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Next Council Meeting
 June 2, 2016
 Brookside Gardens
 619 E. State Hwy 56
 Berthoud, CO

NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

May 5, 2016
 Loveland Police & Courts Building
 Police Institute Room
 810 E. 10th Street
 Loveland, CO

Council Dinner 5:30 p.m.
 MPO Council Meeting – 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

2-Minute Public Comment (accepted on items not on the Agenda)

Anyone in the audience will be given time to speak to any item on the Consent Agenda. Please ask for that item to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Items pulled will be heard at the beginning of the Regular Agenda. Members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak to the item before the Council acts upon it.

1. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes-Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality/MPO-April 7, 2016 (Pg. 7)

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

Estimated Time

COUNCIL REPORTS:

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| 3. Air Pollution Control Division Report (Pg. 13) | Chris Colclasure | 30 min |
| 4. Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) (Pg. 15) | Blackmore/Horak | 5 min |

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Estimated Time

REPORTS:

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| 5. Executive Director Report (Pg. 17) | Terri Blackmore | 5 min |
| 6. Report of the Chair
Assignment of Finance Committee Member | Gerry Horak | 5 min |
| 7. TAC (Pg. 24) | (Written Report) | |
| 8. Finance (Pg. 26) | Kevin Ross | 5 min |

ACTION ITEMS:

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| 9. MPO Office Lease/ Remodel Financing(Pg. 31) | Crystal Hedberg | 5 min |
| 10. 2016 Title VI Plan (Pg. 33) | Terri Blackmore | 10 min |

PRESENTATIONS:

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| 11. Traffic Incident Management (Pg. 36) | Major Tim Keeton | 20 min |
| 12. US 34 Big Thompson Canyon Project (Pg. 45) | Johnny Olson | 20 min |

DISCUSSION ITEM:

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| 13. 2016 Q2 TIP Policy Amendment (Pg. 54) | Aaron Buckley | 5 min |
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COUNCIL REPORTS:

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| Transportation Commission Report | Kathy Gilliland | 15 min |
| CDOT Region 4 Report | Johnny Olson | |
| North I-25 Funding Subcommittee | Gerry Horak | |
| North I-25 Coalition | Joan Shaffer | |
| STAC | Conway/Blackmore | |
| Host Council Member Report | Joan Shaffer | |
| Other Council Members Reports | Council Members | |

MEETING WRAP-UP:

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| Final Public Comment (2 minutes each) | | 5 min |
| Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions | | |



MPO MEETING PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

1. The order of the agenda will be maintained unless changed by the MPO Planning Council Chair (MPO Chair).
2. "Public Comment" is a time for citizens to address the Planning Council on matters that are not specifically on the agenda. Each citizen shall be limited to a total of two (2) minutes time for public comment, or at the discretion of the MPO Chair.
3. Before addressing the Planning Council, each individual must be recognized by the MPO Chair, come and stand before the Council and state their name and address for the record. (All proceedings are taped.)
4. For each Action item on the agenda, the order of business is as follows:
 - MPO Chair introduces the item; asks if formal presentation will be made by staff
 - Staff presentation (optional)
 - MPO Chair requests citizen comment on the item (two minute limit for each citizen)
 - Planning Council questions of staff on the item
 - Planning Council motion on the item
 - Planning Council discussion
 - Final Planning Council comments
 - Planning Council vote on the item
5. Public input on agenda items should be kept as brief as possible, and each citizen shall be limited to two (2) minutes time on each agenda item, subject to time constraints and the discretion of the MPO Chair.
6. During any discussion or presentation, no person may disturb the assembly by interrupting or by any action such as applause or comments. Any side conversations should be moved outside the meeting room. Courtesy shall be given to all speakers.
7. All remarks during the meeting should be germane to the immediate subject.

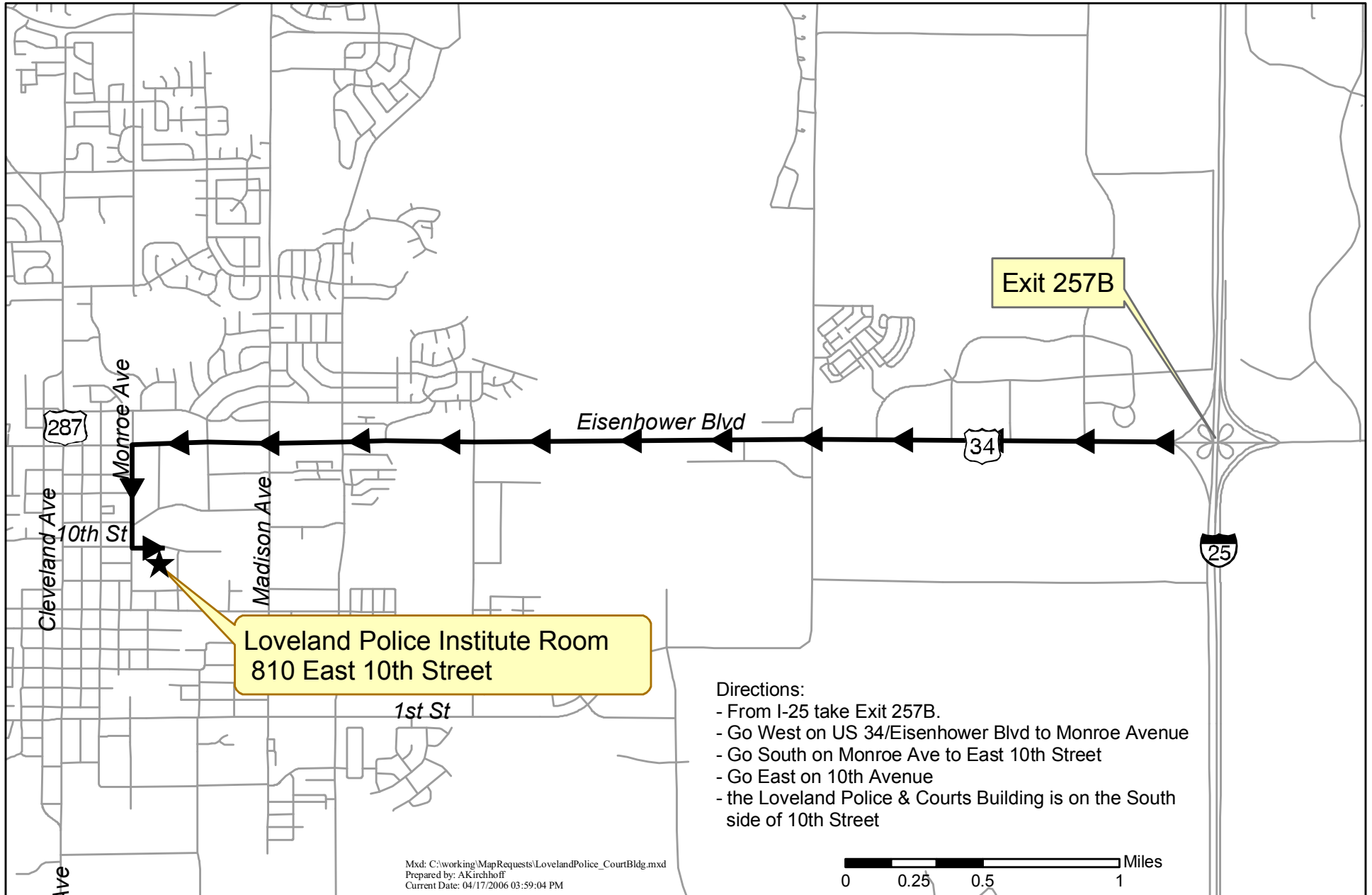
GLOSSARY

1310	State funds for surface transportation
5303 & 5304	FTA program funding for multimodal transportation planning (jointly administered with FHWA) in metropolitan areas and States
5307	FTA program funding for public transportation in Urbanized Areas (i.e. with populations >50,000)
5309	FTA program funding for capital investments
5310	FTA program funding for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities
5311	FTA program funding for rural and small Urban Areas (Non-Urbanized Areas)
5316 (see 5307 or 5311)	FTA program funding for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC; a pre-MAP-21 program)
5317 (see 5310)	FTA program funding for “New Freedom” (a pre-MAP-21 program)
5326	FTA program funding to define “state of good repair” and set standards for measuring the condition of capital assets
5337	FTA program funding to maintain public transportation in a state of good repair
5339	FTA program funding for buses and bus facilities
3C	Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative
7th Pot	CDOT’s Strategic Investment Program and projects—originally using S.B. 97-01 funds
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials
ACP	Access Control Plan
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
ADT	Average Daily Traffic (also see AWD)
AIS	Agenda Item Summary
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
APCD	Air Pollution Control Division (of Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment)
AQC	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program funds (also CMAQ)
AQCC	Air Quality Control Commission (of Colorado)
AQTC	Air Quality Technical Committee
AWD	Average Weekday Traffic (also see ADT)
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (federal)
CDOT	Colorado Department of Transportation
CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (a FHWA funding program)
CMP	Congestion Management Process
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CPG	Consolidated Planning Grant (combination of FHWA & FTA planning funds)
DOT	(United States) Department of Transportation

DRCOG	Denver Regional Council of Governments
DTD	CDOT Division of Transportation Development
DTR	CDOT Division of Transit & Rail
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FASTER	Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (Colorado's S.B. 09-108)
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FY	Fiscal Year (October - September for federal funds; July to June for state funds)
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
HPTE	High-Performance Transportation Enterprise (Colorado)
HTF	Highway Trust Fund (the primary federal funding source for surface transportation)
HUTF	Highway Users Tax Fund (the State's primary funding source for highways)
I&M or I/M	Inspection and Maintenance program (checking emissions of pollutants from vehicles)
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
LRP or LRTP	Long Range Plan or Long Range Transportation Plan
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (2012 federal transportation legislation)
MDT	Model Development Team
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MVEB	Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget
NAA	Non-Attainment Area (for certain air pollutants)
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFRT & AQPC	North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (also NFRMPO)
NFRMPO	North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (also NFRT & AQPC)
NHS	National Highway System
NOx	Nitrogen Oxide
OBD	On-Board Diagnostics (of a vehicle's engine efficiency and exhaust)
O₃	Ozone
PL	Planning (funds)
PPP (also P3)	Public Private Partnership

R4 or R-4	Region 4 of the Colorado Department of Transportation
RAQC	Regional Air Quality Council
RPP	Regional Priority Program (a funding program of the Transportation Commission)
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RTP (see TAP)	Recreational Trails Funds - FHWA Environment funds
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Replaced by MAP-21)
SH	State Highway
SIP	State Implementation Plan (air quality)
SOV	Single Occupant Vehicle
SPR	State Planning and Research (funds)
SRP	State Rail Plan
SRTS (see TAP)	Safe Routes to School (a pre-MAP-21 FHWA funding program)
STAC	State Transportation Advisory Committee
STE (see TAP)	Surface Transportation Program funds (FHWA) for Transportation Enhancement Activities (a pre-MAP-21 FHWA funding program)
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
STU	Surface Transportation Metro (a FHWA funding program that is a subset of STP)
STP	Surface Transportation Program (a FHWA funding program)
STP-Metro	Surface Transportation Metro (a FHWA funding program that is a subset of STP)
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee (of the NFRMPO)
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program (a FHWA funding program)
TAZ	Transportation Analysis Zone (used in travel demand forecasting)
TC	Transportation Commission of Colorado
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
TE	Surface Transportation Program funds for Transportation Enhancement Activities (a pre-MAP-21 FHWA funding program; now see TAP)
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (replaced by MAP-21)
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
Title VI	Refers to the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting discrimination in connection with programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance
TMA	Transportation Management Area (federally-designated place >200,000 population)
TOD	Transit Oriented Development
TPR	Transportation Planning Region (state-designated)
TRAC	Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (for CDOT)
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound

Directions to Loveland Police & Courts Building 810 East 10th Street



April 7, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Minutes of the
NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION &
AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL**

**April 7, 2016
6 p.m.
LaSalle Town Hall
128 N. 2nd Street
LaSalle, CO**

Voting Members

Present

Gerry Horak-Chair	-Fort Collins
Kevin Ross	-Eaton
John Morris	-Evans
Tom Norton	-Greeley
Troy Mellon	-Johnstown
Tom Donnelly	-Larimer County
Paula Cochran	-LaSalle
Joan Shaffer	-Loveland
Linda Measner	-Milliken
Don Brookshire	-Severance
Kathy Gilliland	-Trans. Comm.
Sean Conway	-Weld County

Absent

Jan Dowker	-Berthoud
Chris Colclasure	-CDPHE
Paul Steinway	-Timnath
Myles Baker	-Windsor
*No member	-Garden City

MPO Staff:

Terri Blackmore, Executive Director; Renae Steffen, Administrative Director; Becky Karasko, Regional Transportation Planning Director. Alex Gordon, Transportation Planner/Mobility Coordinator. Medora Kealy and Jenna Levin, Transportation Planners.

In Attendance:

Dawn Anderson, Eric Bracke, Robb Casseday, Julie Cozad, James Eussen, Bill Hange, Joel Hemesath, Myron Hora, Galina Leiphart, Dan Mattson, Suzette Mallette, Johnny Olson, Keith Sheaffer, Cory Stewart, Herman Stockinger, Gary Thomas.

Chair Horak called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

Horak indicated that items 8 and 13 could now be removed from the agenda. Conway noted that just before the Council meeting the Executive Committee had met with Herman Stockinger, Director, CDOT Office of Government Relations, to clarify the financing for the Central 70 Funding Package so this item no longer required Council discussion or action.

*Ross **moved** to approve the meeting agenda with items 8 and 13 deleted. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.*

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Conway ***moved*** to approve the March 3, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was ***seconded and passed*** unanimously.

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

Chair Horak opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

Air Pollution Control Division Report

A written report was provided.

Regional Air Quality Council –RAQC

A written report was provided. Horak complimented Blackmore for her work on the RAQC and asked if any other member of the Council would like to attend the meetings and represent the NFRMPO. No members responded affirmatively. Shaffer said she supported Blackmore staying on as RAQC representative. Horak confirmed that Blackmore would submit for reappointment as the MPO's RAQC representative.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair Horak opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

REPORTS:Executive Director Report:

Terri Blackmore, Executive Director, briefly reviewed information from the April 2016 Director's Report Addendum and added that the MPO servers had been down for several days causing staff to lose email communications and internet and asked that anyone not receiving a response to any emails recently please resend it. She complimented the City of Fort Collins for their responsiveness to the situation, including the loaning of a switch. She also indicated that the approval of the audit would be delayed slightly to allow staff time to get follow-up information to the auditor, Anton Mitchell Collins, LLP. She confirmed that there was a minimal amount of data lost and the necessary equipment had been purchased to fix the problem. The MPO plans to file an insurance claim with CIRSA for the emergency equipment that was purchased and protective measures have been put in place to keep this from happening again. Becky Karasko, Regional Transportation Planning Director, introduced Medora Kealy and Jenna Levin, new Transportation Planners at the MPO. Blackmore announced that the MPO is in the final stages of negotiations with Blue Ocean Enterprises for the office space at 419 Canyon Avenue and they hope to begin construction sometime in the spring. Four keyboard trays were offered to any community who could use them.

Report of the Chair:

Chair Horak recognized Milliken's newly elected Mayor Pro Tem, and former Mayor, Linda Measner, and welcomed her to the Council. Other Council members recognized were Kevin Ross, who was congratulated for being elected as Mayor of Eaton, John Morris who was reelected as Mayor of Evans, Myles Baker, Mayor Pro-Tem in Windsor had been reelected to Council. It was noted that Johnstown's Mayor-elect is Scott James and Windsor's Mayor-elect is Kristie Melendez.

TAC:

A written report was provided.

DISCUSSION ITEM:Central 70 Funding Package

Item removed from the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS:

FASTLANE and TIGER GRANTS

Blackmore and Stockinger gave the FASTLANE & TIGER Grants for North I-25 – 402 to 14 presentation to the Council. Blackmore focused on the FASTLANE Grant and Stockinger on the TIGER Grant.

Blackmore expressed the importance of getting letters of support from as many communities around the State as possible, even those not directly on the I-25 Corridor. Letters should be sent to

bkarasko@nfrmpo.org no later than April 12th.

Shaffer asked what the \$5M commitment for Transit and Rail was going towards. Johnny Olson, CDOT R4, explained that approximately \$4.3M was being used for construction of a new Park and Ride lot at Kendall Parkway where new slip ramps which allow buses to pull off to the side of a road to serve the Park-n-Ride lot and the remaining funds will secure the Right-of-Way and ADA accommodations at the Park-n-Ride's that service Loveland, Greeley and Windsor areas.

Ross inquired about Stockinger's success rate in acquiring TIGER Grants. Stockinger indicated that of the 22 applications he had worked on, 8 of which were completed, the three strongest of which were awarded grants. Conway noted that considering the difficulty factor recognized by some as "more difficult than getting into Harvard Law School", Stockinger's success rate is quite impressive. Stockinger said he believed this grant application had similar attributes to those that had been successful in the past and declared he believed it was a "winner".

Morris asked if the selection criteria included the effects air quality. Blackmore replied that Air Quality criterion are listed under "Community Outcomes" for FASTER and "Environmental Sustainability" for TIGER. Brookshire asked if any improvements were planned for the cloverleaf design on the interchange at I-25 and US 34 and if that interchange was causing considerable congestion. Olson responded that although it may be causing some issues because of the weave pattern at the base, they would not be changing the design because an additional lane would provide the greatest improvement for that interchange. Shaffer added that it will cost approximately \$430M to redesign the US 34 interchange and the project will be being considered over the next 10 years as communities continue to commit to local matches.

Horak thanked Stockinger and Blackmore, complimenting Blackmore and the MPO staff for putting together a very high-quality presentation. He acknowledged all of the communities for the many positive changes that have been made regarding the Council's achievements with these grant processes and recognized this year's exceptional efforts by Larimer County, Johnstown, Windsor and Loveland. Donnelly was commended for leading the efforts in Larimer County that will provide \$10M in funding. Horak felt it would be beneficial to also highlight the Berthoud Climbing Hill and Crossroads projects in the grant applications. Olson also suggested that the roundabout project at Crossroads and the improvements on SH 14 cloverleaf intersection. Johnstown was highly praised for their \$1M local match for North I-25 which equates to approximately 1/7th of their general fund, or \$400 per household.

US 34 PEL

Johnny Olson, CDOT Region 4 gave the US 34 PEL presentation to the Council. Conway stated that the Highway 34 Coalition had viewed the same presentation at their March 9th meeting and their unanimous recommendation was to go forward with the PEL Study as it was presented. He emphasized that CDOT will meet with all of the communities included in the study on their priorities for the scope of work prior to sending out the RFP. Olson confirmed that the communities will also have multiple opportunities to have timely meetings with consultants to add to the scope in their areas, and if needed they will give additional presentations to the elected officials in those communities. It was noted that any additional scope items added by a community would be funded by that community.

ACTION ITEMS:US 34 PEL Study

Conway **moved** to approve the MPO Council's RPP money for FY 2019 totaling \$2,095,204 and for RPP money for FY 2020 totaling up to \$117,596 to fund a US Highway 34 Planning and Environmental Linkage study (PEL). The motion was **seconded** and it **passed** unanimously.

Conway commended Norton, Morris, Shaffer, Melon and all of the entities and their staff for their part in the regional collaboration shown throughout the 6 month process that led to getting the study approved.

MPO Support of FASTLANE/TIGER Grants

Shaffer **moved** to approve the letter outlining the MPO Support of the FASTLANE/TIGER. The motion was **seconded** and it **passed** unanimously.

Horak praised Blackmore for the leadership she had shown throughout the collaboration process with both MPO staff and CDOT.

MPO Central 70 Letter

Item was removed from the agenda.

COUNCIL REPORTS:Transportation Commission Report

Gilliland reported on the following:

- US 36 at 120th Express Lane is now open. Many were in attendance at the ribbon cutting. The next section will go from 120th to E-470.
- The Berthoud Hill Truck Climbing lane project is scheduled to begin the week of April 11th.
- The Loveland Crossroads Boulevard bridge project is going to ad in May.
- Gratitude to all for TIGER Grant support- especially the smaller communities.

CDOT Region 4

Olson thanked Horak, Blackmore, and others for attending the Town Board and City Council meetings in support of the TIGER grant and reported there will be US 34 Canyon Project meetings on April 11th & 12th, and that Construction Work Zone Safety Week is April 11-15. Olson then briefly reviewed the CDOT Project Status Updates (April 2016) with the Council.

North I-25 Coalition

Shaffer reported that the Coalition met on April 6th. She expressed their appreciation for all of the support they have been receiving and indicated they still need more letters of support from communities, large and small, whose commercial businesses and/or residential businesses are impacted by I-25 as they are still approximately \$2M short of their goal.

STAC Report- Conway briefly reviewed the information from the STAC Summary – March 18, 2016 report with the Council.

Host Council Report

Cochran thanked everyone for attending and recognized Don Juan's Mexican Restaurant for providing the food. She thanked LaSalle staff members Jessica McKeown, Victoria Perez, and Karen Frazier-Rohrer for their assistance setting up the room. She reported that spring activities are taking place at Main Park and summer reservations are already being taken at the Community Center (the former UP Depot).

Loveland- Shaffer thanked the City of Fort Collins for including Loveland in their discussions at the National League of Cities (NLC) regarding the TIGER and FASTLANE Grants as well as train horn regulations, which

the FRA will be accepting public comment on through July 5th. All communities were encouraged to participate by identifying the issues they are having since the rules changed in 2005. The US 287 Coalition has been working on addressing safety issues ahead of the train horn rule reopening and Loveland is applying for a TIGER Grant application for quiet zones. Presentations are available to interested communities and letters of support for the grant are welcome.

Greeley- Norton was happy to report that all of the contracts had been finalized for Greeley's downtown hotel, convention center and construction will begin immediately. Also, the City's annual \$12M roadway improvement program approved last November is underway.

Larimer County- Donnelly informed the Council the two Loveland, Larimer County, and Fort Collins collaborative TAP projects from the last Call for Projects, one funded by the MPO (Front Range Trail) and the other by CDOT (Longview Trail) were in design and expected to be constructed in 2017.

Weld County- Conway reported the WCR 49 project will begin construction in the next week or two on the south end, off of WCR 76 and work its way north.

Evans- Morris announced the Evan's City Council had approved a \$41M bond for a new wastewater treatment plant. The construction will begin at the end of 2016 or beginning of 2017. Planned Unit Developments were approved for Grapevine Hollow and Bella Vista Mobile Home Park, which was washed out in the 2013 floods. A DOLA Energy Impact Grant was approved to complete flood repairs and repave on 49th Street from Brantnor Road to 35th Avenue. A new 10,000 – 15,000 square foot Kum & Go convenience store is going up at 31st and US 85. Talks continue with Synergy as they prepare to drill 23 – 24 new wells in the next two months.

Johnstown- Mellon reported the only change to the Johnstown Town Council from the recent election was the new Mayor. He also announced the Atomic Wolf Pack Robotics Team from Roosevelt High School in Johnstown will be going to the VEX Robotics Competition World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky in April.

Eaton- Ross reported the Town of Eaton held a groundbreaking ceremony on April 6th with Sparq Natural Gas, Agfinity, Noble Energy, and Weld County to celebrate the Agfinity CNG station going in east of the railroad tracks on US 85. The project was funded in part through MPO approved CMAQ funding and Eaton is looking at converting their school buses as well as all of its town vehicles to CNG. He met with Weld County Commissioners on April 6th regarding the intersection at CR 76 and US 85 and there appears to be progress with the discussion.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Final Public Comment:

There was no comment.

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions:

1) US 34 Thompson Canyon Project

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Renae Steffen, MPO Staff

Air Pollution Control Division Report: May 2016

Monthly Report from CDPHE to the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council

May 2016

The Air Commission met on April 21 and 22 to consider an appeal of the Air Pollution Control Division's findings of noncompliance against two ethanol production plants located in eastern Colorado. The Commission's decision is to uphold the Division's compliance orders and assessment of civil penalties against Sterling Ethanol, LLC and Yuma Ethanol, LLC.

- EPA has nearly finalized its revisions to the oil and gas New Source Performance Standard and its Control Techniques Guidelines for oil and gas. EPA forwarded the rules to the White House Office of Management and Budget for review and will likely sign them this summer. These rules overlap with Colorado's requirements for operators to find and repair leaks using infrared cameras or other instruments, but there are important differences. In addition, BLM's proposed rules to reduce venting and flaring from oil and gas facilities impact leak inspections and repair. The Division will conduct a stakeholder process to reconcile these requirements after the federal rules are finalized.
- As part of the 2008 ozone standard bump-up State Implementation Plan (SIP), the Division analyzed the Reasonably Available Control Technologies (RACT) requirements for a number of source categories that EPA has established, and presented a draft RACT SIP to the Regional Air Quality Council. The Division did not identify any RACT control measures that could be installed before January 1, 2017, which is the cutoff date for RACT measures in this SIP. Additional RACT reviews and SIP submittals will be needed in the future, to include a review of the oil and gas source category after EPA finalizes its Control Techniques Guidelines.
- The Division awarded \$20,000 to the Regional Air Quality Council to begin researching the potential to reduce emissions from commercial lawn and garden equipment, consumer products, and architectural and industrial maintenance coatings.
- Information on the State's comments on BLM's venting & flaring will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) Report: May 2016

Regional Air Quality Council Report (RAQC)

April 8, 2016 Meeting

SIP for 75ppb

- RAQC presented the schedule for the Review and approval of the new SIP for moderate designation
 - RAQC approval June 30, 2016
 - Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) Request for SIP Hearing July 21, 2016
 - AQCC SIP Hearing and adoption October 20, 2016
 - SIP Report submitted to Colorado Legislature January 15, 2017
 - SIP Submitted to EPA if no Legislative Review Requested After February 15, 2017
 - SIP Submitted to EPA if Legislative Review Requested After May 3, 2017
- RAQC staff presented updated modeling for the SIP
 - The model is showing that the Denver Metro/North Front Range Ozone Nonattainment area will meet the 75ppb standard by 2017 (a presentation will be made at the May Planning Council)
 - All but three locations will meet the lowered standard of 70ppb as well – the three locations not meeting are Chatfield, Rocky Flats North and NREL

The RAQC Subcommittees and Modeling meeting.

- Mobile Sources/Fuels Subcommittee will meet April 25, 2016 from 2:30- 4:00 pm at RAQC offices
- The Stationary/Area Sources Subcommittee will meet April 26 from 3:00 to 4:30 at DRCOG.
- The Transportation/Land Use/Pricing/Outreach Subcommittee will meet April 28, 2016 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the RAQC offices.
- Air Quality Modeling Forum will be held on May 4 from 7:45 to 10:45 am at the RAQC offices

RAQC will hold a Mow Down Pollution Lawn Mower Exchange on April 30 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Budweiser Event Center.

Executive Director Report: May 2016

May 2016 Director's Report

Elected Official Training

- All newly elected officials must review the Liability Prevention Training within three months of their election.
- Renae will send them out as soon as all new Planning Council members have been identified

Regional Air Quality Council

- I have submitted my application to renew membership on RAQC.

Fix N I-25

- The N I-25 Freight Efficiency and Resiliency Project FASTLANE application was successfully submitted on April 13. The local communities and a developer committed the \$24.5M Funding Commitments requested to match the FASTLANE and TIGER grants are listed below:
 - Larimer County communities - \$5M over 5 years
 - Larimer County - \$5M
 - Loveland - \$2M over 3 years
 - Fort Collins - \$2 M over 2 years
 - Windsor - \$1M over 3 years
 - Johnstown – \$1M over 3 years
 - McWhinney – \$6M and ROW still under consideration
 - Timnath - \$0.5M over 3 years
 - Weld County - \$2M
- The N I-25 Coalition will meet on May 4 at 6:30 pm at the Southwest Weld Service Center, 4209 CR 24.5, Longmont
- The N I-25 Funding Subcommittee met on April 1. The Subcommittee agreed to continue meeting until the N I-25 improvements are completed.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 13 from 11:30 to 1:00 pm at Perkins at Crossroads

Local Community Training for new Bike/Auto and Bike/Pedestrian Counters

- The MPO has purchased three mobile counters that may be used by local communities to count bikes/autos (2) or bikes/pedestrians (1).
- The counters will be loaned out to local community members according to a schedule identified annually by all members.
- For more information, contact Aaron Buckley at 970-416-2309 or by email abuckley@nfrmpo.org

NFRMPO Audit

- The firm Anton, Collins, Mitchell completed their in office review for the audit and will present the draft audit to the Finance Committee on May 19, 2016. This is later than expected due to the NFRMPO system crash.
- There were no findings during the audit.

Mobility Committees

- The Larimer County Mobility Committee met on April 21 and the Weld County Mobility Committee will meeting on May 24.

FY 2017-2020 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)

- The State has released the STIP for public comment and will hold a public hearing at the April 21 Commission meeting but public comments will be accepted through April 29, 2016
- CDOT will present the STIP to STAC on April 29
- Public comment period closes on April 29
- CDOT Transportation Commission will approve the STIP on May 19
- The STIP can be accessed at <https://www.codot.gov/business/budget>
- Public comment can be submitted via mail, e-mail, or through the CDOT website using Jamie.collins@state.co.us or Jamie Collins, 4201 E Arkansas Ave, Room 212, Denver, CO 80222.

FREIGHT Northern Colorado Plan

- The MPO is putting together a Freight steering committee of industry representatives.
- Please provide names and contact information to Becky Karasko at 970-416-2257 or bkarasko@nfrmpo.org
- The State Freight Plan consultant will be on board by Mid-April and the plan is expected to be completed in 12 months.

VanGo™

- MPO/VanGo™ staff are working with FTA and Transfort to identify a process that allows the sale of FTA funded vans without having to return 80% of the funding.
- MPO/VanGo™ staff met with CDOT Division of Transit and Rail (DTR) on May 23 and future contracts will include both FTA requirements of 4 years or 100K miles.
- MPO/VanGo staff also sent a letter asking to return the FY 2015 FASTER funds of \$64K because it is not feasible to use the funds.
- The MPO turned back the 2015 FASTER funds due to the VIN issue because the grant did not allow vehicle to meet either 100K miles or 4 years.
- Both MPO/VanGo and CDOT DTR staff will work to ensure that 2016 and 2017 funds can be used by including both standards (100K or 4 years) in the grant language. CDOT has indicated that the vans being replaced can be changed up to the date of contract execution. .
- The MPO is working to update an IGA with the City of Fort Collins for the maintenance of the VanGo™ vehicles. This was identified by the FTA during the Triennial review although not a finding.

NFRMPO Documents available electronically or as paper copies

- To assist with public outreach, staff has designed and printed the following documents:
 - NFRMPO and VanGo™ Brochures
 - Annual Report
 - Mobility Postcards
 - Rider's Guide
 - Quarterly Newsletter
- Any Planning Council member who would like extra copies of any of the documents contact me at tblackmore@nfrmpo.org

APA Legislative Update

- The following bill updates are as of April 11:
- HB1008 – Roadway Shoulder Access for Buses was introduced in the Senate and assigned to Transportation – requires CDOT to consult with CSP before designating a shoulder for bus use – signed 3/9/2016
- HB1018 – Transportation Advisory Committee Procedures - provides STAC ability to provide advice and comments directly to Transportation Commission – Governor signed 3/2/2016
- HB1031 – Modify Transportation Commission Membership – referred to Transportation & Energy, refer amended to Appropriations – study 11 districts to determine whether the number boundaries should be modified – referred to referred to Appropriations 2/11/2016
- HB1067 – Regional Transportation Authority Mill Levy –Senate Committee on Transportation postponed indefinitely
- HB1138 – General Fund Transfers for State Infrastructure –House Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs postponed indefinitely 2/24/2016
- HB1155 Controlled-access Highway as County Primary Road – No description yet – Assigned to Transportation 3/17/2016
- HB 1061 – Requires State Transportation Plan to include coordination with federal military installations – Governor signed 3/31
- HB1169 – Ute Representatives for Transportation Advisory Committee – signed by Governor 4/14
- HB1172 – CDOT Efficiency and Accountability Committee –introduced in Senate – assigned to Transportation 4/18
- HB1186 – MAP21 Rail Fixed Guideway Safety Fund Grant Match —introduced in Senate – assigned to Transportation 4/18
- HB1205 – Motorcycle lane-splitting –House Committee on Transportation & Energy postponed indefinitely 2/17/2016
- HB1304 – Requires CDOT to hold at least one public meeting in each TPR to state CDOT’s priorities and to allow the public to testify on their top priorities and their preferred methods for raising revenue to fund priorities –referred unamended to House Committee of the Whole 4/22
- HB 1416 – State Infrastructure General Fund Transfers – signed by Governor 4/14
- SB11 – Terminate use of FASTER fee revenue for Transit – assigned to Transportation & Energy – repeals requirement for transit related use – House Committee on Transportation & Energy postponed indefinitely 2/17/2016
- SB087 – Highway-rail Crossing Signalization Fund Funding – assigned to Senate Committee on Transportation, referred unamended to Appropriations 2/11/2016
- SB100 – County Road & Bridge Tax Reduction Requirement – House Committee on State, Veterans & Military affairs postponed indefinitely 4/18
- SB123 - Free Access to High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes – Introduced in House – assigned to Transportation & Energy – postponed indefinitely 4/21

RAQC Active Bills

- [HB 1332 – Concerning Modification to the Income Tax Credits for Alternative Fuel Vehicles](#) (Reps. Duran and Rankin/Sen. Scott and Johnston)

Bill makes changes to income tax credits available to taxpayers who purchase alternative fuel motor vehicles and trucks. Fixes a more simplified specified dollar amount for tax credits instead of the current complicated formulas. Distinguishes between purchases and leases in fixing

values of the income tax credits. Allows a taxpayer to assign the income tax credit to a financing entity for the vehicle. Removes tax credit for diesel-electric hybrids.

Status: Introduced in House on 3/2/16. Assigned to House Finance Committee. Awaiting hearing in committee. RAQC Position: Support

- [SB 157 – Concerning Management of the Process of Responding to EPA’s Clean Power Plan in a Manner that Maximizes Colorado’s Ability to Control Its Affairs](#) (Sen. Cooke and Sonnenberg/Rep. Dore)

Bill requires the AQCC and CDPHE to suspend all activities in furtherance of developing a state plan to implement EPA’s Clean Power Plan until the U.S. Supreme Court’s stay is lifted and new deadlines for submission of state plans have been established. The existing process for legislative review of state implementation plans is expanded to include a state plan required by the Clean Power Plan.

Status: Introduced in Senate on 3/15/16. Passed Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy on 3/17/16. Passed 3rd reading in Senate on 3/29/16.

Introduced in House on 3/30/16. Assigned to House Transportation & Energy.

- [HB 1405 – Concerning Payment of Expenses for State Departments and Agencies for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016](#) (Long Bill)

After a stalemate in the Joint Budget Committee over funding for the Clean Power Plan, the annual appropriations bill as introduced in the House did not include funding from CDPHE’s Stationary Sources Fund for \$85 million and 95.7 FTE. The bill was amended and passed in the House to restore the Stationary Sources funding and FTE.

Status: Introduced in House on 3/28/16. Amended and passed in House Appropriations on 3/29/16. Passed 3rd reading as amended on 4/1/16.



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February 16, 2016

Mark Imhoff, Director
Colorado Department of Transportation
Division of Transit and Rail
4201 E Arkansas Avenue, Room 227
Denver, CO 80222

RE: FASTER funding requirements

Dear Mark:

As you know, the VanGo™ 2015 FASTER Grant/contract took a long time to complete. Once the contract was signed, we began identifying the vehicle identified in the scope of work and the original grant application prepared nearly two years prior. Unlike FTA, CDOT requires the Vehicle Identification Number of the vehicles to be replaced instead of setting standards. Many of the vehicles identified two years ago do not have 100,000 miles on them due to lower gas prices and fewer vans on the road. VanGo™ has the same problem with the 2016 FASTER grant. Given the nature of the vanpool program with mileage on routes varying significantly making it hard to predict two years in advance how many miles a vehicle will have when the grant is approved.

We asked FTA if the identification of VINs was a federal requirement and they indicated that they only require 100,000 miles or 4 years in service. Would it be possible for CDOT to use the FTA guidelines or something similar for van replacement instead of requiring the VanGo™ program to provide the VINs two years in advance when the grant applications are due?

We would like CDOT to seriously consider a change to their grant applications and contracts to not require VIN identification.

Sincerely,

Gerry Horak, MPO Chair
City of Fort Collins

cc: David Averill
Josh Laipply
Maria Sabota



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4201 East Arkansas Ave, Suite 227

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April 7, 2016

Gerry Horak, Chair
North Front Range Metropolitan
Planning Organization
419 Canyon Ave, Suite 300
Fort Collins, CO 80521

RE: FASTER Funding Requirements

Chairman Horak,

This letter is in response to your correspondence of February 16, 2016, outlining concerns that the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) has with the Division of Transit & Rail's practice of asking for Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) in our applications for capital assistance.

DTR staff met with MPO staff on March 23rd, 2016 to discuss the issue. I believe (and you may confirm with MPO staff) that a common understanding was achieved. DTR's perspective is that using VINs as supplied in applications is essential to effectively scoring, ranking, and tracking what specific replacement assets CDOT is agreeing to fund. There are no other methodologies available to DTR to utilize in this important aspect of our program, which underlies our overall approach to transit asset management and effective utilization of CDOT's limited transit funds. Unfortunately, not asking for VINs in vehicle replacement applications is not a viable option for us at this time.

We feel that we can adequately address the concerns expressed in your letter by remaining flexible on what vehicles to include in grant scopes of work up until the point at which we have an executed grant agreement with the applicant. We understand it can be difficult to predict mileage two years in advance of a contract being executed, and therefore will continue the practice of negotiating what vehicles to include in those contracts up until the point at which the contract is executed, as we have with the MPO in the past.

If you have any remaining questions or concerns on this matter please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Mark Imhoff

Director, CDOT Division of Transit & Rail

cc: Terri Blackmore
Josh Laipply
Maria Sobota



COMMITTEE REPORT: TAC – April 20, 2016

**Executive Summary of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
April 20, 2016**

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2016 TAC MINUTES

The March 16, 2016 TAC meeting minutes were approved unanimously one minor correction.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal)

Northern Colorado (NoCo) Bike & Ped Collaborative – Willis reported the next Bike & Walk Conference will be held in 2017. NoCo is interested in being part of the steering committee for the Non-Motorized Plan, and in assisting with Transportation Alternatives project selection.

Regional Transit Items – Jones stated the first Greeley-Windsor-Fort Collins Regional Route Study meeting will be held on April 27.

Senior Transit Items – Thomas reported Fort Collins legislators will have a Seniors' Issues Forum Saturday, April 23, 2016.

Regional Air Quality Council – Brimmer stated the non-attainment area should be under the 75 ppb standard by 2017. On April 30, the Mow-Down mower buy-back will be held in Northern Colorado. She stated the SIP will be finalized in June, a public input process will follow, and RAQC endorsement is anticipated at the end of June. An approval hearing is scheduled for October.

PRESENTATIONS

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program – Major Tim Keeton, Colorado State Patrol and Ryan Rice, CDOT presented on improving system capacity through the TIM Program.

2013 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) CDOT Flood Office Request – Joe Garcia, CDOT requested communities with flood projects on FHWA-designated roads submit their 2013 CIP to reduce duplication of project funding.

DISCUSSION

CNG CMAQ Eligibility – Aaron Bustow discussed the alternative fuel vehicle reimbursement eligibility distinction for incremental cost versus full federal share payments.

FY2017 UPWP Topics – Blackmore discussed topics in the FY2017 UPWP, including the addition of the Non-Motorized Plan and assistance with a transit plan for Loveland.

2016 Q2 TIP Amendments – Buckley presented the CDOT and FTA projects to be amended into the TIP.

FY2020-2021 Call for Projects – Gordon stated the Call for Projects will be held in summer 2016, using the same structure as the previous Call. Blackmore stated staff recommends setting funding pool targets for CMAQ. TAC requested staff revise pool categories to include additional project types.

2015 CMP Annual Report – Buckley and Kealy reported on the 2015 Congestion Management Process Annual Report, including performance measures and upcoming report changes.

REPORTS

NFRMPO Counter Program Update – Buckley announced the bike/ped counter training with JAMAR on April 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the NFRMPO offices and permanent counter installations on April 26 and 27, 2016.

TIP Administrative Modification Updates – Buckley presented the Bridge On-State System and FASTER Safety projects to be modified.

Roundtable – FHWA Expenditures report – Schneiders requested that local communities submit invoices for the projects in danger of being de-obligated.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Finance – April 21, 2016

Finance Committee Report

- Finance Committee met on April 21, 2016
- Staff reported the accounting software has been updated
- The update required a new server in order to process VanGo credit card payments
- The Finance Committee recommends the server be purchased with VanGo funds.
- The Finance Committee was updated on the negotiations and current draft of the building lease.
- With this draft, the MPO would pay the remodeling costs outside of the lease
- The finance committee recommends a temporary loan from the VanGo reserves to cover the remodeling costs
- One fifth of the loan would be paid back each year for five years.
- Staff updated the Finance Committee on the VanGo program operations.
- The Finance Committee requested Staff research the cost of engaging a consultant to complete an analysis of the trends and make suggestions on a fee structure.

The Finance Committee suggested staff research a way to track participants on a daily basis, possible with a phone app.

- The MPO will be able to select the carpeting with the intention of matching the carpeting that was replaced within the last year
- The execution of the new five year lease would be March 1, 2017.

In addition Blue Ocean has agreed to patch all wall damage due to their prior construction

Discussion followed regarding the source of funds to pay for the construction costs. The committee agreed to recommend to council a temporary loan from the VanGo reserves to cover remodeling costs with one fifth of the MPO portion paid back to VanGo each year for five years.

VanGo Update

Staff reported that the VanGo program currently has 63 active routes. Vans are considered full with 6 passengers. When a van ridership falls to 4 or less riders, the van is given three months to reestablish to at least 5 riders. This can be accomplished by either finding new riders or current riders agreeing to pay the fares for an equivalent of five riders. Currently the program has 18 routes that are scheduled to be cancelled by June 30, 2016 unless riders are found for the vans. The VanGo program currently has a total of 1.2 million of reserves with \$806,000 over the adopted reserve.

Some of the decline in the program can be attributed to the availability of more options, the low price of gasoline, and the increase in fares. Also, the marketing efforts for the program has fallen off with the retirement of the long time program coordinator.

Staff suggested the fare structure needs to be reevaluated. The current structured is based on fairly large zones established more than 12 years ago. Also, the work environment has changed with businesses allowing telecommuting and flexible hours. The suggestion was made, that an outside consultant complete an analysis of the trends and make suggestions on a fee structure. Discussion followed resulting in agreement on the possibility of temporarily increasing the number of months a van would be allowed to continue in service with four participants.

Staff reported part-time ridership is currently being provided, but has not had much of an impact on the program. Currently participants are billed on agreed upon number of days per week. We do not have the ability to track a flexible schedule. The committee suggested staff research a way to track participants on a daily basis, possibly with a phone app.

Meeting Minutes of the
Finance Committee of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council

April 21, 2016
7:30 a.m.
Egg & I
1205 Main Street
Windsor, CO

Members Present

Kevin Ross
Tom Donnelly

MPO Staff Present

Terri Blackmore
Crystal Hedberg

Approval of Minutes:

Donnelly moved to approve the January 22, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

Accounting Software Update

The accounting software has been updated. It has been five years since it was updated and Microsoft no longer supports the older version. This upgrade required a server upgrade to ensure the continued availability of the online bill pay used by VanGo. The cost for the server upgrade is approximately \$6,700.

Due to the fact the server update was required primarily in order to be able to process credit card payments for the VanGo program, the finance committee recommends the server be purchased with VanGo funds.

Office Lease

The current building lease expires in February 2017. The MPO is planning to remodel the office to incorporate the main conference room into the existing space. Currently this conference room is down the hall from the main office.

The latest draft of the building leases includes the following provisions;

- The MPO will pay for the remodeling costs (approximately 54,000)
- The rent will be \$18/sq.ft with the start of the new lease
- The Gross up provision regarding the common area maintenance costs has been eliminated.



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Mobility Coordinator*

Memorandum

To: NFRMPO Council
From: Crystal Hedberg
Date: May 5, 2016
Re: Accounting Software/Server

Background

The NFRMPO's accounting software has not been updated since 2010 and Microsoft no longer supports the current version. The new Great Plains software required updating the server in order to process credit card payments for the Vango™ program. It is planned for this server to host the VanGo™ webpage also, reducing the total maintenance cost for the portal by approximately 50%.

The cost for the server upgrade is approximately \$6,700.

The Vango™ program currently has excess reserves of \$806,420.

Action

The Finance Committee recommends that the NFRMPO Planning Council approve the use of Vango™ funds to purchase the server.

ACTION ITEM: MPO Office Lease/ Remodel Financing



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Memorandum

To: NFRMPO Council
From: Crystal Hedberg
Date: May 5, 2016
Re: Office Lease

Background

The NFRMPO's current office lease will expire in February 2017. The NFRMPO currently leases space for the offices and space for a conference. Due to the decrease in staff, the NFRMPO wishes to remodel the office space to incorporate the conference room, thereby reducing the total space rented by approximately 600 square feet.

The NFRMPO currently has a draft lease agreement that includes 1) NFRMPO will pay for the remodeling costs which are estimated to be approximately \$54,000 and 2) rent will be set at \$18 per square foot with the new lease.

The VanGo™ program currently has excess reserves of \$806,420 while the MPO's reserves are not fully funded.

Action

The Finance Committee recommends that the NFRMPO Council approve a temporary loan from the VanGo™ program to fund the remodeling cost. The loan will be repaid to VanGo™ at 1/5 of the MPO portion per year for five years.

ACTION ITEM: 2016 Title VI Plan



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Memorandum

To: NFRMPO Planning Council
From: Terri Blackmore
Date: May 5, 2016
Re: FY2016 Update to the NFRMPO Title VI Plan

Background

The Planning Council approved the NFRMPO Title VI Plan (anti-discrimination) in February 2013. This plan must be periodically updated to remain compliant with Federal requirements.

The updated plan makes the following changes:

- Incorporates the Public Involvement Plan approved 10/2015
- Acknowledges the approval of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan 9/2015
- Updates the demographic data in the Limited English Proficiency Four Factor Analysis
- Updates the Title VI Coordinator and their contact information

This adoption of the update will allow the NFRMPO to remain compliant with federal requirements. The document is extremely large so you may access it at the following link:

https://onedrive.live.com/redirect?resid=26D27656D28290D1!287&authkey=!AFTQTD_wv-CVRJY&ithint=file%2cpdf

Action

The Planning Council is requested to approve the FY 2016 Update to the NFRMPO Title VI Plan.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07
OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION
AND AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL
ADOPTING THE UPDATED 2016 TITLE VI PLAN**

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council (dba NFRMPO), is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the North Front Range of Colorado and receives both Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the work programs of the agency, and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Prohibits discrimination on the basis of color, race, national origin, or sex in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization commits to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL100.259), be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any NFRMPO program or activity regardless of the funding source; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council approves the Title VI Plan that satisfies Title VI and attendant federal requirements. The VanGo Customer Service and Billing Specialist will serve as the Title VI Coordinator.

Passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council held this 5th day of May 2016.

Gerry Horak, Chair

ATTEST:

Terri Blackmore, Executive Director

PRESENTATION: Traffic Incident Management



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Traffic Incident Management Program: Introduction & Call to Action



What is Traffic Incident Management?

Traffic incident management (TIM) is a planned and coordinated program to detect and remove incidents and restore traffic capacity as safely and as quickly as possible. (FHWA)

Benefits of TIM

- Saves Lives
- Saves Money
- Saves Time

CDOT's Mile High Courtesy Patrol historic B/C is 20:1

Nationally, B/C ranges from 2:1 to 36:1 for TIM program elements



Our Mission

Work together and establish multi-agency partnerships to advance the delivery of Traffic Incident Management (TIM) services and products by:

- Improving responder safety
 - Enhancing safe and quick clearance of traffic incidents
 - Supporting prompt, reliable, and interoperable communications
 - Reducing secondary incidents
 - Support economic vitality by minimizing delay
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Promote Safety by Addressing Congestion

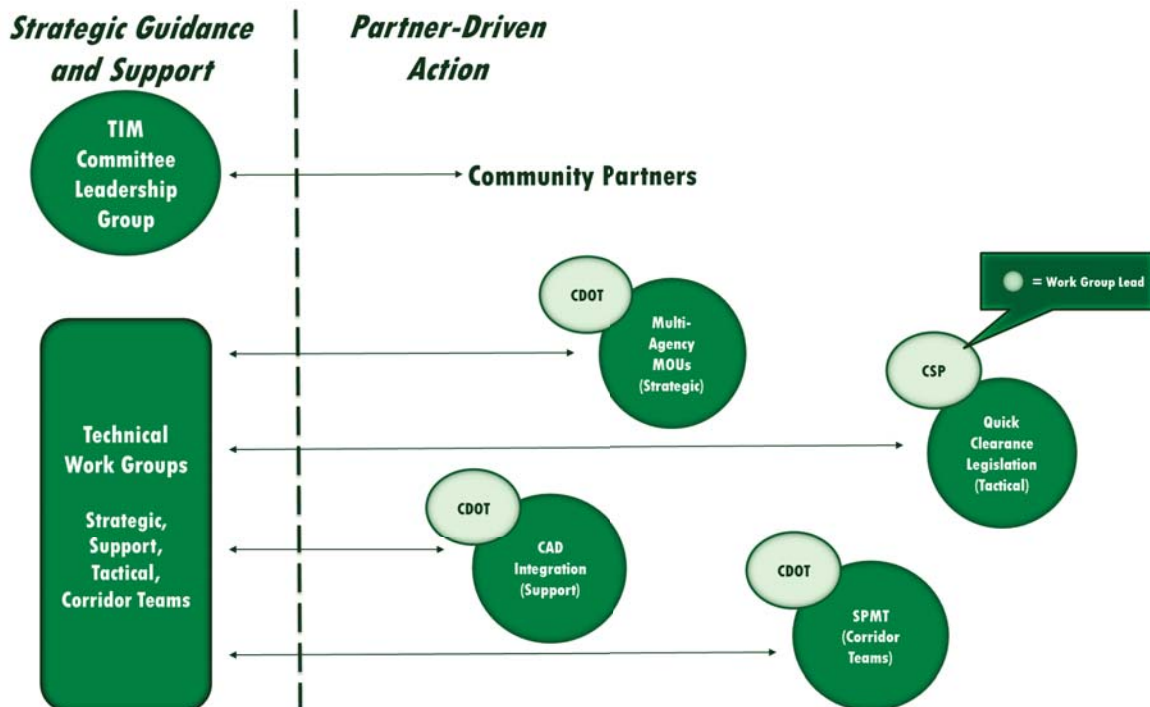
- Traffic crashes and struck-by incidents are the leading causes of on-duty injuries and deaths for responders
- 1 minute of incident = +2.8% likelihood of a secondary crash (A 36 minute queue will likely result in a secondary crash)
- 1 minute of blocked lane = 4 minutes of delay (15 minutes of lane blockage = 1 hour to return to pre-incident conditions)



TIM Organizational Structure



TIM Workgroups





Colorado TIM Committee

- Formed in 2015 following FHWA TIM Self-assessment
 - Recruit support and participation
 - Set and pursue meaningful goals
 - Solve current and future issues
 - Cultivate our teams and train together
 - Develop dedicated funding to address needs for all
 - Report on Program Status including performance measures and benefit/cost
-



Successful TIM Program at Maturity

- One Scene Culture, One Team Results
- Multi-disciplinary Trust Built on Vision, Competence, and Character
- Common Understanding of Success
- Train Together
- Habit of Continuous Improvement



Corridor Standing Program Management Teams (SPMTs)

Facilitate a continuing dialog about TIM best practices

Local leadership

Specific to the area and local jurisdictions

Collaboration in:

- Executing mutually beneficial training
- Enhancing communication
- Maintaining current agency contact information
- Training together
- Developing MOUs
- Funding of TIM programs
- Data collection/performance measure tracking



One Scene Culture

Northern Colorado Case Study

2012	Today
I-25 TIMP originally developed in 1996	I-25 TIM updated as needed by SPMT
Agencies agree on importance of quick clearance	Active SPMT with prioritized list of objectives for improving corridor outcomes including quick clearance
Each agency has a critical core mission; disciplines work independently to mitigate incidents	Expanded practice of multi-disciplinary team approach to highway incident mitigation
Train together for planned events	Working and training together for everyday events and planned events
Reserve Unified Command for extreme situations and planned events	Operate in Unified Command structure for every multi-discipline incident; can be simple in structure
Multi-disciplinary After Action Reviews for catastrophic events	Multi-disciplinary After Action Reviews Quarterly



Catalyst for Change

Northern Colorado Case Study

March 23, 2013

- 3 mile scene
- 60+ vehicles involved - 40 Individual crashes w/54 Tows
- 20 Fire apparatus
- 54 Fire personnel
- 11 patients transported
- Semi-truck fire w/HazMat
- I-25 Closed for approximately 8 hours

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yt9x3_3RErA



One Scene Culture





Colorado TIM Highlights

- Building partnerships by establishing minimum of one SPMT per CDOT Region by June 30, 2016
 - Integrating CDOT TOC systems with CAD systems to improve communication and situational awareness
 - Expanding Courtesy Patrol Service and CDOT ICs into Northern Colorado and Colorado Springs areas
 - Updating CDOT's training and practices to reflect the current state of TIM
 - Actively training on TIM with responders around the state
-



TIM Training

Current Trainings

- FHWA SHRP2 4 hour
- FHWA SHRP2 12 hour (Train-the-Trainer)
- Corridor Specific TIMP Training
- Executive Level Briefings
- Public Safety Conference Presentations

Paradigm shift

- Multi-disciplinary approach
- Putting training into action



Upcoming Events

Standing Program Management Team (SPMT) Meetings

Date	TIMP Area	Location
April 21	DRCOG Area	Golden
April 27	I-70 High Plains	Limon
April 28	I-25 North	Fort Collins
May 3	Colorado Springs Area	Colorado Springs
May 25	Durango Area	Durango
June 9	I-70 Mountain Corridor	CDOT Mtn Res

Training

Date	Type	Location
April 20	FHWA SHRP2 TIMs Training	Kiowa
April 28	I-25 TIMP	Fort Collins
May 5-6	FHWA SHRP2 Train-the-Trainer	Limon
May 25	FHWA SHRP2 TIMs Training	Durango



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PRESENTATION: US 34 Big Thompson Canyon Project



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US 34 Project Update NFRMPO May 5, 2016

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Why We're Doing All This Work

It will flood again!



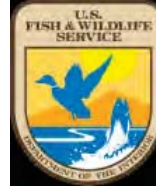
Reduce Impact and Risk

- Maintain evacuation routes and emergency access
- Avoid air evacuations
- Reestablish access to homes and businesses more quickly
- Mother Nature will do what she wants - let's give her room



US 34 Big Thompson Canyon Permanent Repair Collaboration Partners

- US Federal Highway Administration
- US Forest Service
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Bureau of Reclamation
- Larimer County
- City of Loveland
- Town of Estes Park
- Big Thompson Watershed Coalition
- Colorado Parks & Wildlife
- Colorado Department of Natural Resources
- Colorado State Historic Preservation Office



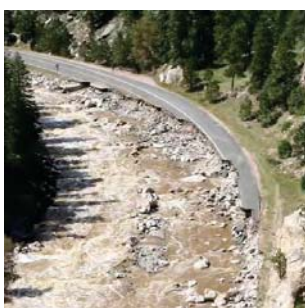
**US Army Corps
of Engineers.**



What Have We Been Doing? Damage Classifications

Classification	Description	Total Miles
A	Road was completely washed out	8.5
B	Road was significantly damaged	
C	Road was damaged but passable	14.5
D	Less severe damage but road may have had sediment and or was impacted from construction work	

A



B



C

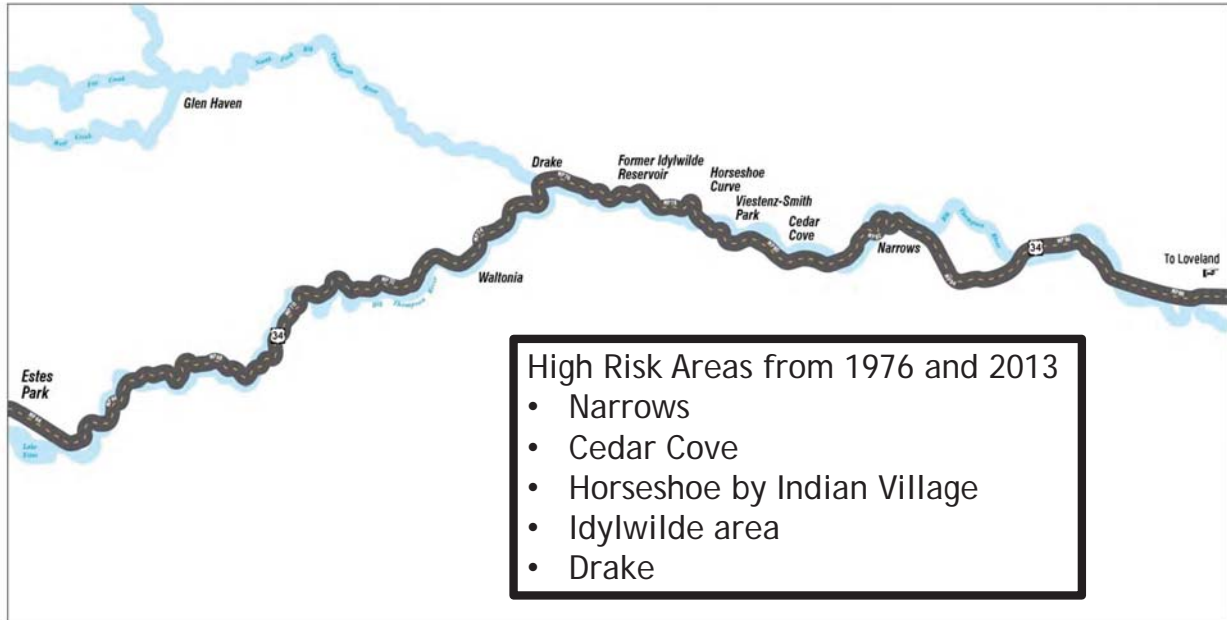


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Safety and Resiliency Investment



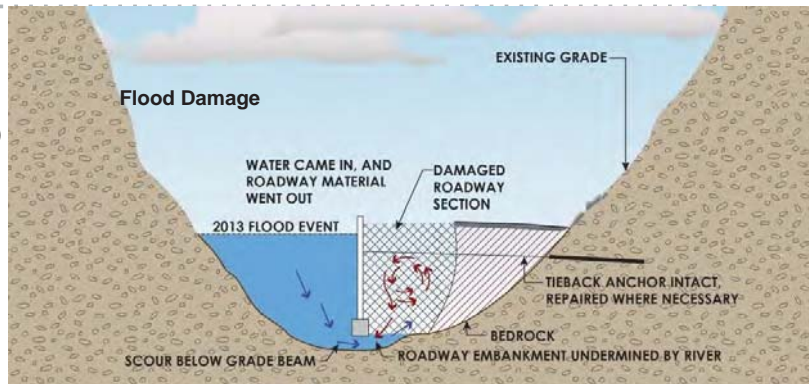
US 34 Big Thompson Canyon
Construction Package Limits

April 6th, 2016

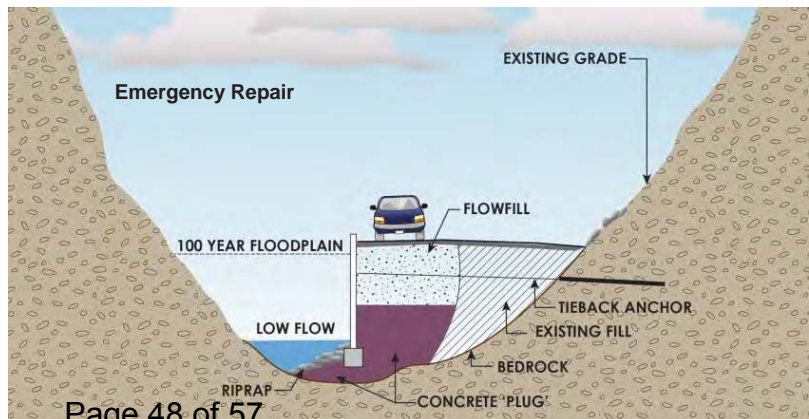


Big Thompson Canyon The Narrows

- Walls built after 1976 flood
- First 1.8 miles of the Canyon
- 4,876 feet of walls



- Emergency work meets requirements
- Add wall extensions and connections



Horseshoe



- Alignment swap most resilient option
- Add two new structures and let river do what it wants



Idylwilde Area Rock Cut

- High risk location
- Cut to allow 15' of roadway on bedrock on outside bend
- 115,000 cubic yards rock cut and removal
- Opens channel





Construction Schedule Approach

- Construction will occur in phases
- Start with Drake to Loveland
- Summer 2016 intentionally “Low impact” - minimize traffic delays during peak summer season
- Rock blasting in first construction package - most critical work - biggest impact
- Package 1 - impact area 5 miles with 2 major blasting sites
- Entire corridor rebuild - 3 years



US 36 Approach

- Only 3 miles of damage
- Built under emergency waivers
- Different canyon characteristics



"Low Impact" Summer Construction Schedule

Construction starts at the Horseshoe by Indian Village

- Work off roadway
- Minimal traffic delays while blasting occurs
(15-30 minutes)
- Traffic flagging
- Construction start anticipated for July
 - Depends on securing permits and right-of-way acquisition in a timely manner





Post Labor Day Construction Traffic Options

Option A

Daily Impact: No through access between Idlywilde and Cedar Cove on weekdays:

- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Local access to canyon residents only at top of hour 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Through traffic allowed in the canyon:

7 to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 9 p.m.

Schedule: Access restrictions in place for approximately 11 months (Sept. 2016 - July 2017)

Comments: Provides local access in peak hours but extends the overall timeframe of restricted access into the summer of 2017 with total project completion in summer 2019



Post Labor Day Construction Traffic Options

Option B

Daily Impact: No through traffic access between Idylwilde and Cedar Cove for entire duration of closure (except for emergency access, Idylwilde residents and school buses in coordination with Thompson Valley School District)

Schedule: Access restrictions in place for 5 months (approximate) Sept. 2016 - Feb. 2017

Comments: More impactful but reduces overall timeframe of travel restrictions and reduces overall project by 7 months to end in late 2018



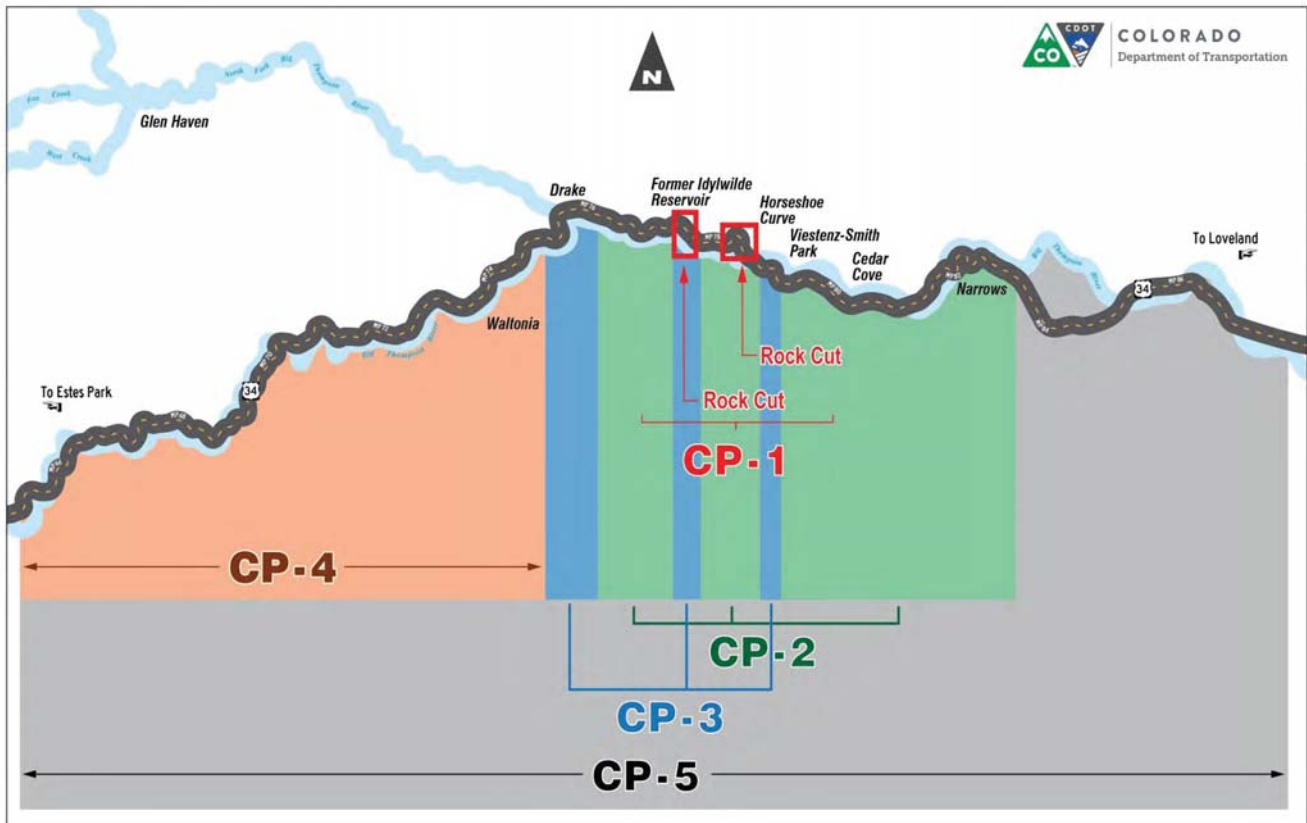
Post Labor Day Construction Traffic Options

Option C (hybrid of A & B)

Daily Impact: Sept. through Dec. 2016: Option A
Jan. through May 2017: Option B

Schedule: Access restrictions in place for 9 months
(Sept. 2016 - Memorial Day 2017)

Comments: Provides local access in peak hours
through December and enables travel restrictions
to end before Memorial Day 2017 but extends the
overall timeframe of restrictions





Communication Plan



- Targeted communication -
 - Businesses, residents, schools, service providers, tourism orgs., commuters, recreation, emergency, etc.
 - Early, effective, and frequent public outreach and notification as part of the overall project communication plan
- Newsletter summarizing information from this meeting
- Coming out again with specifics JUNE OR JULY (2 weeks prior to construction at a minimum)
- Closure/alternate routes communicated 7 days in advance using email, website, and signage
- Contractor required to coordinate essential services and access during closures

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DISCUSSION ITEM: 2016 Q2 TIP Policy Amendment

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY (AIS)

North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council



Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Submitted By
May 5, 2016 Loveland	2016 Q2 TIP Policy Amendment Discussion	Aaron Buckley
Objective / Request Action		
To discuss allocation of FTA §5307 and FTA §5339 funds for Greeley Evans Transit (GET) 2016 operations; FASTER Safety funds for Fort Collins match for low emissions vehicles and NFRMPO vanpool replacements; and FTA §5310 funds for Johnstown Senior Center vehicle replacement.		<input type="checkbox"/> Report <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action
Key Points		
<p>GET is requesting a TIP Policy Amendment to add the following projects and funding the FY2016-2019 TIP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FTA §5307 funds for ADA Operations, ADA Bus, Demand Response Operations, Fixed-Route Operations, Bus Stop Improvements, and Preventative Maintenance. <p>CDOT's Division of Transit and Rail is requesting a TIP Policy Amendment to add the following projects and funding into the FY2016-2019 TIP for NFRMPO member communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FASTER Safety funds for Fort Collins match for low emissions vehicles FASTER Safety funds for NFRMPO vanpool replacements FTA §5310 funds for Johnstown Senior Center vehicle replacement FTA §5339 funds for GET bus replacements and a maintenance lift 		
Committee Discussion		
TAC discussed the 2016 Q2 TIP Policy Amendment at their April 20, 2016 meeting. The Policy Amendment will be presented to TAC at their May 18, 2016 meeting as an Action item.		
Supporting Information		
<p><u>FTA §5307 – Urbanized Area Formula Funding Program</u> FTA §5307 makes Federal resources available to urbanized areas and to Governors for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning. An urbanized area is an incorporated area with a population of 50,000 or more designated as such by the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.</p> <p><u>FTA §5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities</u> The purpose of FTA §5310 is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. Eligible recipients include States, with apportionments to rural and small urban areas (UZAs).</p> <p><u>FTA §5339 – Alternatives Analysis Program</u> The objective of FTA §5339 is to assist in financing the evaluation of all reasonable modal and multimodal alternatives and general alignment options for identified transportation needs in a particular, broadly defined travel corridor.</p> <p><u>FASTER – Safety Funds</u> Support the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of projects that the state Transportation Commission, a county, or municipality determine are needed to enhance the safety of a state highway, county road, or city street.</p>		

List of projects to be amended in the FY2016-2019 TIP:

Funding Program	Sponsor	Projects	FY16 (Federal Only)
FTA §5307	GET	GET 2016 ADA Operations 80/20	\$213k
FTA §5307	GET	GET 2016 ADA Operations 50/50	\$18k
FTA §5307	GET	GET 2016 ADA Bus 80/20	\$77k
FTA §5307	GET	GET 2016 Demand Response Operations 50/50	\$35k
FTA §5307	GET	GET 2016 Fixed Route Operations 50/50	\$778k
FTA §5307	GET	GET 2016 Bus Stop Improvements 80/20	\$80k
FTA §5307	GET	GET 2016 Preventative Maintenance 80/20	\$925k
FTA §5339	GET	Bus Replacements	\$417k
FTA §5339	GET	Maintenance Lift	\$235k
FTA §5310	Johnstown	Johnstown Senior Center Vehicle Replacement	\$64k

Funding Program	Sponsor	Projects	FY16 (State Only)
FASTER	Fort Collins	Match for Low Emissions Vehicles	\$200k
FASTER	NFRMPO	Vanpool Replacements	\$186k

Advantages

Approval of the 2016 Q2 TIP Policy Amendment will ensure available funds are assigned to projects in a timely manner and the FY2016-2019 TIP remains fiscally constrained.

Disadvantages

None noted.

Analysis /Recommendation

TAC recommends support for amending the FTA §5307, FTA §5310, FTA §5339, and FASTER projects in the FY2016-2019 TIP.

Attachments

2016 Q2 TIP Policy Amendment Form

Rev. 9/17/2014

FY 2016 through 2019
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
 North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council

Policy Amendment Request #2016-Q2

Submitted to: CDOT

Prepared by: Aaron Buckley

DATE: 4/12/2016

Project Type	NFR TIP Number	Project Description/Location	Project Sponsor	Improvement Type	Source of Funds	Funding Type/ Program	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	TOTAL FY 16-19
FASTER Safety											
New Entry	2017-016	Match for Low Emissions Vehicles	Fort Collins	Vehicle Purchase	State Local Total	FASTER	200 50 250	0 250 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	200 50 250
REASON:	Match for Low Emissions Vehicles - FY17 FASTER Local										
New Entry	2017-017	Vanpool Replacements	NFRMPO	Vehicle Purchase	State Local Total	FASTER	186 46 232	0 232 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	186 46 232
REASON:	Vanpool Replacements - FY17 FASTER Statewide										
Transit 5307: Urbanized Area Formula Program											
New Entry	2016-039	GET 2016 ADA Operations 80/20	Greeley-Evans	Operations	Federal Local Total	FTA 5307	213 53 266	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	213 53 266
REASON:	Annual 5307 Funding										
New Entry	2016-040	GET 2016 ADA Operations 50/50	Greeley-Evans	Operations	Federal Local Total	FTA 5307	18 18 36	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	18 18 36
REASON:	Annual 5307 Funding										
New Entry	2016-041	GET 2016 ADA Bus 80/20	Greeley-Evans	Bus Purchase	Federal Local Total	FTA 5307	77 19 96	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	77 19 96
REASON:	Annual 5307 Funding										
New Entry	2016-042	GET 2016 Demand Response Operations 50/50	Greeley-Evans	Operations	Federal Local Total	FTA 5307	35 35 70	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	35 35 70
REASON:	Annual 5307 Funding										
New Entry	2016-043	GET 2016 Fixed Route Operations 50/50	Greeley-Evans	Operations	Federal Local Total	FTA 5307	778 778 1,556	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	778 778 1,556
REASON:	Annual 5307 Funding										
New Entry	2016-044	GET 2016 Bus Stop Improvements 80/20	Greeley-Evans	Bus Stop Improvements	Federal Local Total	FTA 5307	80 20 100	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	80 20 100
REASON:	Annual 5307 Funding										
New Entry	2016-045	GET 2016 Preventive Maintenance 80/20	Greeley-Evans	Preventive	Federal Local Total	FTA 5307	925 231 1,156	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	925 231 1,156
REASON:	Annual 5307 Funding										
Transit 5310: Transportation for Elderly Persons & Persons with Disabilities											
New Entry	2016-047	Johnstown Senior Center Vehicle Replacement	Johnstown	Vehicle Purchase	Federal Local Total	FTA 5310	64 16 80	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	64 16 80
REASON:	Vehicle Replacement for Johnstown Senior Center - FY16 FTA 5310 Transportation for Elderly Persons & Persons with Disabilities										
Transit 5339: Bus and Bus Facilities Program											
New Entry	2016-048	Bus Replacements	Greeley-Evans	Vehicle Purchase	Federal Local Total	FTA 5339	417 104 521	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	417 104 521
REASON:	Bus Replacements for GET - FY16 FTA 5339 Small Urban										
New Entry	2016-049	Maintenance Lift	Greeley-Evans	Maintenance Purchase	Federal Local Total	FTA 5339	235 59 294	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	235 59 294
REASON:	Maintenance Lift for GET - FY16 FTA 5339 Small Urban										