

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

**November 1, 2018
Fort Collins Utilities Building
Colorado Room
222 LaPorte Ave
Fort Collins, CO**

Voting Members Present:

Tom Donnelly - Chair -Larimer County
William Karspeck -Berthoud
Kevin Ross -Eaton
Mark Clark -Evans
Gerry Horak -Fort Collins
Robb Casseday -Greeley
Paula Cochran -LaSalle
Dave Clark -Loveland
Elizabeth Austin -Milliken
Don McLeod -Severance
Aaron Pearson -Timnath
Kathy Gilliland -Transportation Comm.
Julie Cozad -Weld County
Kristie Melendez -Windsor

Voting Members Absent:

Troy Mellon -Johnstown
Rick Coffin -CDPHE
*No Member -Garden City

MPO Staff:

Suzette Mallette, Executive Director; Becky Karasko, Regional Transportation Planning Director; Renae Steffen, Administrative Director; and Alex Gordon, Transportation Planner II/Mobility Coordinator.

In Attendance:

Dawn Anderson, Ken Bennett, Chad Crager, Kurtis Cunningham, Doug Decker, Butch Hause, Wayne Howard, Mark Jackson, Will Jones, Will Karspeck, Tim Kemp, Ken Martin, Mitch Nelson, Johnny Olson, and Karen Schneiders.

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

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Move to Approve Agenda:

Casseday **moved** to approve the, *November 1, 2018 Meeting Agenda*. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Move to Approve Minutes:

Horak **moved** to approve the *October 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes*. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda

Chair Donnelly opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

Air Pollution Control Division

A written report was provided.

Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

A written report was provided.

Air Quality Presentation

Regulation Number 20

Donnelly noted the NFRMPO had applied for and received party status to oppose the proposed Regulation 20, Low Emitting Vehicles, and introduced Doug Decker, Colorado Department of Public Health (CDPHE) Mobile Sources Program Manager for the Air Pollution Control Division (APCD). Decker emphasized the information in his presentation was still preliminary and the final Cost-Benefit Analyses and Regulatory Analyses recently requested by Colorado Automobile Dealers Association (CADA) and others would not be completed until Sunday, November 4th. He was not certain how soon the final report information would be released to the public. Decker also noted he was one of several members of a technical team and was not a policy maker. He then presented the Colorado CLEAR- Colorado Low Emission Automobile Regulations (Proposed Regulation 20) to the Council and additionally relayed the following in each identified section:

Overview-

- LEV- Low Emission Vehicles (passenger vehicles, light/medium duty trucks)
- ZEV- Zero Emission Vehicles – is scheduled for a separate Hearing
- The 2012 proposed 2021-2025 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) standard was modified in April 2018 during a reevaluation at the Mid-Term Review. The Federal standard will be rolled back to the 2020 emissions level rather than continual improvement in emissions reduction.
- Set in motion by Governor's Executive Order asking AQCC to adopt California standard.
- The federal government could revoke the ability to use the California standard, but it may take more than a year.

New Motor Vehicle Certification Process-

- Auto manufacturers can have different hardware and/or software in vehicles with the two standards.
- Continuing to have only one standard is preferred by automobile manufacturers as they would not have to return to creating two sets of emission control components, such as the catalytic converter, for each model made.
- States only have a choice between the California Standard or the Federal Standard, there are no combinations of the two.

Colorado Action-

- AQCC received over sixty public comments supporting the ZEV Rule. Even though it was not part of Governor Hickenlooper's Executive Order the ZEV rule will be considered in 2019.
- Adopting the California standards helps to maintain Colorado's current trajectory for emissions.
- The lower GHG projected for 2025 is 18% for passenger cars and 25% light duty trucks.

Colorado Proposed Regulation Number 20-

- The Regulation would go into effect January 2021, the earliest day 2022 model year vehicles may be introduced.

LEV Costs and Benefits for Colorado-

- “Truck” listings include light-duty trucks and most Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV’s)
- “Estimated Fuel Savings over the life of the vehicle” is being reviewed as the calculation used to determine fuel costs in the SAFE review is currently unclear.
- “Life of the vehicle” for Colorado is considered to be 10 years/150k miles.

Challenges and Issues Remaining-

- Additional work for Title and Registration process in County Clerk offices is expected to be minimal.
- Colorado is currently 5th in the nation of ZEV sales.
- Legislative pushback is expected.

Additional points made by Decker-

- It is very complex to connect emissions to air quality monitors as there is not a direct correlation.
- There is no review to ensure standards are met, as there is no option- they must be met.
- Notices from CDPHE have been going out through the 358 stakeholders, on the website, in briefings, and as hearing and legal notices since January 2016.
- Public Involvement will precede the 2-year implementation.
- There are no exemptions for government or agricultural vehicles.
- There is an exception for new Colorado residents bringing in a vehicle from another state where it was legally registered.
- Party status applications for ZEV will be taken beginning January 20, 2019.
- Decker will provide to the Council the total GHG inventory for comparison with the reduction numbers, the per vehicle/per year GHG emissions from both a car and a truck, and the total fleet size.
- Public comment is still being taken. Anyone may address the commission the day of the hearing.

Council Response-

- It is surprising this type of Rulemaking comes outside the purview of elected officials.
- CDPHE notices have not been effective as Council members’ communities were unaware of the proposed Regulation 20 until September this year.
- The timeline of the process seems very rushed.
- Gilliland said she wanted to reverse her decision made in October to abstain, indicating she felt it was important to continue to support a standard that continually improves air quality.
- Donnelly indicated the NFRMPO would potentially request party status for ZEV.

Donnelly concluded the presentation by stating a Council member would represent the MPO at the hearing, indicating the Prehearing Statement could be revised if requested. He recited the concerns identified in the Prehearing Statement of the NFRMPO.

Air Quality Discussion Items

Proposed Regulation Number 20 Hearing

Donnelly said he would be attending the November 15th hearing as a Larimer County representative and asked that any Council member interested in representing the MPO please contact him or Director Mallette.

RAQC Representation

Donnelly recognized Julie Cozad for her years serving as the NFRMPO and as the representative for the RAQC and announced she would be leaving Weld County and the MPO in December. He stated it was necessary for someone to fill the position, noting the other two RAQC positions were currently held by Gerry Horak, who represented Larimer County and Bruce White, representative for Weld County. Don McCleod indicated his interest in the position and Ross declared his support. Donnelly indicated McCleod would need to complete the proper forms and receive assignment by the Governor. Cozad offered to assist McCleod through the process.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda

Chair Donnelly opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

Reports:

Executive Director Report:

Malette provided information on the following:

- The request from Greeley to extend the Call for Projects (CFP) process out to December 21st was accepted, allowing the process to be completed following the November 6th elections.
- The RFP for MPO legal services will be finalized the week of November 5th.
- Friday, October 12th forty participants rode eleven miles from Fort Collins to Loveland on the Long View Trail, Loveland Rec Trail, and the road network in the 2018 NoCo Leaders' Ride. Participants included elected leaders, citizen advisory board members, and professionals from the planning, public health, engineering, and conservation fields.
- The I-25 Funding Committee is November 9th at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse at 12:30.

Finance:

A written report was provided.

HR Committee:

D Clark reported Ginger Robitaille, HR Consultant had received Executive Director surveys through October 30th and was compiling the results for a meeting with the HR Committee November 19th and the MPO Council Executive Session December 6th. He indicated the evaluation process would be completed at the January 3rd Council meeting. Horak requested HR Committee meeting minutes from November 19th and a final evaluation results summary report be sent to all Council members prior to the December 6 meeting.

TAC:

A written report was provided.

Mobility:

A written report was provided.

Q3 TIP Modification Update

A written report was provided.

Move to Approve Consent Agenda:

Horak **moved** to approve the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- *2045 Regional Transit Element (RTE)*

Action Items:

Revised Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets

Alex Gordon, Transportation Planner II/Mobility Coordinator, explained that as discussed at the November 1 Council meeting, the revised Resolution now incorporates the City of Greeley as they requested more time for approval of their GET TAM targets.

Ross **moved** to approve the *Revised Resolution No. 2018-20 to Set Targets by Supporting the Targets Established by CDOT, GET, and Transfort for Transit Asset Management (TAM)*. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Transportation Commission Report /CDOT Region 4

Johnny Olson, CDOT Region 4, reported on the following for I-25:

- Construction has begun on Segment 3 of the I-25 corridor. Concrete will be laid on in the next two weeks.
- Preparation is progressing on SH 402 and may be complete before US 34, both will not be closed for construction at the same time.
- There is a contract with RL Wadsworth for Segments 5 and 6 which are currently in design and plan optimization. This project is considered critical and will have continuous executive oversight.
- The relocation of the frontage road WCR 9 ½ from SH 66 to US 34 is being considered to allow for an alternate route which will keep traffic down in that area of I-25. The route is now included in Weld County's Capital Improvement Plan.
- US 34 will be complete following the completion of river work.
- US 85 at Eaton has had some complications with railroad crossings, but CDOT still hopes to be complete in December.

I-25 Update

A written Project Status Update for October 23, 2018 was provided.

STAC Report

A written report was provided.

Host Council Member Report- Horak welcomed everyone to Fort Collins and thanked them for coming.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions:

Freedom Parkway Presentation by Cozad and Dawn Anderson

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Renae Steffen, MPO Staff