

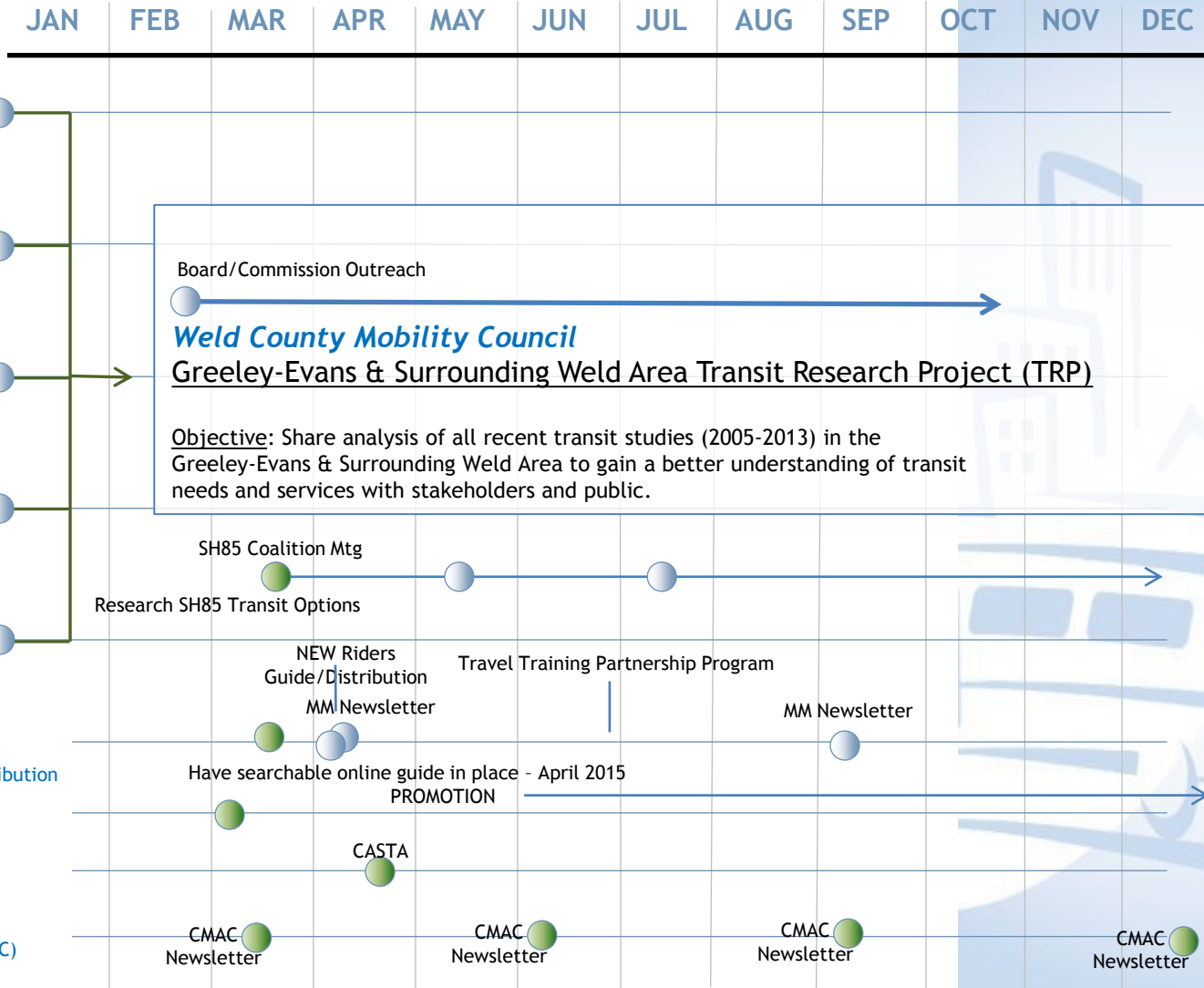
ACTIVITIES

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)



Begin/End Date



Project Milestone



Project Completion

Need a Ride?



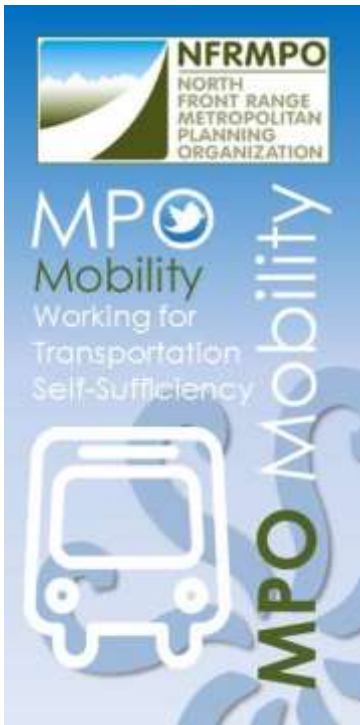
FindMyRide is a quick and easy interactive tool designed to help individuals find specialized transportation that meets each person's specific needs.

Based on the North Front Range MPO Riders Guide, *FindMyRide* includes a wide variety of transportation options across the North Front Range and while geared toward anyone, is designed to meet the needs of older adults and people with disabilities.

To find the best transportation option to meet your needs, simply answer the questions as prompted and you will be provided with a list of providers that are right for you!



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2015 WCMC Meeting Schedule

Greeley History Museum
714 8th Avenue

Tuesdays

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

January 27th

March 24th

May 26th

July 28th

October 27th

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