

May 2015 Director's Report Addendum

MOAs

- The NFRMPO is updating the joint MOA with DRCOG, APCD, RAQC and NFRMPO for Air Quality and it is attached.
- The MOA that was updated in the spring of 2013 with CDOT will need to be updated again this fall to be MAP21 compliant and similar to other MPOs in the state. CDOT will template the MOA this spring and summer with DRCOG and will work with the other MPOs this fall.
- The draft MOA with RAQC is on the Planning Council agenda for discussion at the May meeting and June approval. It has been reviewed by NFRMPO legal Counsel.

FY 2016 UPWP Budget

- *The draft Budget is complete and will go to the Finance Committee at their May meeting. The FY 2017 Budget will be delayed until preliminary discussions can be held with Blue Ocean on the renewal of the NFRMPO lease which is up February 2017.*
- *The Finance Committee will also be discussing appropriate levels of reserves for both the NFRMPO and VanGo™ in June.*

Regional Transit Element

- Staff is working with the Transit providers to develop a transit recommendation for TAC to provide for Planning Council's consideration as part of the RTE.

Upcoming Public Outreach

- *Listed below are the tentative dates of the final outreach period for the RTE and RTP prior to the adoption in the fall*
- *If your community has an event that the NFRMPO should attend, please contact Alex Gordon at agordon@nfrmpo.org or 970.416.2025.*

Community	Event	Dates
Fort Collins	PDT Open House	May 6, 2015
Johnstown	Johnstown BBQ Day	June 6, 2015
Berthoud	Berthoud Day	June 6, 2015
Greeley/Weld County	Transportation Summit	June 15, 2015
Eaton	Eaton Day	July 11, 2015
LaSalle	LaSalle Day	July 18, 2015
Milliken	Beef & Beans Day	August 8, 2015
Evans	Community Safety Day	August 8, 2015
Severance	Severance Day	August 15, 2015
Loveland	Old Fashioned Corn Roast Festival	August 22, 2015
Windsor	Windsor Harvest Festival	September 7, 2015
Timnath	Founders Day (?)	September 12, 2015

FY2016-2019 STIP Schedule

- CDOT provided a copy of the draft STIP to the NFRMPO and it is available at the MPO offices and the CDOT Region 4 offices for review until May 8. Although the draft does not have a link to the individual MPO TIPs, the links will be included in the final STIP. Comments map may be sent to Jamie.d.collins@state.co.us or calling Jamie at 303.757.9092.

Severance Transportation Plan

- The Severance Town Board approved their Transportation Plan at their April 6 Board meeting.
- Anyone interested in reviewing the plan can contact Josh Johnson at jjohnson@nfrmpo.org or 970-416-2293.

VanGo

- The VanGo™ program sold 8 vans at the Roller Auction on February earned \$ 56,120 minus transportation costs and three vans at the April Roller Auction \$23,690 minus transportation costs.

FTA Triennial Review

- FTA completed the in-office portion of the review on April 16 and 17
- There were six items that will need to be corrected by December 2015
 - *The DBE Officer assigned when I arrived was not an appropriate staff level – this already has been reassigned*
 - *The NFRMPO missed a DBE report due in December – NFRMPO is in the process of obtaining proper access for the appropriate staff person to access the FTA system to complete the reports*
 - *The FTA requires an inventory of all vehicles every two years – FTA worked with VanGo to develop a process to inventory the vans during the annual Safety meetings and during scheduled maintenance*
 - *Sub Recipient Procurement did not follow FTA procedures – NFRMPO will provide copy of NFRMPO check list*
 - *Sub Recipient Inventory – NFRMPO will add Sub Recipient vehicles to inventory and inventory them at least every two years*
 - *NFRMPO did not PIN Certifications and Assurances to Triennial Review – NFRMPO Planning Council designation and legal Counsel opinion on Agenda*

Response to Mr. Teets Letter and Surveys

- A summary is attached along with the letter sent in response to Mr. Teets

AMPO Letter to Washington Leaders on Transportation Reauthorization

- *A copy of a letter sent by AMPO and numerous other groups urging action on reauthorization prior to the May 31 expiration has been posted on the MPO website.*

Conflict of Interest

- *Both CIRSA and our Procurement Policies that were adopted in April require that the Planning Council members sign a new Conflict of Interest policy each year. If you policy is more than a year old please see Renae to update your policy.*



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May 7, 2015

DESIGNATION OF SIGNATURE AUTHORITY
For the
TRANSPORTATION ELECTRONIC AWARD & MANAGEMENT
PROCESS (TEAM)

The North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council hereby authorizes the Administrative Director, the Mobility Coordinator, and the NFRT&AQPC legal counsel to be assigned and use of a Personal Identification Number (PIN), for the execution of annual Certification and Assurances issued by the federal transit Administration (FTA), submission of all FTA grant applications, and the execution of all FTA grant awards, on behalf of the officials below, for the FTA's Transportation Electronic Award and Management System (TEAM).

Terri Blackmore, Executive Director
North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council

Jeremy E. Scott
Bell, Gould, Linder & Scott, P.C.

Conflict of Interest Statement

As a General Policy, the NFRMPO seeks to prevent and avoid any conflicts of interest in the conduct of its business operations and to avoid any appearance of such conflicts to the public it services. Each Council member or committee member has the duty to place the interests of the NFRMPO foremost in any dealings on behalf of the organization and has a continuing responsibility to comply with this Policy.

In order to comply with this Policy, it is expected that:

If a Council member has an interest in a proposed transaction with the NFRMPO in the form of a significant personal or organizational financial interest in the transaction or holds a position as trustee, director, officer or staff member in such organization or business, he or she must make full disclosure of such interest before any discussion or negotiation of such transaction. The disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Any Council or committee member who has a potential conflict of interest with respect to any matter coming before the Council or a committee shall not participate in any discussion of or vote in connection with the matter. The disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Any Council or committee member who gains privileged information by virtue of his or her role as a Council, committee or staff member shall not use that privileged information for personal or professional gain.

This Policy shall be distributed annually to Council members. A signature in the designated space at the bottom of this Policy will indicate that Council members' agreement to abide by this Policy to the best of his or her ability. Noncompliance with the intent and spirit of this Conflict of Interest Policy may result in action deemed appropriate by the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (NFRT&AQPC) of the NFRMPO.

This Policy may be revised or amended as determined appropriate by the NFRT&AQPC.

I have read the above statement of policy regarding conflict of interest and agree to abide by the policy to the best of my ability in my role as a Council member.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Cc: Council Records

File: Compliance with the *NFRMPO Procurement Policy Manual*



April 20, 2015

The Honorable James Inhofe
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Inhofe and Shuster, and Ranking Members Boxer and DeFazio:

On behalf of the local government community and its elected and appointed transportation officials, we are writing to thank you for your ongoing efforts to avoid any disruption in the flow of critical transportation funding for federally-assisted bridge, highway, and transit projects. As you continue your efforts to secure an adequately-funded, multi-year surface transportation bill, our organizations will stand with you to advance this critical legislation, especially as our members see renewed Congressional commitments to local and regional decision-making.

Our organizations are united in requesting modest program changes that build upon longstanding elements of current law. Specifically, we urge you to suballocate more funding to local decision-makers and local areas under the Surface Transportation Program, Transportation Alternatives Program, and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, details of which we have shared with your staff. We also seek reaffirmation of longstanding federal commitments to the more than 177,000 federal-aid highway bridges (or “on-system bridges”) that are not a part of the designated National Highway System, which lost access to predictable funding after MAP-21 took effect. These requests can be accomplished within the program’s current structure, without the need for new programs.

Cities and counties collectively own 78 percent of the nation’s road miles, 43 percent of the nation’s federal-aid highway miles, 50 percent of the nation’s bridge inventory, and operate a majority of the nation’s transit systems. According to a 2015 Pew Charitable Trusts analysis, cities and counties collectively spend \$75 billion annually on highways and transit, just four percent less than what states are investing. It is our firm belief that local elected officials, who are responsible for the vast majority of the system, are best situated to direct available transportation resources to projects that best serve their communities and regions.



Chairman Inhofe, Ranking Member Boxer, Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio

April 20, 2015

RE: AMPO, NACO, NADO, NARC, NLC and USCM

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Despite owning a majority share of our country's transportation network and making a substantial investment in surface transportation infrastructure, local governments and their metropolitan and regional planning organizations receive a relatively small share of overall federal transportation funds. MAP-21 further strained local governments by decreasing – by 30 percent – the amount of highway funds available for the transportation infrastructure they own. Increasing locally available federal transportation funds would have tremendous benefits for the nation's regional economies, without major disruptions to the underlying legislative approaches.

We are appreciative of the committees' continued interest in the local government perspective on federal transportation funding and policy, and were pleased that Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker had the opportunity to share his views on these issues at a recent hearing before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. We remain ready to help in any way we can and look forward to participating in future opportunities with the committees.

As representatives of the local government community, our organizations and our members are committed to working with you and your colleagues in Congress to move this critical legislation and America forward.

Sincerely,



Hon. Elaine Clegg
Vice President, AMPO
Council Member, City of Boise



Hon. Riki Hokama
President, NACO
Council Member, Maui County



Terry Bobrowski
President, NADO
Executive Director, East Tennessee
Development District



Hon. Gary W. Moore
President, NARC
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May 5, 2015

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RE: OPINION OF COUNSEL

North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
419 Canyon Avenue, Suite 300
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Dear Ms. Blackmore:

This letter will serve as the requisite opinion of counsel to be filed with the Federal Transit Administration, United States Department of Transportation, in connection with the application of the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council for Federal transportation assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53; Title 23 United States Code; and other Federal statutes authorizing activities administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

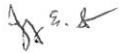
Citations to laws, regulations, etc. establishing the legal authority of North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council to carry out transportation projects for which Federal assistance is sought is set forth below:

1. The Council is a legal entity consisting of a group of member local governments which is authorized by C.R.S. § 29-1-201, et seq., the intergovernmental agreement forming the Council, and the Council's Articles of Association to provide public transportation and assist its member local governments in providing public transportation.
2. The authority of the Council to provide funds for the local share of the project is set forth in C.R.S. § 29-1-201, et seq., the intergovernmental agreement forming the Council, the Council's Articles of Association, and the annual budget of the Council.
3. Based on my review of pertinent federal, state, and local law, it is my opinion that there is no legal impediment to the Council's filing an application for the project which the Council seeks assistance. Furthermore, to the best of my knowledge, there is no pending or threatened litigation or other action which might in any way adversely affect the proposed project or the capability of the Council to carry out the project.

Letter to T. Blackmore
RE: Opinion Letter for Federal Transit Administration
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This opinion is issued solely for the use by the Federal Transit Administration for the purposes stated herein, and is not to be quoted in whole or in part or otherwise referred to, nor is it to be delivered to any person, without my prior written consent. I expressly undertake no responsibility or duty to inform any part as to any change in fact, circumstance or law occurring after the date hereof which may affect or alter any of the opinions, statements, or information set forth above.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.E. Scott", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeremy E. Scott



North Front Range MPO Area - Project Status Updates (May 7, 2015)

<u>Roadway / Segment</u>	<u>Status</u>
SH14	
I-25 to WCR23 Resurfacing	<i>Awarding bids</i>
US287 PR at Ted's Place	<i>In Design</i>
I-25	
SH392 to Harmony Rubblization	<i>Construction resumed</i>
Crossroads Blvd Interchange / Bridges	<i>On track for Spring 2016 start and December 2017 completion</i>
Truck Climbing Lane	<i>On track for advertisement Spring 2016, construction completed in 2016.</i>
US34	
Big Thompson Canyon Flood Repair	<i>Construction estimated to begin Fall 2015</i>
Greeley Bypass Adaptive Signals	<i>In conjunction with US85 Adaptive Signal. On track for June 2015 advertisement</i>
US34 at 71st Access Control	<i>Contract awarded</i>
East Greeley Flood PR	<i>Construction Work is underway</i>
SH60	
SH257 PR	<i>Delayed due to high water levels. Construction will start on SH257 in Sept with 20 day closure.</i>
US85	
Ault to Wyoming	<i>Contractor awarded</i>
Park & Ride in Evans	<i>Under construction</i>
Adaptive Signals in Greeley	<i>In conjunction with US34 Adaptive Signal. On track for June 2015 advertisement</i>
US287	
29 th in Loveland to SH392 Resurf	<i>Construction resumed</i>
SH392 to Harmony Resurf	<i>Complete</i>
Harmony to Mulberry Resurf	<i>Rebid required- only one submitted bidder</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>
SH392	
Windsor to Lucerne Resurf	<i>Contractor awarded</i>
US85 Intersection	<i>In Design. FOR in June</i>
SH402	
Larimer CR 9E	<i>In Design</i>