



Colorado Department of Transportation
Region 4
1420 2nd Street
Greeley, CO 80631

Attention: Chad Hall

December 10, 2018

Subject: Support for US34 PEL Study Recommendations

Dear Mr. Hall,

The NFRMPO has supported the US34 Planning and Environmental Linkage Study both with funding and staff resources. Now that the study is completed and as an integral participating agency in the study, we are sending this letter of support for the methodology, process, and results of the study. We have regularly attended technical advisory committee meetings, public meetings, and agency specific meetings. We are writing to endorse the following:

- 1) The study has been a collaborative effort between FHWA, CDOT, and local agencies.
- 2) The purpose and need for improvements on US34 are clearly defined.
- 3) A well-planned transportation system is foundational to efficient economic development of communities along the corridor.
- 4) The overall corridor vision of a consistent 6-lane roadway cross section on US34 from Garfield Avenue in Loveland to 11th Avenue in Greeley including the following recommendations:
 - a) Foothills segment: 2-lane cross section with added or expanded auxiliary lanes at intersections and modifications to shoulders
 - b) Loveland Urban segment: 4-Lane cross section with intersections
 - c) Loveland 6-lane segment: 6-lane cross section with intersections
 - d) Johnstown to Greeley segment: 6-Lane cross section with interchanges
 - e) Greeley Expressway segment: 6-Lane cross section with interchanges
 - f) East End segment: 4-Lane cross section with intersections
- 5) Corridor improvements will be phased and future projects will incorporate the identified supplemental elements such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit, and technology.
- 6) Identifying funding and continuing to partner will be critical to realizing the corridor vision.

We appreciate the expert work and collaboration on this plan as well as the timeliness of completion. We look forward to continuing communication, collaboration, and implementing improvements to benefit Northern Colorado residents.

Sincerely,

Suzette Mallette, Executive Director

A Zero Emission Vehicle Rule for Colorado

Stakeholder Working Group Meeting Number 3

November 30, 2018

ZEV Rulemaking Process Rescheduled

- AQCC ZEV Announcement to reschedule
- Next steps:
 - Opportunity for a robust ZEV Stakeholder process
 - May Request means End of April.
 - LEV implementation
 - Hearing process is complete, now the real work begins

How the Proposed Rule Will Work

- Incorporation by reference
 - Division is studying the pertinent section of the CA Rules
 - Will IBR what's appropriate
 - Brief narrative in 'Colorado Language' as part of the Proposed Rule
- Assumed and delegated functions – What does CA do and what does CO do?
 - Again – It's not Colorado's intent to pile on additional regulatory burden beyond what transpires in other ZEV states
 - Reporting and accountability by manufacturers' to California AND Colorado,
 - CA maintains the ZEV Credit System
 - Enforcement authority to Colorado

Tools and Resources

- The “ZEV Tutorial”
<https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/zevprog/zevtutorial/zevtutorial.htm>
- California ZEV Regulatory Calculator(s)
<https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/zevprog/zevcalculator/zevcalculator.htm>
- Staff in CA and nine other states...
- Other Resources/Tools??

Unknown and Dynamic Factors for ZEV

- EV Battery Costs and Technology Turnover
- Cost Parity between Electric and Traditional Vehicles
- Incentives (tax credits, group buys, etc.)
- Infrastructure (Charging Stations)

Environmental Benefits of ZEV

- Immediate GHG and Ground Level ozone benefits from Zero Tailpipe Emissions
- Grid is getting cleaner nationally
- Colorado's increasing use of renewables to feed the grid
- Smart (off-peak) charging
 - How affects gasoline sales
- Other Upstream emissions

ZEV Mandate And ZEV Incentives

- Existing ZEV purchase incentives in Colorado will phase out by 2023
 - How will this impact sales?
- Is it possible for incentives to perform as well as a mandate in CO?
 - At what cost, and to whom?

Model Availability

- How will model availability be affected with a ZEV Mandate?
- Trucks vs. cars vs. SUV's??

Other?? Questions??

- Next meeting in January - TBA
- Thanks!
- Doug Decker – doug.decker@state.co.us

Freedom Parkway Access Control Plan

*NFRMPO Planning Council
December 6, 2018*



Freedom Parkway Access Control Plan

NFRMPO Planning Council
December 6, 2018



Topics

- Introduction – purpose, goals, vision
- Public Involvement
- Access - control techniques, inventory, recommendations
- Policies / Implementation
- Adoption



Purpose



- Accommodate development
- Maintain / enhance:
 - Mobility
 - Access to adjoining properties
 - Safety
 - Reliability (e.g., parallel reliever route; US-34 PEL Study)
- Control / manage number, location, and spacing of access points on Freedom Parkway
- Guide for improving the corridor



Goals



- Improving safety along the corridor
- Coordination of development, improvements, access, design standards, and other issues among jurisdictions
- Promoting economic vitality along the corridor
- Protecting investments in infrastructure
- Maintaining the functional integrity of the corridor by reducing traffic conflicts and improving traffic flow

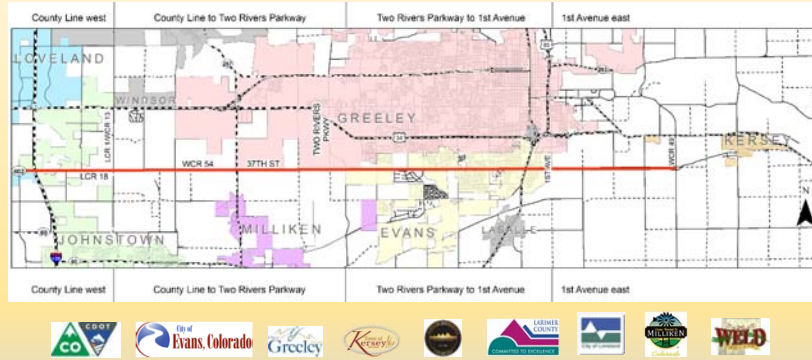
“A cohesive, continuous transportation corridor from I-25 to US-34 that improves safety, mobility, and reliability through coordinated roadway improvements and access management.”

Corridor Study Area

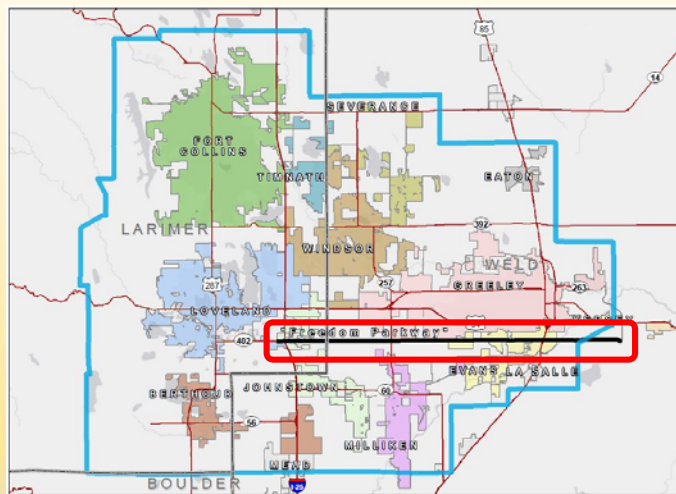


- 25-mile corridor
- SH-402, LCR 18, WCR 54, 37th Street
- 8 jurisdictions

Figure 1



Corridor Study Area



Multi-jurisdictional Cooperation

Freedom Parkway Coalition

Evans



Greeley



Johnstown



Kersey



Larimer County

Loveland



Milliken

Weld County



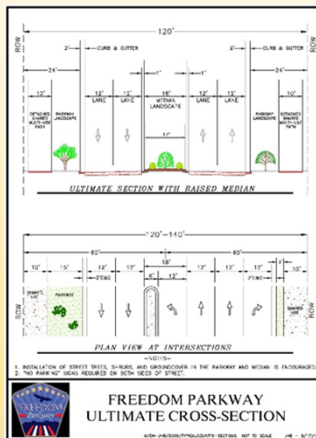
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Corridor Vision

Figure 2



- Regional, multimodal, urbanized transportation link (Loveland to Kersey)
- Ultimate cross-section:
 - 4-lane, divided, limited access urban arterial
 - Collector street in Evans (US-85 to 1st Ave.)
 - 120-140' ROW
 - Each jurisdiction implements their own similar design standard



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Public Involvement



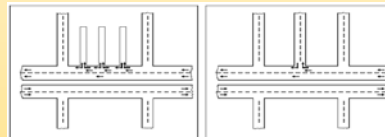
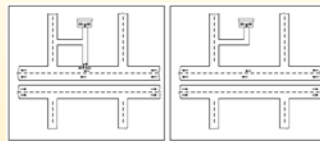
- **Public Meetings**
 - Round 1 – June 2017
 - Round 2 – June 2018
- **Neighborhood Meetings (e.g., roundabout)**
- **Newsletters**
- **Website**



Access Control Techniques

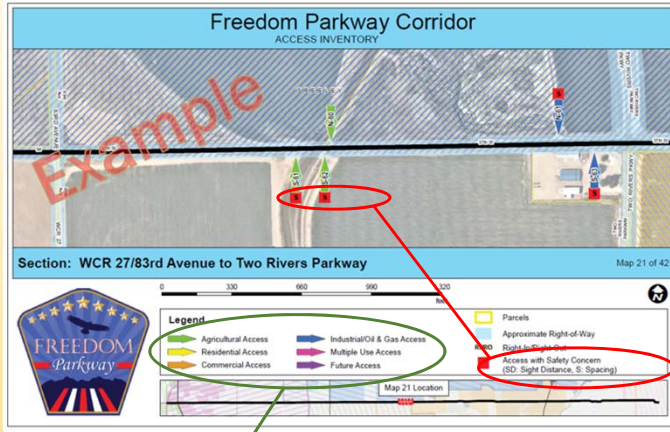


- **Elimination**
- **Relocation**
- **Consolidation / Shared Access**
- **Movement Conversion / Reconfiguration**
- **Defined Driveways**



Appendix E – Access Inventory Maps

Figure 12



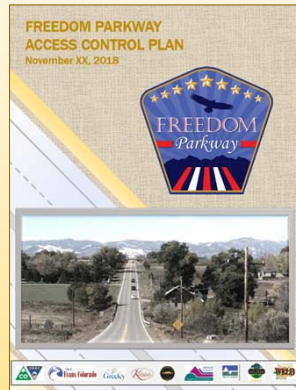
Appendix J – Inventory/Recommendations

Figure 23

ID	Map #	Address	Jurisdiction	Use	Description	Safety Concern	Recommendations
Map 12							
S-35	12		Weld County	Agriculture	Access v/575' from intersection shown on RE-5099 (2012) near property line. Property also has access on WCR 17.5. See AP14-0013K.	Spacing	Relocate to WCR 17.5 or align with N-43 to meet spacing requirement from intersection.
N-43	12	8837	Weld County	Multiple Use Residential & Agricultural	Farm and residence.		
S-36	12	8776	Weld County	Multiple Use Oil & Gas &	Shared access on RECK14-0119 (2nd corrected). See AP14-0009S. Gate guard.		
N-44	12/13		Weld County	Agricultural	Field access aligned at WCR 19. (Section line: 30' appears wide on east side)		Relocate access to new road when constructed.
Map 13							
N-45	13		Weld County	Residential	Shared by three residential lots. See RECK12-0113 (01/13).		
S-37	13	9280	Weld County	Residential	2001 house on 137 acres. Gate guard.	Spacing	OK if S-37s consolidated at S-38 or relocated to meet spacing requirements.
S-37a	13		Weld County	Agriculture	Shared field access of four parcels - residential access through gate.	Spacing	Consolidate with S-38 at S-38 or relocate to relocate to meet spacing requirements if S-38 eliminated.
S-38	13	9444	Weld County	Agriculture	Gate guard access.	Spacing	Consolidate with S-37 or S-39.
S-39	13		Weld County	Agriculture	Gate guard access.	Spacing	Consolidate with S-38 or S-40.
N-53a	13		Weld County	Residential	Access to field with wood perimeter.	Spacing	Eliminate - Use N-55.
S-40	13/14		Weld County	Agriculture	Gate guard access.	Spacing	
N-46	13/14	9143	Weld County	Multiple Use Oil & Gas &	Access to oil, ditch, and oil & gas access. See RECK12-0112 (01/12).	Spacing	OK if N-45a eliminated.
S-41	13/14	9476	Weld County	Residential	136 house on one acre (no RE). Gated.	Spacing	Consolidate for shared access with S-42.
S-42	13/14	9508	Weld County	Residential	170N house on 9.9 acres. See RE-966. Gated.	Spacing	Consolidate for shared access with S-41.
Map 14							
S-43	14		Weld County	Agriculture	Second access to parcel. Gated.	Spacing	Consolidate with S-42.
S-44	14		Weld County	Oil & Gas	Oil & gas loop.	Spacing	Consolidate with S-45.
S-45	14		Weld County	Oil & Gas	Oil & gas loop.	Spacing	Consolidate with S-44.
N-47	14		Weld County	Oil & Gas	Oil & gas loop.	Spacing	Eliminate - Use N-48.
N-48	14		Weld County	Multiple Use Oil & Gas &	Field and oil & gas.	Spacing	OK if N-47 eliminated.
S-46	14		Weld County	Multiple Use Oil & Gas &	Wellhead and field access.	Spacing	Consolidate with S-47 at S-46.
N-49	14		Weld County	Multiple Use Oil & Gas &	Field and oil & gas.	Spacing	
S-47	14	9952	Weld County	Residential	Residential driveway v/2307' from intersection on 102-acre lot. See RE-966. Parcel also has access from SH 257 for oil & gas. Field.	Spacing	Consolidate with S-46 at S-46.



Chapters



- I. Introduction
- II. Existing Conditions
- III. Access
- IV. Public Involvement
- V. Access Recommendations
- VI. Policies
- VII. Referrals and ACP Amendments

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Policies



- 1. New Access Policy
- 2. Access with Safety Concerns Policy
- 3. Change of Use Policy
- 4. Road Spacing Policy
- 5. Right-of-Way Policy
- 6. Speed Limit Policy
- 7. Weight Limits / Truck Route Policy
- 8. Functional Classification Policy
- 9. Road Cut & Boring Policy
- 10. Level of Service (LOS) Policy
- 11. Full Intersection Control (Traffic Signal/Roundabout) Policy

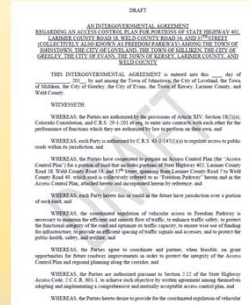


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Referrals



- **Appendix K – Intergovernmental Agreement**
- **Jurisdictions to notify participating entities of proposed developments on Freedom Parkway**
 - **Re-zonings, subdivisions, special use permits, site plan reviews, and access permits**
- **Jurisdictions to notify participating entities of proposed roadway improvements**
 - **Widenings, signals, roundabouts**
- **10-day window to comment**
- **Work together to maintain consistency**
- **Annual Policy Committee meeting**



Amendments



- **Jurisdiction to submit proposed amendment to Weld County**
 - **Written description**
 - **Justification**
 - **Traffic analysis**
- **Weld County schedules Policy Committee meeting**
 - **One voting representative from each jurisdiction**
 - **Submitter can present to committee**
 - **Check for consistency with ACP**
 - **Approval requires 5 of 8 votes**

Access Control Plan Implementation



- **Planning Document** – The ACP is a guide for improving the corridor but does not identify specific improvements.
- **Flexibility** – Jurisdictions along the corridor can implement their own design standards, improvement types (traffic signal vs roundabout), truck routes, etc.
- **Improvements** - Roadway improvements and access management occur in response to development.
- **Referrals and Amendment Policy**
- **Freedom Parkway Policy Committee** – will meet annually and as needed (e.g., amendments)



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Funding – Who Pays?



- **Calls for Projects (federal/state)**
 - NFR MPO
 - UFR TPR
- **Developers**
- **Local Governments / Partnerships**
- **No “Coalition” funding has been set up**
- **Each jurisdiction responsible for their section of road**

- **Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)**
- **Surface Transportation Program (STP)**
- **Transportation Alternatives (TA)**



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Local Government Adoption (2018)



Jurisdiction	Work Session	Planning Commission	IGA & ACP Adoption
Evans	--	--	Nov. 5
Greeley	Nov. 13	--	Dec. 4
Johnstown	--	--	Nov. 19
Kersey	Oct. 23	--	Nov. 13
Larimer County	--	--	Oct. 23
Loveland	--	--	Dec. 4
Milliken	--	Nov. 7	Nov. 28
Weld County	Oct. 8	Nov. 20	Dec. 12

Website



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Freedom Parkway Access Control Plan

We're Almost There! - Last Chance to Review and Comment

The long-term process to develop the Freedom Parkway Access Control Plan (ACP) is almost complete. Input from residents, business owners, staff, and elected officials received through October 15, 2018, has been incorporated into the final ACP report. The links below contain the final report, which is scheduled for adoption by the participating jurisdictions along the corridor between October 18 and mid-December 2018.

Members of the public are invited to attend the adoption events and provide any final comments as desired. Check the upcoming agendas of your Town Board or City Council for more information. Weld County will adopt the Freedom Parkway ACP after all other jurisdictions have done so. The public is likewise welcome to attend the Weld County meeting.

- Planning Commission - November 20, 2018 at 10:30 AM
- Board of County Commissioners - December 12, 2018 at 9:00 AM

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North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council Investment Policy

Adopted: February 6, 2014

Amended: December 6, 2018



1. Statement of Purpose

It is the policy of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (NFRMPO) to invest its funds to provide the highest investment return with the maximum security, while meeting the NFRMPO's daily cash flow needs, and complying with all the state statutes governing the investment of public funds.

2. Scope

This investment policy applies to all financial assets of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council including the VanGo™ Vanpool Program funds. The NFRMPO shall keep a minimum two-month liquid cash flow reserve at all times.

3. Statement of Objectives

In priority order, the NFRMPO's primary objectives of the investment activities shall be:

Safety: Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio.

Diversification: The NFRMPO will diversify investments by institution to insure the preservation of the capital in the overall portfolio.

Liquidity: The NFRMPO's investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated.

Return on Investment: The NFRMPO shall design the investment portfolio to obtain the highest rate of return throughout the budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.



4. Approved Depositories

The North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council approves the use of financial institutions or their successors as long as they have a three, four, or five-star rating on Bankrate.com or an AAAm or AAm rating on S&P Global Rating System as depositories of the NFRMPO's funds. The three-star financial institutions may only be used for short-term cash deposit and checking. Investments must be made in a four or five star rated institution or AAAm or AAm rated Stability Funds.



Safe & Sound® Rating System		S&P Global Rating System	
Star rating	Definition	Rating	Definition
*****	Superior	AAAm	Demonstrates extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk
****	Sound	AAm	Demonstrates very strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk
***	Performing	Am	Demonstrates strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk, but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than funds in higher-rated categories
**	Below peer group	BBBm	Demonstrates adequate capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a reduced capacity to maintain principal stability
*	Lowest rated	BBm	Demonstrates speculative characteristics and uncertain capacity to maintain principal stability. It is vulnerable to principal losses due to credit risk. While such funds will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposure to adverse conditions
Not Rated "NR"	Not Rated "NR" Complete Data not available	Dm	A fund rated "Dm: has failed to maintain principal stability resulting in a realized or unrealized loss of principal
Closed	Institution is closed		
G	Designates high growth		
Source: Bankrate.com		Source: Standard & Poor	



5. Delegation of Authority to Make Investments

Authority to manage the investment program is derived from CRS§ 24-75-601 and the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality action taken on February 6, 2014. Management responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the Executive Director or their designee with concurrence of the NFRMPO Finance Committee. The Executive Director shall establish written procedures and internal controls for operating the investment program consistent with this investment policy. Procedures should include references to safekeeping, delivery vs. payment, investment accounting, repurchase agreements, wire transfer agreements, collateral/depository agreements and banking service contracts. No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the procedures established by the Executive Director with the concurrence of the NFRMPO Finance Committee. The Executive Director shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials.

6. Authorized Investment Instruments

The NFRMPO is limited to investments authorized by CRS §24-75-601.1 and may invest in the following:

Certificates of Deposit
Savings Accounts
Cash Fund Accounts or
Local Government Investment Pool Trust Fund

7. Safekeeping and Custody

All security transactions, including collateral for repurchase agreements, and financial institution deposits, entered into by the NFRMPO shall be on a cash basis. Any funds on deposit in a financial institution shall not exceed the federal insurance threshold for more than 60 days.



8. Standard of Prudence

The NFRMPO shall make investments with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital, as well as the probable income to be derived.

9. Statement of Ethics

The Executive Director, Finance Director and Finance Committee shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the NFRMPO's investments, or that could impair the Executive Director's, Finance Director's and Finance Committee's ability to make impartial investment decisions.

10. Investment Activity Report

The Executive Director shall provide a written report to the NFRMPO Planning Council as part of the Quarterly financial statements concerning the investment of the NFRMPO's funds.

The NFRMPO shall comply with all applicable statutory standards for investment of public funds as they now exist or as they may be subsequently amended. Any provision of this Policy that conflicts with applicable statutory requirements and standards is void.

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)—MINUTES
December 4, 2018
1:36 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Dori Baker, Frontier House; Leiton Powell, Greeley-Evans Transit; Robin Upton, Citizens Bus Improvement Committee; Steve Teets, WAND; Alex Gordon, NFRMPO

2. Review of Agenda

Alex asked to change Discussion Item #2 from Implications of Propositions 109 and 110 to a presentation about the *2045 Regional Transportation Plan*. The group accepted the agenda item change.

3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)

Steve commented there should be a transit route along US85 between Eaton and Brighton, which could connect to the RTD bus system. There should also be transit on US34 and the Poudre Express is not enough. Steve also requested Alex bring statistics about commuting habits in the region to the next meeting.

4. Approval of September 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Steve motioned to approve the minutes with one correction: WAND is *promoting* curb cuts. Dori seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1) Larimer County Senior Transportation Project

Gordon

Alex presented on the Larimer County Senior Transportation Project, which was included as part of the packet. Steve discussed transit funding for the Estes Park Shuttle program, which includes general funds and donations from businesses. Dori stated the project would benefit all populations in addition to seniors. Steve asked how Weld County Commissioners have been involved. Alex stated Commissioner Cozad heard the presentation at an NFRMPO Planning Council meeting. Steve also raised the idea of a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). Overall, the group was positive to the idea.

2) 2045 Regional Transportation Plan

Gordon

Alex stated the NFRMPO is currently working on the long-range transportation plan, the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. The 2045 Regional Transit Element, which was presented to the WCMC previously, was approved in November and is the transit component of the long-range plan. Alex distributed a short survey, which will be used to create and run a scenario in the NFRMPO's Regional Travel Demand Model.

3) 2019 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule

Gordon

Alex discussed the proposed meeting schedule, which would increase the WCMC to six meetings a year but make meeting dates more consistent. A draft Work Plan was included in the WCMC packet, and includes projects like Dump the Pump Day, redesigning Rider's Guides, and doing more Weld County-focused outreach.

GREELEY-EVANS TRANSIT NEWS AND UPDATES

Leiton reported Fort Collins and Greeley have approved budgets for the Poudre Express regional route. Windsor Town Council will discuss funding in the coming months. There have also been conversations with CSU and UNC regarding funding. GET will order new buses within the next few months so they are ready for



a planned January 2020 start date. Leiton also reported GET has made an offer to a Transit Manager-candidate from out-of-state. GET is working with the Active Adult Center on a travel training partnership.

WCMC MEMBER REPORTS

Dori – Frontier House takes advantage of discounted and full-price passes for GET to help members get to jobs. Frontier House has been successful in job placements. Frontier House is also offering Driver’s Education to some members to assist them in getting to work.

Steve – WAND talked about projects for next year and focused on housing and transit. Steve also discussed efforts to work with Medicare and Medicaid to improve transportation funding. WAND would also like to bring more speakers in 2019.

5. Final Public Comment (*2 minutes each*)

6. Next Month’s Agenda Topic Suggestions

- Discussing winter mobility (snow removal at bus stops)
- Work session to update Rider’s Guides and other outreach materials

7. Next WCMC Meeting: February 26, 2019



MINUTES

Friday, November 2, 2018

RAQC MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Putnam, CHAIR, *Kaplan, Kirsch, & Rockwell, LLP*
Herb Atchison, *City of Westminster*
Kathleen Bracke, *City of Boulder*
Bob Broom, *Citizen*
Frank Bruno, *Via Mobility Services*
Julie Cozad, *North Front Range MPO, via phone*
Gerry Horak, *City of Fort Collins*
Curt Huber, *Conservation Community*
Elise Jones, *Boulder County*
Vanessa Mazal, *Citizen (via Phone)*
Jackie Millet, *City of Lone Tree*
Brian Payer, *Sphera*
Doug Rex, *Denver Regional Council of Governments*
Bob Roth, *City of Aurora*
Jep Seman, *Corporate Advocates*

RAQC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Paolo Diaz, *City of Commerce City*
David Genova, *Regional Transportation District*
Irv Halter Jr., *Colorado Department of Local Affairs*
Jack Ihle, *Xcel Energy*
Michael Lewis, *Colorado Department of Transportation*
Karin McGowin, *Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*
Scott Prestidge, *COGA*
Andy Spielman, *WilmerHale*
Gregg Thomas, *Denver Department of Environmental Health*
Casey Tighe, *Jefferson County*
Bruce White, *Citizen*

RAQC ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Martha Rudolph, *Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*
Debra Perkins-Smith, *Colorado Department of Transportation*
Bill VanMeter, *Regional Transportation District*

RAQC STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Silverstein, Kaylyn Bopp, Amanda Brimmer, Matt Goble, Sara Goodwin, Misty Howell, Steve McCannon, and Matt Mines.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angie Binder, CO Petroleum Association; Jim Brandon, ESP; Sarah Keane, Kaplan, Kirsch & Rockwell; Dom Mcleod NFRMPO; Suzette Mallette, NFRMPO; Susan Nedel, E2; Laura Shields, Environmental Defense Fund; and Robert Spotts, DRCOG.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chair Putnam. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Board Member Cozad moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Board Member Perkins-Smith. Motion passed without objection.

Approval of Minutes

Board Member Atchison moved to approve the October 5, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Board Member Atchison. Motion passed without objection.

General Public Comment

None.

Informational Items

Chair

None.

Executive Director

Mike Silverstein informed Council that the office remodel has gone well and staff will be moving back into the office next week.

Members

Board Member Bruno informed Council that Via Mobility with Boulder have repowered a 2004 HOP bus to electric.

Appointment of Vice Chair

Board Member Millet moved to appoint Brian Payer as Vice Chair. Seconded by Board Member Perkins-Smith. Motion passed without objection.

Proposed Low Emission Vehicle Program

Chair Putnam indicated that he would not be leading the discussion on this topic since his firm represents the CC4A Coalition in the AQCC hearing process. Vice Chair Payer lead the discussion. Board Members who provided disclosures due to involvement in the AQCC hearing process: Board Members Atchison, Bracke, Cozad, Horak, Jones, Perkins-Smith, Putnam, Rudolph and Seman.

Council discussed the process for reviewing the language of the letter. Board Member Cozad said she could not support the letter because the North Front Range MPO is not supporting the LEV proposal. Other Board Members stated that the RAQC is uniquely positioned to support the APCD proposal from an air quality perspective, that there is substantial risk due to increase emissions, and that there are not readily available options to offset emission increases that could occur if the LEV proposal was not approved.

Council worked on the language to create a final version of a supportive letter to be submitted to the AQCC.

Public Comment

Public comments encouraging strong RAQC support was provided by Laura Shiels, EDF, Susan Nedel, E2, and Sara Keane, NRDC.

Board Member Jones moved to send the letter to the AQCC as amended (attached as part of these minutes). Seconded by Board Member Bruno. Motion passed 14-2-2 (opposed: Board Members Broom and Cozad, abstained: Board Members VanMeter and Seman).

Board Member Mazal said it is important to send context to the public and said she is motivated to write and OpEd piece. She suggested Council considered one. Chair Putnam said the RAQC has not done OpEd pieces before and it would be a long process to do as a Board. He said it is okay for members to do but the RAQC Board should not be referenced.

Chair Putnam resumed chairing the meeting.

Work Program and Budget

Steve McCannon reviewed the proposed Work Plan and Budget with Council. He explained the reserve and how it is used to fund efforts until billing occurs and revenue is received. Board discussion included referencing the office renovation costs on a separate line item and using footnotes to explain variances.

Public Comment

None.

Announcements and Action Items

Website

Misty Howell provided Council with a navigation overview of the updated raqc.org site.

Retreat Planning

Mike Silverstein reminded Council that a doodle poll was emailed requesting date availability. He asked Council to reply if they have not already. Misty Howell will resend the doodle poll.

Establishment of Operations Committee and other Subcommittees

Mike Silverstein informed Council of the creation of an Operations Committee to review local government funding requests, human resources best practices, the work plan, budget, general fundraising, financial policies and other operations aspects of the RAQC. Mike indicated that Herb Atchison offered to Chair. Council decided that the Board Chair or Vice Chair should be the Chair of the Operations Committee.

Technical Subcommittees will kick-off in January. Mike Silverstein said Board Members should indicate which committee they want to join.

Next Meeting

Mike Silverstein informed Council that he is presenting at the NFRMPO meeting on January 3. The next RAQC meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2018.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m.