

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council**

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

**March 16, 2016
1:04 – 2:42**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawn Anderson, Chair – Evans
Dennis Wagner, Vice-Chair - Windsor
Jeff Bailey – Loveland
Amanda Brimmer – RAQC
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Gary Carsten – Eaton
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
John Holdren – Severance
Seth Hyberger – Milliken
Will Jones – Greeley Alternate
Janet Lundquist – Weld County
Suzette Mallette – Larimer County
Karen Schneiders – CDOT
Gary Thomas – SAINT
Martina Wilkinson – Fort Collins

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eric Bracke – Greeley
Stephanie Brothers – Berthoud
John Franklin - Johnstown
Jessica McKeown – LaSalle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Barnes – COLT
Sarah Boyd – Greeley, NoCo Bike & Ped
Lou Keen – CDOT
Daniel Mattson – CDOT
Jeff Purdy – FHWA
Jeff Schreier – Eaton Alternate
Kathy Seelhoff – CDOT
Keith Shaffer – CDOT
Jake Schuch – CDOT

NFRMPO STAFF:

Aaron Buckley
Alex Gordon
Becky Karasko
Medora Kealy
Jenna Levin

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 20, 2016 TAC MINUTES

Bailey moved to approve the January 20, 2016 TAC meeting minutes. Holdren supported the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Karasko introduced the two new NFRMPO Transportation Planners, Medora Kealy and Jenna Levin.

CONSENT ITEMS

No items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

No items this month.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal)

Northern Colorado (NoCo) Bike & Ped Collaborative – Boyd reported on the e-bike and regional wayfinding presentations at the March 9, 2016 NoCo Bike & Ped meeting. The e-bike presentation discussed rules for using e-bikes in Fort Collins and provided an interactive demonstration. The regional wayfinding presentation discussed the need for regional consistency and inclusion in the NFRMPO's upcoming Non-Motorized Plan.

Regional Transit Items – Jones stated the GET study investigating a transit route connection between Greeley and Fort Collins via Windsor is moving forward. Schneiders stated Bustang is doing well.

Senior Transit Items – Thomas reported the Travel Trainings for seniors sponsored by the Partnership for an Age-Friendly Community (PFAC), Berthoud, Loveland, and Fort Collins are doing well. He also stated he is a member of the Strategic Action Plan on Aging Initiative, appointed by the Governor. The initiative will provide a recommendation to the governor regarding mobility, support networks, and infrastructure.

Regional Air Quality Council – RAQC is moving forward with the SIP and recently brought SIP chapters to the RAQC Board. Emission inventories were taken to RAQC's subcommittees. The Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) program will become federally enforced, rather than a "state only" requirement. SIP subcommittees continue to meet regarding control strategies, including fuels, local inventories, and land uses. Exceptional events and background ozone levels will be considered for how they impact SIP models and attainment. Mallette asked if the I/M program will change as it goes from a state program to a federal program. Brimmer stated it is a simple revision and will probably not change greatly.

PRESENTATION

NFRMPO Rider's Guide – Gordon presented the 2016 NFRMPO Rider's Guide, which includes updated information on mobility options in the region. Mallette asked if the Rider's Guide will be available on the NFRMPO website. Gordon responded it is available on the website and will email the link. He also stated printed versions are available upon request.

DISCUSSION

US 34 PEL Study – Lou Keen, CDOT, presented on the proposed US 34 PEL Study. Funding and the study scope were determined based on previous studies along the corridor. The US 34 PEL Study will be brought to the April NFRMPO Council meeting for funding concurrence. Mallette asked about CDOT securing funding to complete the study. Schneiders stated FY2019 Regional Priority Project (RPP) funds would be used, and there will continue to be conversations and discussions regarding funding. Mallette asked if the \$2.3M estimate was correct. Keen responded the estimate was based on similar per-mile costs from previous studies, has been updated based on the scope of work, and will continue to be refined. Wilkinson asked if the money would go to projects on North I-25 if it is not used for the US 34 PEL. Shaffer stated the money would go to North I-25, and FY2019 RPP funding is already programmed for North I-25. Shaffer clarified CDOT will request locals pay the difference between the total project cost and the amount of RPP funds received. Mallette stated there is already an Access Control Plan (ACP) for portions of US 34. Keen stated the ACP needs to be updated, but will be incorporated. The PEL study will set the groundwork for future NEPA studies. Jones asked if transit will be included in the study. Keen stated all modes will be considered for the corridor. The TAC members in attendance, came to a positive consensus of support for the US 34 PEL Study. TAC also supported CDOT's request for Planning Council concurrence at their April meeting.

CDOT Intersection Prioritization – Karasko reported on CDOT's Regional Intersection Prioritization Study meeting, held on March 2, 2016. The study began with more than 6,000 intersections across CDOT Region 4 and was refined to 40. Of those, 25 are located within the NFRMPO. Intersections made the list based on crash data, safety data, AADT, and other information collected between 2010

and 2014. CDOT requested priority lists from local communities. Intersections which fit into local funding opportunities and plans will be prioritized. Mallette asked if CDOT will only move forward with one project. Schneiders stated CDOT is considering performance measures, and will keep the list as a living document. Mallette asked how often this list will be updated. Schuch stated crash data is updated every six months, but there is no timeline to update the list. Carsten stated he would like to know how he can add to the list of intersections. Schneiders stated he should email her. CDOT requested communities provide their priorities for the intersections listed by Thursday, March 17, 2016.

FHWA Bike/Ped Information Request – Karasko discussed FHWA’s request for information regarding current multimodal facilities and programs within the region to be used in a national bike and pedestrian facility and program inventory. Karasko stated information should be sent to her or Aaron Buckley by March 31, 2016. Mallette asked if the request for information was for trails or on-the-road facilities. Bustow stated FHWA is interested in the process. Karasko added the request includes safety, enforcement, policies, and approaches.

REPORTS

NFRMPO Counter Program Update – Buckley discussed the upcoming NFRMPO-sponsored mobile bicycle and pedestrian counter training with JAMAR on April 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the NFRMPO offices. Installation of the permanent counters will occur on April 26 at the River Bluffs location in Larimer County and on April 27th at the Rover Run Dog Park. Both locations are on the Poudre River Trail.

TIP Administrative Modification Update – Buckley discussed the modifications to the TIP, as included in the TAC packet. TIP amendments are due to Aaron Buckley by April 1, 2016.

Karasko requested TAC provide input on how often TIP modifications are brought to the group. Lundquist suggested modifications be brought quarterly. TAC agreed to have modifications brought quarterly.

Mobility Committee Update – Karasko and Gordon discussed the Larimer and Weld County Mobility Committee meetings. Recent meetings have revolved around ensuring the roster and strategies of each group match the committees’ goals.

ROUNDTABLE

Karasko stated the NFRMPO is interested in forming a Freight Advisory Council. Karasko requested members of TAC send the contact information of interested members.

Karasko stated the NFRMPO is working on a FASTLANE grant. The grant will be almost identical to the CDOT TIGER grant application and will include bridge replacements and expansions, transit slip ramps at Kendall Parkway, and a third lane in each direction between SH14 and SH402. The application is due April 14, 2016. Mallette asked if there was a dollar amount for the FASTLANE application. Karasko responded the application will be for approximately \$130M.

Karasko stated the FRA has opened the train horn rule for a 120-day comment period. The NFRMPO would like to submit comments from the region and invited TAC members to meet to discuss these comments.

Wilkinson reported the first Remington Greenway wayfinding sign was installed in Fort Collins. The City is looking into installing more signs in the future. Wilkinson also reported Fort Collins will be submitting comments for the Train Horn Rule.

Bailey reported Loveland is working on a TIGER grant for Downtown Loveland.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions –

Karasko stated the April agenda will include a discussion on the FY2017 UPWP and a presentation from CDOT and FHWA about CMAQ eligibility.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by:

Alex Gordon, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at the Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room.