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February 2016

Larimer County Mobility Council Meeting

Meeting Location:

419 Canyon Ave, Suite 300

Fort Collins

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 18, 2016

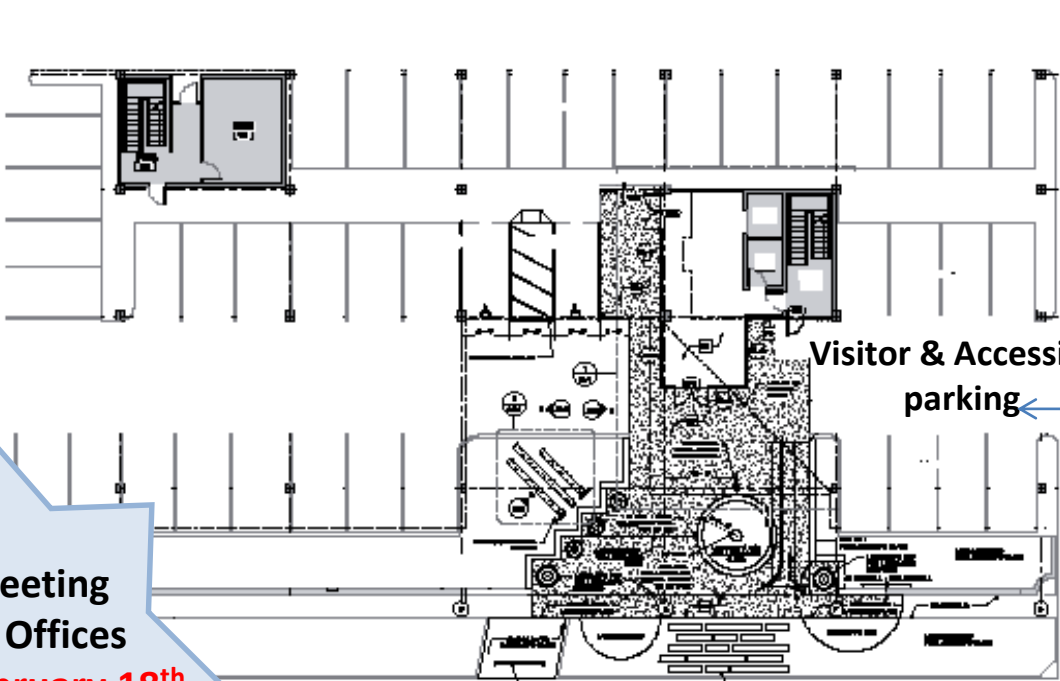
1. Review of Agenda
2. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)
3. Approval of Meeting Notes (December)
4. Chair Updates Thomas
5. Discussion Items
 - 2016 LCMC Goals Gordon
 - Larimer County Senior Transportation Thomas
 - Final 2016 Draft NFRMPO Riders Guide Gordon
6. MC Program Updates Gordon
 - Online Transit Resource Guide
7. Council Member Reports
8. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 21, 2016

**LCMC Meeting
NFRMPO Offices**

Thursday February 18th

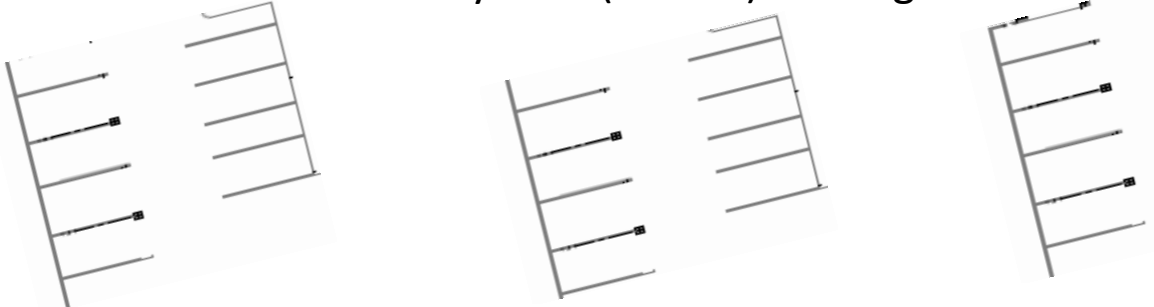
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Mulberry Pool (2 Hour) Parking





Larimer County Mobility Council

Meeting Notes – December 17, 2015

1:30 – 3:00 p.m., NFRMPO Offices

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LCMC Members in Attendance:

- Gary Thomas, Senior Alternatives in Transportation (SAINT)
- Toni Lueck, Dial-A-Ride Advisory Committee
- Katy Mason, Larimer County Office On Aging (LC OOA)
- Ruth Fletcher-Carter, Rural Alternatives for Transportation (RAFT)
- Michelle Miller, Larimer County Workforce Center
- Christopher Barnes, Loveland COLT
- Garrett Mumma, CO Division of Vocational Rehab

NFRMPO Staff: Mary Warring

Call meeting at 1:40pm

1. **Review of Agenda**
2. **Public Comment** (Non- Agenda Items)
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** (October) Ruth, Katy second.

4. **Chair Updates**.....Thomas

Travel Training Update – Loveland training taking off with January & February classes are booked. March & April classes are still available but it’s anticipated they will also full. Barnes – COLT is starting student and adult Travel Training (TT). Advertising will start next week. TT is free and there is no fare charged.

Other regional events/news - COLT staff going to the Loveland City Council study session to discuss (handout) breaking the COLT program services down into how different scenarios might work. Staff will be providing a picture of all options. The last major route change was 2010 and currently COLT is short staffed & will be discussed as well. Thomas added that current COLT funding & current service don’t line up.

Mumma asked if one of scenarios to discuss was a possible Transfort-COLT merger.

Yes – alignment of FTA funds and that scenario will be part of discussion.

- Dial-A-Ride recently (temporarily) charged no fare.
- New FLEX Express service to Boulder starts in January w/ 50 cent fare.
- Bustang may be changing schedule. Warring will contact CDOT to get details.

5. **Discussion Items**

AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities (AFC) Designation.....Mason

Katy discussed AFC designation which involves multi-year process to assess, plan and then implement strategies. Eight domains of livability. Efforts will be pursued in all eight areas to improve livability in Larimer County. What benefits senior’s benefits everyone. The County Commissioners approval was needed to move forward with designation and they were very supportive & enthusiastic. Next step is a project kick off/event on Feb 11th at the Larimer County Courthouse (media event). Most likely the event will include CSU Center for Public Deliberation/Martin Carcassun to help to gauge public input.



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Larimer County Senior Transportation – County Commissioners have been getting feedback on transportation needs in the rural areas of Larimer County. In 2016, \$110K to study senior rural transportation needs will start. The consultants for the project will be working with Suzette Mallette of the Larimer County Public Works Department.

NEW - 2016 DRAFT NFRMPO Riders Guide.....Thomas

Thomas reviewed the DRAFT 2016 Riders Guide which has been expanded to include more providers, provider logos and general maps. Thomas compared to the 2015 version and asked the council if they had any comments regarding the changes. Council felt the changes were positive and work on the DRAFT will be completed for final review.

Online Guide – 2015 Performance Metrics (handout).....Warring

Warring shared information on the first six months of site visits/queries. Overall, visits have been low but recently have shown a sharp increase – positive sign. More promotion of the site will begin in 2016 so it’s anticipated that site visits will continue to increase.

6. MC Program Updates

MPO Planning Council/MC Report – Warring shared the new MPO PC update which is meant to focus on news and events as opposed to a summary of meeting business.

Feedback from the MPO PC has been positive in response to the change.

FTA funding update – FTA funding for the Larimer and Weld mobility program has been secured through 2016.

7. Council Member Reports

Lueck – Retired as chair from DARTAC – There will be no chair from now on. Thomas thanked Lueck for her tenure and service on DARTAC.

Fletcher-Carter – RAFT had their first website donation. RAFT nominated as Berthoud business of the year and she was nominated as Berthoud citizen of the year.

Mason – AARP Walkability study report will be presented January 27th, 5:30 pm at the Rialto Theatre in Loveland. Project/study has done well. The report was presented to a downtown biz association last month and the project team is working to generate lots of interest.

Warring will send to groups. Accessibility was part of study. The study & more information is available at www.foa.org

Thomas– Blue ribbon committees have been established to look at aging in CO. There are six committees including transportation which will be held in Denver at CDOT offices. Jim Reisberg is good representative for Larimer County. The committee has \$350K a year to work on the project. Thomas has been appointed to be part of a transportation sub-committee and will keep the LCMC posted.

8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:37pm.

9. Next Meeting: February 18, 2015

Michelle Miller will present information on the LC Workforce Center.



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**

2015 Work Plan

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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2015 Work Plan

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. 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 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.

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

7. 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

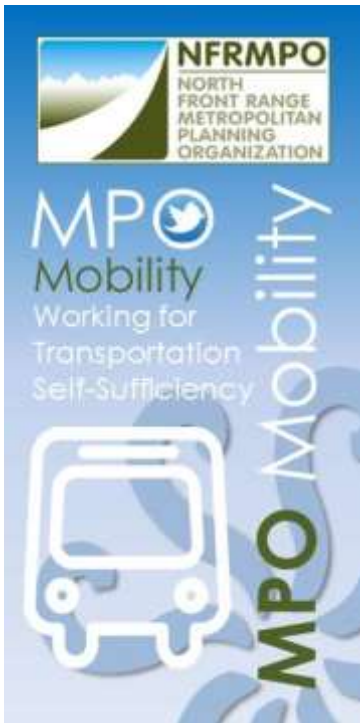
2015 Work Plan

Larimer 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 Larimer County residents to “Try Transit”.

- Help create a better understanding of travel training’s impact on transit 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 –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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2016/2017 Meeting/Project Ideas

Three Primary Objectives

1. Focused learning opportunities for LCMC
2. Research and data gathering for MC program
3. Public Education/Awareness

Strategies

- Invite a guest speaker -
 - Outside of the Larimer County area to speak on a selected topic. *Suggestion: UNC professor, Jill Bezyak on a senior transportation survey*
 - Local who runs a Larimer County program of interest. *Suggestion: Regional Transit Element – Local Transit Managers on regional transit connectivity*
- Host a travel training session for LCMC members
Suggestion: Berthoud & Loveland to TT program
- Host a lunch meeting – change meeting time, invite members of public (state regulations for purchasing lunch) and select a topic/focus for the meeting.
- Create public awareness campaign on benefits/need for transit. *Includes data collection, reports to LCMC, outreach material development, targeted group outreach, advertising and reporting of effort.*
- Rural transportation – looking at what other communities have done. Possibly link to public awareness campaign
- Solicit new member agencies to bring new faces & topics to the table.
- CO SIM Model and how it affects HS providers

Additional Suggestions & Ideas?

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