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April 2015

Larimer County Mobility Council Meeting

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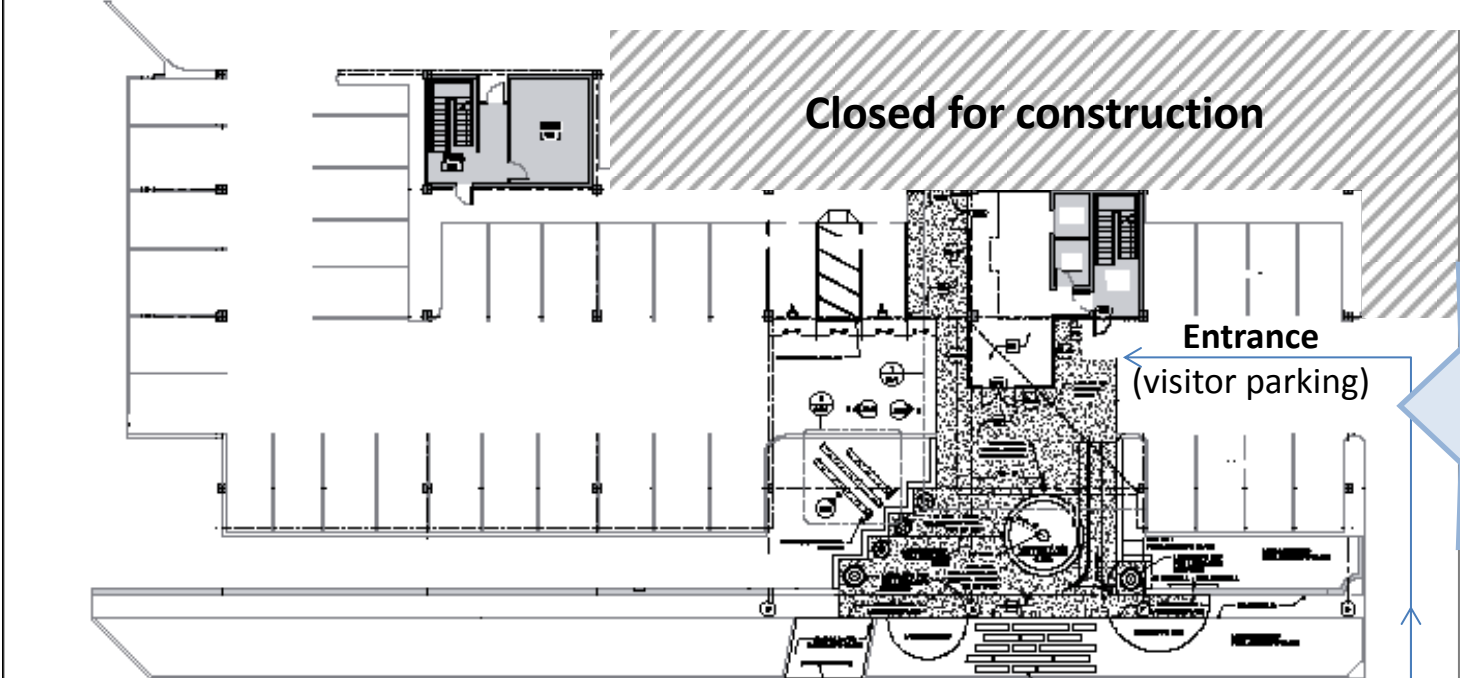
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1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

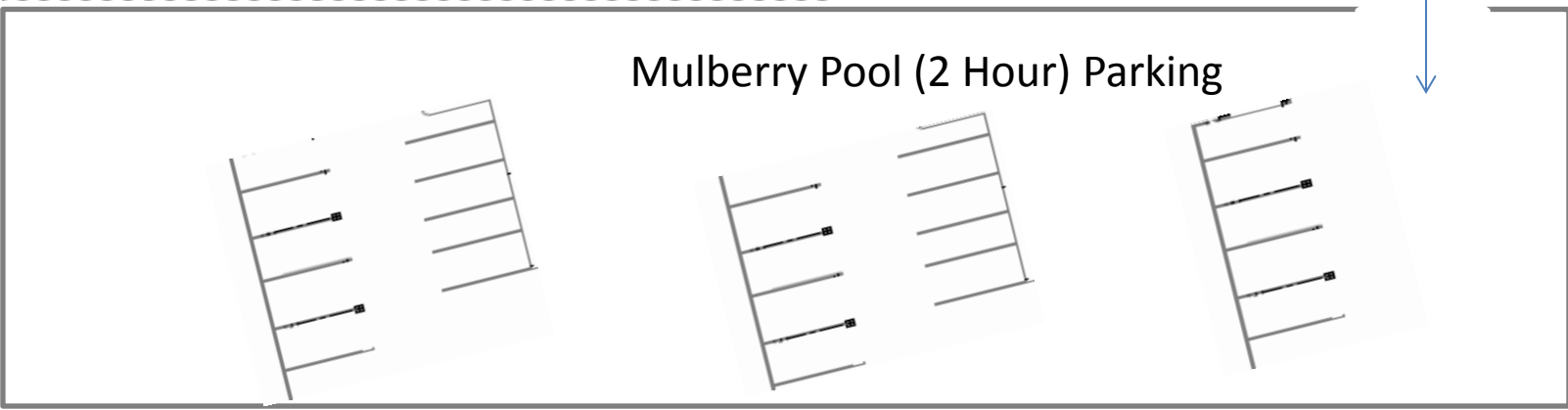
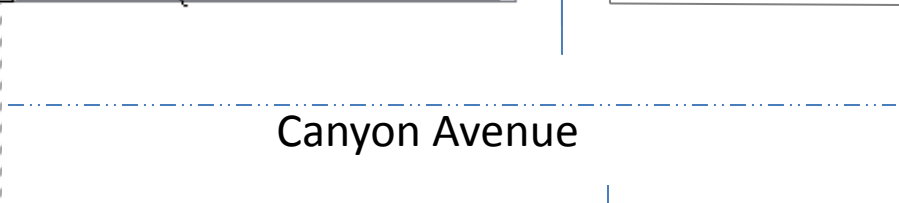
Thursday, April 16, 2014

- 1. Review of Agenda**
- 2. Public Comment** (Non- Agenda Items)
- 3. Approval of Meeting Notes** (February)
- 4. Action Item**
LCMC 2015 Work Plan.....Thomas
- 5. Chair Updates**.....Thomas
- 6. Discussion Items**
RAFT Member Presentation.....Fletcher-Carter
noco.findmyride.info Online Guide.....Warring
 DRAFT Riders Guide (handout).....Warring
- 7. MC Program Updates**.....Warring
FTA 5317 Budget Amendment
- 8. Council Member Reports**
- 9. Adjournment**

Next Meeting: June 18, 2015



LCMC Meeting
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Meeting Notes – February 19, 2015

1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Fort Collins Senior Center, Lupine Room
1200 Raintree Dr. - Fort Collins, CO

LCMC Members in Attendance:

Gary Thomas, SAINT
Garrett Mumma, Department of Voc. Rehab
Toni Lueck, Dial-A-Ride Advisory Committee
Joann VandeWalle, Elderhaus
John Teumer, Loveland Disabilities Advisory Commission
Zach Wood, Loveland Disabilities Advisory Commission
Michelle Miller, Larimer County Workforce Center
Katy Mason, Larimer County Office On Aging
Ruth Fletcher-Carter, Rural Alternatives for Transportation (RAFT)
Kurt Ravenschlag, Fort Collins/Transfort
Emma Belmont, Fort Collins/Transfort
Craig Dubin, Fort Collins/Transfort
NFRMPO Staff: Mary Warring

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

- 1. Review of Agenda** - No changes to agenda.
- 2. Public Comment** (Non- Agenda Items) – No public comment.
- 3. Approval of Meeting Notes** (December) Chair Thomas asked if there were any changes to the meeting notes and asked for a motion to approve. Fletcher-Carter made a motion, Mumma seconded and the motion was approved.

4. Action Items

FTA 5317 Elderhaus Grant Amendment – Chair Thomas explained that Elderhaus would like to amend an FTA 5317 travel training grant awarded in 2010 by the LCMC for the purchase of two pre-owned vehicles for client transportation. This would expedite spending the remaining \$28K (an FTA request) and better serve Elderhaus as they move to their new location. Lueck made a motion to approve the budget amendment, Mason seconded and the motion was approved.

Chair/Co-Chair Elections – Chair Thomas asked for nominations. Both Chair Thomas and Co-Chair Woodall offered to remain in their current posts. Fletcher-Carter made a motion to reinstate Thomas as Chair and Woodall as Co-Chair, VandeWalle seconded. Motion was approved.

5. Discussion Items

FTA 5307 Funding - Kurt Ravenschlag, Transfort General Manager gave an overview of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 funds/program including how the funding amount is determined and allocated by the FTA to Transfort; the federally designated recipient of the funds. The local funding process was also discussed including how funds were distributed by the City Of Fort Collins to other transit agencies in the Fort Collins Transportation Management Area (TMA) along with information on FTA 5339 and 5310 program funds.

Fort Collins Voucher Pilot Program – Craig Dubin, Transfort Communications & Administration Manager gave a presentation on the Voucher Pilot Program for Transfort customers eligible for paratransit services. The program was developed to expand the service area and hours of operation



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for clients. The program is scheduled to begin mid-April and Dubin provided details of the program including roll-out, service details, administration, and program tracking.

6. Presentation

FTA 5317 Transfort Bus Stop Improvements – Transfort Planner, Emma Belmont updated the LCMC on the status of bus stop improvements using FTA 5317 funds awarded by the LCMC. Belmont stated two stops had developed ROW issues so they were being replaced with two other stops without that issue (which can be further complicated when using FTA funding). Belmont will provide updates on the two remaining projects as they progress.

7. MC Program Updates

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.

8. Council Member Reports

Mason – May 7, 2015 – Summit on Aging at the Fort Collins Senior Center. There will be nationally renowned speakers to present on the culture of aging. More details will follow.

Thomas – The new CDOT bus service, “Bustang” that will travel the I-25 corridor between Fort Collins and Colorado Springs is scheduled to start in April. Details are being discussed including stop locations and parking which may delay the start of the service. Thomas will keep the LCMC apprised of the new service and any further details.

9. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Next Meeting: April 16, 2015

April Agenda: RAFT Member Presentation
 Loveland Bus Stop Plan
 LCMC 2015 Work Plan
 Online Transit Resource Guide
 NFRMPO Riders Guide



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

The primary goal of the LCMC 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 Larimer County in the NFRMPO Coordinated Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan include:

- 1. Continue to foster the coordinated efforts of the LCMC which consists of human service agencies, a variety of jurisdictions, and transit providers, representing the entire County.**
- 2. Garner support for policy level changes that would improve mobility options. Work to build stable and adequate funding for fixed-route transit, demand response transit and other mobility options.**
- 3. Build capacity for coordination.**
- 4. Improve regional mobility among people requiring specialized transportation services.**
- 5. Improve employment transportation for low-income workers, especially from areas that do not have transit services.**

Strategies

Fourteen strategies have been identified by the LCMC 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. Continue to address issues identified in the LCMC Transportation Goal Project**
- 12. Coordination Event(s) in partnership with human service groups or organizations**
- 13. Online Resource Guide**
- 14. Regular Mobility Council Meetings**

PROJECTS

The LCMC has prioritized seven projects for 2014 however all strategies are important to meeting overall goals and pursuit of additional projects 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. 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 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 boundaries.

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 or.

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

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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 that must be public in nature and service for those that might normally use paratransit services.~~ Assist public paratransit programs that extend service hours including the City of Fort Collins Voucher Pilot Program scheduled for implementation in early 2015. The MPO Mobility Coordinator will provide assistance with public outreach, program tracking or other responsibilities as needed.

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

5. 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.

6. Marketing and Maintenance of Online Resource Guide

Objective – Continue partnership with Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council (DRMAC) so NFRMPO and DRMAC provider data stays current and linked between the online guides.

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

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

7. ~~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 Larimer 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 Larimer 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 paratransit services in Larimer 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.~~

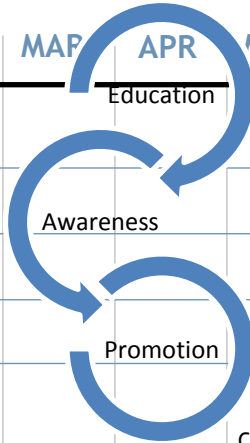
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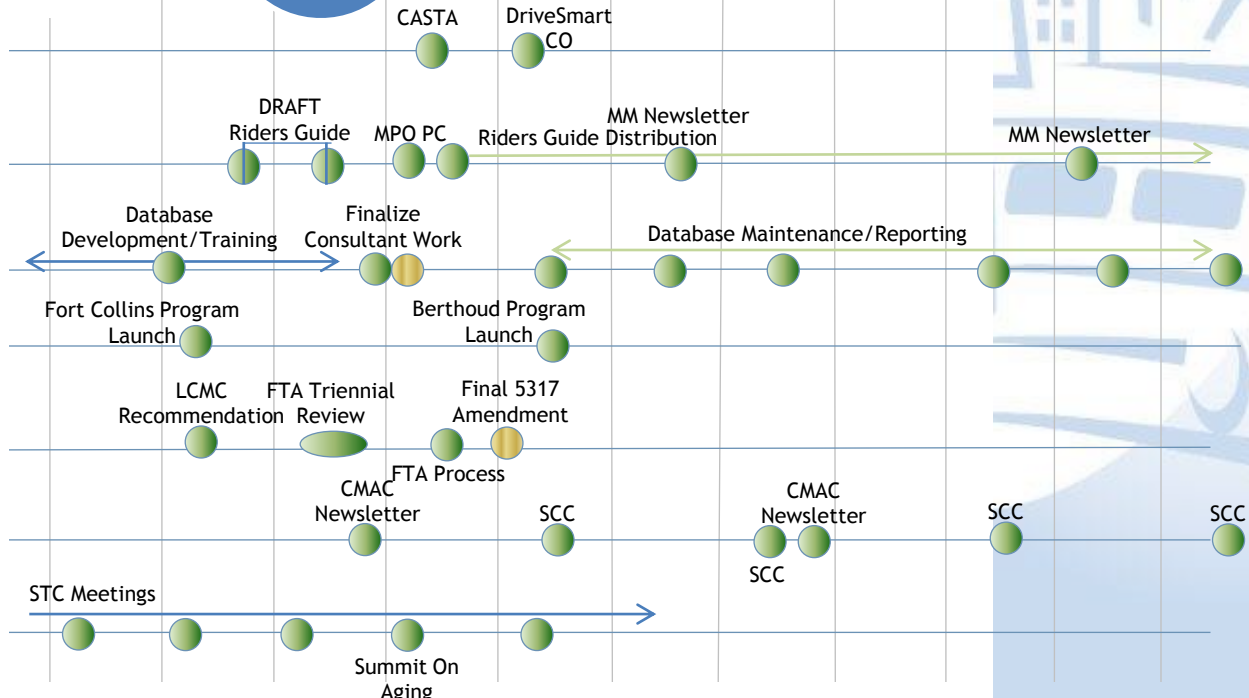
PRIMARY LCMC OBJECTIVES

- 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



ACTIVITIES

- Training/Education**
Learning & Sharing Opportunities
- Community Outreach**
Senior TC Event, education & material distribution
- Online/Riders Guide**
Collaboration w/ DRMAC
- Travel Training Program**
Travel training w/ social element
- 5317/New Freedom/FTA**
Award process
- Statewide MC Initiative**
CO Mobility Action Coalition (CMAC)
State Coordinating Council (SCC)
- Senior Transportation**
STC/Mobility partnerships



● Begin/End Date ● Project Milestone ● Project Completion

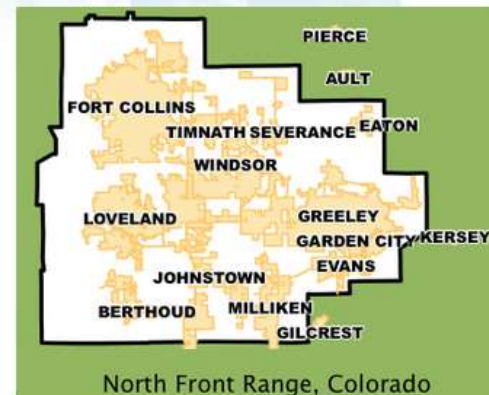
Need a Ride?



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

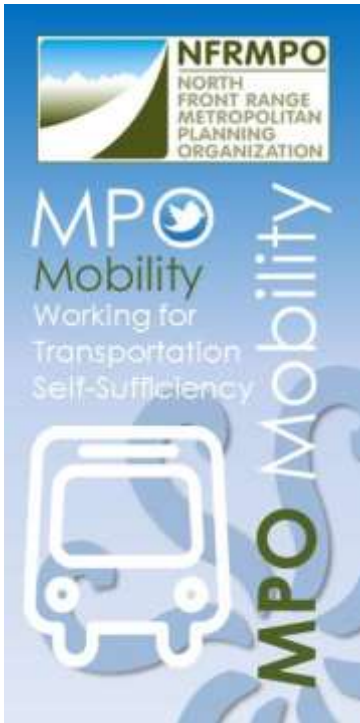
Based on the North Front Range MPO Riders Guide, *FindMyRide* includes a wide variety of transportation options across the North Front Range and while geared toward anyone, is designed to meet the needs of older adults and people with disabilities.

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!



Within the Denver metro area? Go to [DRMAC Transit Options](#).

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Thursdays
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February 19th

April 16th

June 18th

August 20th

October 15th

December 17th

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