

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
MEETING MINUTES**

**Windsor Recreation Center - Pine Room
250 North 11th Street
Windsor, Colorado**

**April 15, 2015
1:01 – 3:32 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eric Bracke, Chair – Greeley
Suzette Mallette, Vice-Chair – Larimer County
Christopher Barnes – COLT
Stephanie Brothers – Berthoud
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Seth Hyberger – Milliken
Will Jones – GET
David Klockeman – Loveland
Kurt Ravenschlag – Transfort
Karen Schneiders – CDOT
Fred Starr – Evans Alternate
Gary Thomas – SAINT
Dennis Wagner – Windsor

NFRMPO STAFF:

Terri Blackmore
Becky Karasko
Aaron Buckley
Alex Gordon
Angela Horn
Josh Johnson

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dawn Anderson – Evans
Gary Carsten – Eaton
Jim DiLeo – APCD
John Franklin – Johnstown
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
John Holdren - Severance
Janet Lundquist – Weld County
Jessica McKeown – LaSalle
Martina Wilkinson – Fort Collins

IN ATTENDANCE:

Drew Beck – Matrix Design Group
Sarah Boyd – Greeley/NoCo Bike & Ped
Jeff Purdy – FHWA
Jake Schuch – CDOT
Kathy Seelhoff – CDOT

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Bracke called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 18, 2015 TAC MINUTES:

Klockeman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting. Wagner supported the motion and it was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

No Items this Month.

ACTION ITEMS:

2040 Regional Transit Element Chapters 1 and 2 and Appendix A

Karasko

Karasko provided updates on the 2040 RTE Chapters 1 and 2, and Appendix A. Klockeman requested consistent terminology in the 2040 RTE, addition of full transit provider titles, and an explanation of planning phase 2 in the planning process section of Chapter 1.

Klockeman made a motion to approve the 2040 RTE Chapters 1 and 2, and Appendix A with the proposed corrections. Mallette supported the motion and it was approved unanimously.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal):

NoCo Bike/Ped Collaborative – Sarah Boyd discussed presentations provided at the April NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative meeting and gave status updates on regional trail construction. She also discussed the November 5, 2015 conference at UNC.

Regional Transit Items – Ravenschlag stated Transfort completed its FTA Triennial Review and received a perfect score. Jones reported public input for route changes has been collected and final public approval is moving forward. Jones reported ridership for the month of March increased 17 percent compared to 2014 due to their ride free with a student ID program.

Senior Transportation – No items this month.

PRESENTATIONS:

CDOT 2015 Permanent Water Quality Call for Projects

Beck

Drew Beck presented on the Statewide Water Quality Plan, installation requirements for permanent water quality facilities, and associated funding sources. Areas with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits can access the available \$6.5 M in CDOT funds after a NEPA review. The CDOT Permanent Water Quality Call for Projects is currently open and will close May 1. Awards will be announced in June.

2040 Travel Demand Model Results

Horn

Horn presented the results from the MPO's 2040 Regional Transportation Demand Model as requested by TAC at the March meeting. She presented output highlighting VMT, volumes and congestion ratios on major roadways, and transit ridership for the NFR region. Horn will follow-up with TAC members to update transit ridership and traffic volumes on major roadways. Ravenschlag questioned why the 2040 transit ridership total for the region is less than what Transfort is currently carrying.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2040 Regional Transit Element Chapters 4-8 and Appendices C-E

Karasko

Karasko presented updated information in Chapters 4-8 and Appendices C-E of the 2040 RTE, distributed to TAC prior to the meeting. TAC discussed the chapters and provided comments and suggestions regarding a variety of edits to the document.

Klockeman stated the Council will be interested in seeing Sunday transit service projections in Chapter 5. He also stated the inclusion of the North I-25 EIS Commuter Rail Update in the RTE is needed in Chapter 8 along with a larger description of governance in Chapter 8.

Ravenschlag noted **Figures 6.1 and 6.2** in Chapter 6 need to be recreated for each transit agency. Mallette stated a need to identify who will be selecting performance measures for transit in Chapter 5 and the preferred alternative in Chapter 8. She suggested creating a matrix for service levels,

governance, and what funding options need to be explored for the Council to use for their selection purposes.

2040 Regional Transportation Plan Chapters 2, 3, and 5

Karasko

Karasko presented Chapters 2, 3, and 5 of the 2040 RTP, distributed to TAC prior to the meeting. TAC discussed the chapters and provided comments and suggestions.

Bustow stated the NHS map in Chapter 2 needed to be updated with all of the NHS corridors. He added the functional classifications need to be updated. Additionally, he requested additional information in the Environmental Justice section of Chapter 5 and the Division of Wildlife should be changed to the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife.

Klockeman stated Loveland sidewalks need to be added to **Figure 2-13**.

Schneiders stated the RAMP projects in **Table 2-19** are funded. She also mentioned CDOT no longer calculates the remaining service life on roadway corridors and has switched to drivability life. She added that data from the 2013 flood should be included in Chapter 5.

Bracke stated **Table 0-7** should be renamed **Table 2-7**. He also stated the three cities in the region have embraced ITS and it should be reflected in the 2040 RTP. He also requested the symbols on **Figure 2-16** need to be larger and that **Figure 3-10** is missing.

Purdy stated TAZ and employment maps should be broken down further.

Jones stated the new GET bus routes for 2016 need to be included in the RTP.

REPORTS:

Public Outreach Updates

Gordon

Gordon reported 356 survey responses have been received to-date for the 2040 RTP. He stated Phase II of public outreach for the 2040 RTP will begin summer 2015.

Blackmore reported she would begin going out to MPO member city councils and commissioners' courts to present on topics related to the MPO, such as projects, plans, etc. of the communities choosing on behalf of the NFRMPO.

TIP Administrative Modification Updates

Johnson

Johnson reported on TIP modifications requested by GET and Elderhaus for the month of April.

The Draft FY 2016-2019 STIP is available for public comment. A hard copy of the STIP is available at the NFRMPO and CDOT Region 4 offices. Comments are due May 8. He noted the next TIP amendments will be due in July.

Johnson also stated the spring 2015 NFRMPO newsletter was sent out April 7.

Roundtable

Bracke stated bicycles and pedestrians not being able to cross I-25 is a major issue and suggested a reexamination of the Poudre River Trail crossing using the Harmony/I-25 interchange. Schneiders stated Fort Collins has approached CDOT to use GOCO funding for improvements near the Harmony Park-n-Ride and this might be a temporary solution to use the funding.

Karasko stated the NFRMPO will have its FTA Triennial Review on April 16 and 17.

Schneiders presented the Federal Inactive Projects list and stated several projects are having issues getting bids. A CDOT project closure form is in progress for the Orchards Regional Transfer Center project in Loveland.

Thomas reported Fort Collins residents voted to extend the Building on Basics Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax and the Transportation improvements Quarter-cent Sales and Use Tax.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Final Public Comment - There was no final public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Aaron Buckley, NFRMPO staff.

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at the Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room.