

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)—MINUTES
February 26, 2019
1:34 p.m. – 3:06 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Leiton Powell, Greeley-Evans Transit; Darren Davis, Greeley-Evans Transit; Steve Teets, WAND; Dori Baker, Frontier House; Vanessa Wilkins, Sunrise Community Health; Lori Chevron, Greeley Citizens Bus Improvement Committee; Bill Cruise, member of public; Janet Bedingfield, Senior Resource Services/60+ Ride; Robyn Upton, Greeley Citizens Bus Improvement Committee; Celeste Ewert, Envision

2. Review of Agenda

3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)

4. Approval of December 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Janet motioned to approve the December 4, 2018 meeting minutes. Robyn stated her name should be spelled with a “y”. Dori seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1) 2019 Work Plan

Gordon

Alex continued the conversation from the December 2018 WCMC meeting regarding projects to work on over the summer. Janet suggested the group focus on promoting awareness of existing services and travel training. The group coalesced around the idea of travel training, having a regional Mobility Committee meeting, and creating some kind of Multimodal Day (Bike to Work and Dump the Pump combined efforts).

2) Weld County Outreach

Gordon

Alex asked for advice on events to go to within Weld County to discuss transportation and mobility issues. Suggestions include: Senior Law Day; Greeley Stampede; Project Connect; and looking into Evans Library.

3) Rider’s Guide Update and Redesign

All

The group liked the overall look of the Rider’s Guide but felt it should include ADA rules and eligibility, clearer geographies, more visual appeal, and include a directory at the end. Overall, the Rider’s Guide should be easy and accessible (brochure-size, not booklet size).

4) Larimer County Senior Transportation Project Update

Gordon

Alex provided an update on where the Larimer County Senior Transportation Project is and asked how the WCMC wants to be included on the project. The group decided they want a future presentation and to receive periodic updates about the project. There is interest in expanding the project to Weld County in the future.

GREELEY-EVANS TRANSIT NEWS AND UPDATES

Darren Davis, GET Transit Manager, introduced himself to the group. GET is working on fare reciprocity/one fare for the different transit entities involved in the Regional Route (Poudre Express). The Poudre Express is expected to begin in January 2020, and the new buses have been ordered and should arrive in September or October. Leiton reported a plan is underway to serve the new University Health Systems hospital in west



Greeley via a Call-n-Ride service available to all ages. The GET website was based on feedback about readability for a screen reader.

WCMC MEMBER REPORTS

Celeste – the 6th Annual 5k will be held on April 28 to raise funds for Envision. A “5k in my Slippers” is being added for those who want to support Envision but do not plan to run the race. Celeste mentioned Envision supports a call center because their transportation is limited to existing clients.

Janet – The volunteer transportation service run by SRS is now known by 60+ Ride. SRS will be teaming with GET on a vehicle from CDOT. SRS is planning multiple fundraisers this summer, teaming with organizations and companies throughout the Greeley area.

Steve – passed out information about the Greeley food tax rebate. WAND is focused on regional mobility and accessibility, especially as Greeley and Weld County grow quickly.

Dori – Employment is growing for members of Frontier House. Frontier House can help support its members using transit through a loan program for bus passes, which helps members get to work or appointments.

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

6. Next Month’s Agenda Topic Suggestions

- Rider’s Guides

7. Next WCMC Meeting: April 23, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04
OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL
ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
REGARDING FTA \$5307, \$5310, \$5339 FORT COLLINS/LOVELAND/BERTHOUD TRANSPORTATION
MANAGEMENT AREA (TMA) PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FFY19

WHEREAS, 23 CFR PART §450.324 requires the development of a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Metropolitan Planning Organizations through the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (“3C”) multimodal transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the agency responsible for developing the TIP in accordance with the above stated regulation; and

WHEREAS, transportation projects programmed in the FY2019-2022 TIP are consistent with the adopted 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, adopted September 3, 2015 and amended February 2, 2017 and June 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Air Quality Conformity Finding conducted on the FY2019-2022 TIP was positive, and all of the projects in the FY2019-2022 TIP come from the conforming 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and this TIP Amendment does not change the positive conformity finding on the FY2019-2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council hereby amends the FY2019-2022 TIP adding the following transit projects and funding:

- FTA §5307 – Maintain, Repair, & Replace Assets, 1% Security Projects, Capital Costs of Contracting, and Fixed-Route Operating Expenses
 - FY19 Allocation of \$4,501,848 (Federal)
- FTA §5310 – Goods and Services for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
 - FY19 Allocation of \$207,229 (Federal)
- FTA §5339 – Repair/Replace/Enhance projects related to Rolling Stock, Facilities, and Technology
 - FY19 Allocation of \$532,054 (Federal)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council hereby adopts the FFY19 Program of Projects as recommended.

Passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council held this 7th day of March 2019.

Kristie Melendez, Chair

ATTEST:

Suzette Mallette, Executive Director



**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05
OF THE NORTH FRONT RANGE TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY PLANNING COUNCIL
ADOPTING THE FY2022-2023 CALL FOR PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in cooperation with local elected officials and is authorized to carry out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive ("3C") multimodal transportation planning process as mandated by Congress in Titles 23 and 49 U.S.C.; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR PART §450.324 requires the development of a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and

WHEREAS, transportation projects selected in the FY2022-2023 Call for Projects were submitted to the NFRMPO and were scored on January 8, 2019 and January 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, 10 projects have been recommended for funding in the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Group (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) program, including:

- Greeley's Citywide Signal Retiming - \$273K CMAQ
- Fort Collins' Transfort Electric Bus Purchase - \$4,367K CMAQ
- Greeley's Phase 3 Fiber - \$2,376K CMAQ
- Loveland's N Taft Avenue & US 34 Intersection Improvements - \$3,331 CMAQ
- Fort Collins' US 287 and Trilby Intersection Improvements - \$387K CMAQ
- Fort Collins' CR 19 (Taft Hill) Improvements - \$3,834K STBG
- Weld County's Roundabout at WCR 74 and WCR 33 - \$1,092K STBG
- Evans' 37th St Widening - \$1,119K STBG
- Loveland's US 34 Widening - Boise to Rocky Mountain Ave - \$1,361K
- Windsor's Poudre River Trail Realignment Improvements - \$544K TA; and

WHEREAS, the recommended projects are consistent with the adopted 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Amended June 1, 2017 and will be incorporated into the FY2020-2023 TIP; and

WHEREAS, two STBG projects have been waitlisted, which means applicants may opt to receive partial or full funding at a later date if additional STBG funding becomes available; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) will receive a \$25,000 per year set-aside of STBG funding in FY2022 and FY2023 for ozone modeling of the North Front Range region; and

WHEREAS, the Air Quality Conformity finding will be conducted on the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Amended June 1, 2017 and the FY2020-2023 TIP prior to the adoption of the FY2020-2023 TIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council hereby adopts the FY2022-2023 Call for Projects as recommended.

Passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council held this 7th day of March 2019.

Kristie Melendez, Chair

ATTEST:

Suzette Mallette, Executive Director

First Quarter report March 7, 2019

Executive Director Goals for 2019, as of January 4, 2019

The first is an internal goal that was brought up in the review and that is working on internal communication protocol. My communication style and methods are very different than that of the previous Executive Director. Due to such a vast change in style, I would like to focus on aligning internal communication expectations. I have already made some move towards enhancing communication and would like to continue these efforts. The aim is to provide staff with ownership of their goals and responsibilities while helping them grow. I would like to receive regular input and feedback from the team to ensure we are communicating effectively to meet organizational needs while providing the appropriate amount of support from an Executive Leadership perspective.

- **Have been attending Team Meetings on a regular basis across the office, mostly with VanGo and the Planning Team.**
- **Established monthly Management Meetings – improving communication across departments**
- **Positive response to both of these items**

The next goal is to develop Executive Policies for the organization. This would be a document that outlines the role of the Executive Director and what Council expects from the position. This document identifies the reach of the Executive Director's authority in terms of staff, contracting and financial responsibility. I believe this would be an important resource both now and as different Council members or Executive Directors come into their roles. I have developed a draft document as a starting place for this discussion.

- **Draft document is Action at March 2019 meeting**

The third goal is to evaluate the NFRMPO taking on the implementation of a One Call/One Click center as a service that both Weld and Larimer County is interested in providing to their residents. Since the MPO does not geographically cover all of Weld and Larimer Counties, management structures will be explored to find a viable type(s) for this service. The One Call/One Click center is in the initial stages and there is an FTA 5304 grant to develop an Implementation Plan to be completed close to the end of 2019.

- **Received 3 grants:**
 - **NADTC Plan – evaluated software, created and expert panel. Completed January 2019.**
 - **NADTC Implementation – Proof of concept. Test Routematch software in southern Larimer County on subset of providers and riders. Completion is end of August**
 - **FTA 5304 Business/Financial Plan – RFP closes March 8th. Select consultant by April.**

The last goal is an individual professional development. While I do not have something selected at this point, I would be requesting time and support to either become a member of a professional association that would be a beneficial partnership/network for the MPO or the ability to take 1-2 classes focused on Change Management/Leadership and Communication.

- **On the lookout for opportunities**

Goal Summary:

MPO Structure = organizational goal focus

Executive Policies = Council goal focus

Communication = team goal focus

Professional Development = individual goal focus, supporting organization and team



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**Monthly Report from CDPHE to the
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
March 7, 2019**

Air Pollution Control Division Updates

- Per the Zero Emission Vehicle Executive Order, CDPHE is in the process of revising the state Beneficiary Mitigation Plan to focus on supporting the electrification of transportation, including transit buses and school buses. We anticipate the updated plan to be complete in the next 2-3 months.
- Air Quality Awareness Week 2019 is April 29-May 3. The Division is developing an outreach and social media to spread awareness of the following daily topics listed below. Want to get involved or have questions? Contact richard.coffin@state.co.us.
Daily Topics:
 - Monday - Your Heart and Lungs
 - Thursday - Wildfires and Smoke
 - Wednesday - AQI and Sensors
 - Thursday - Air Quality in Your Community
 - Friday - Air Quality Around the World

Air Quality Control Commission Updates:

The February 21, 2019 Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) meeting:

- The Division provided an update on the Denver Metropolitan/North Front Range Area Pneumatic Controller Task Force. The presentation focused on pneumatic emission reduction options, including issues related to improper operation. The Task Force will move into policy recommendations in 2019, with a final report due in May 2020.
- The Division will provide an overview of the emission reductions credit (ERC) program and its planned implementation. The presentation included a discussion of the ERC program development, ERC certification, and ERC use.

Upcoming AQCC Meeting - March 21, 2019:

- This meeting will include a discussion of Clean Air Act Section 179B - nonattainment area and borders.





STAC Summary – February 22nd, 2019

- 1) **Introductions & January 2019 Minutes** – Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair)
 - a) January STAC Minutes approved without changes.
- 2) **Transportation Commission Report** – Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair)
 - a) Transportation Commission:
 - i) Kudos to CDOT staff for producing TC Minutes overnight.
 - ii) Future budget summaries will more clearly identify roll-over amounts from previous years.
 - (1) The FY19-20 budget is being prepared and will start on July 1st, 2019.
 - iii) Discussed potential changes to chain-up and traction laws for both commercial and passenger vehicles to help prevent incidents on mountain corridors during the winter.
 - iv) Received a presentation on the alternative transportation options being made available to those impacted by the Central 70 construction.
- 3) **TPR Reports** – TPR Representatives
- 4) **Federal and State Legislative Report** – Herman Stockinger & Andy Karsian (Office of Policy & Government Relations)
 - a) Federal:
 - i) The government is fully-funded but the next potential fight is over the debt ceiling, which could indirectly affect CDOT in the form of reauthorization. A solution will need to be found between now and the end of 2019.
 - ii) Continued discussion of a federal infrastructure package, which everyone agrees is necessary, but has no concrete proposal at this point.
 - b) State:
 - i) Discussion of an expanded chain law bill similar to previous, defeated versions.
 - ii) A bill to ban new red light cameras was defeated in committee.
 - iii) A bill to allow half-price express lane travel by battery electric vehicles (with a participation fee and cap on number of registrants) has been proposed.
 - iv) A “portfolio” of transportation projects is being developed by one member for possible funding at a level much lower than the 2018 ballot initiatives.
 - c) STAC Discussion: Representatives expressed concern that reduced express lane tolls for electric vehicles would impact the revenues needed to make projects viable and might also degrade the effectiveness of those managed lanes. They also inquired about any proposals to establish a primary seat belt law, which thus far have not occurred in spite of clear evidence that they save lives.
- 5) **STAC Vice Chair Election** – Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair)
 - a) The STAC needs to select a new Vice Chair to serve alongside Vince Rogalski as Chair.
 - b) Nominations:
 - i) Gary Beedy (Eastern TPR) was nominated by Barbara Kirkmeyer.
 - ii) Norm Steen (Pikes Peak Area COG) was nominated by Dick Elsner.
 - c) Each TPR has one vote and those on the phone could submit via email.
 - d) STAC Action: Votes were tallied by the end of the meeting and Norm Steen was elected Vice Chair.
- 6) **INFRA Discretionary Grants** – Debra Perkins-Smith (Division of Transportation Development) and Herman Stockinger (Office of Policy & Government Relations)
 - a) In January, STAC recommended 3 projects for CDOT to submit:
 - i) SH 13: Rifle to Wyoming
 - ii) US 287: Kit Carson to Oklahoma



- iii) Statewide Fiber (*since removed*)
- b) An additional project is now under consideration:
 - i) I-25 North (Segments 7-8)
 - (1) This corridor has received a number of recent investments and the Executive Director would like to leverage those by applying for \$100 million in INFRA funding to improve freight movements, minimize risk and resiliency issues, and improve safety.
 - c) Upcoming grant opportunities include FLAP (expected in March) and BUILD (expected in April).
 - d) STAC Discussion: Representatives sought clarity on the timeline for INFRA award announcements, but it remains unclear.
- 7) **Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) Rule and Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Rule** – Phil von Hake (Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment)
 - a) Busting a few LEV and ZEV myths:
 - i) Neither rule takes vehicles off the road, forces consumers to purchase a ZEV, or goes into effect immediately.
 - ii) The rules apply to automakers, not consumers, and would not occur until 2022/2023.
 - b) The LEV was proposed by Governor Hickenlooper in Executive Order B 2018-006.
 - i) Subsequently approved by the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) in November 2018.
 - ii) Applies to MY 2022 and later light- and medium-duty vehicles, which must be certified to the California standard rather than the federal standard.
 - iii) CDPHE economic analysis forecast an initial cost increase of \$1,000 per vehicle and a lifetime cost savings of \$3,000 per vehicle.
 - c) The ZEV was proposed by Governor Polis in Executive Order B 2019-002.
 - i) CDPHE tasked with developing a proposed ZEV rule for possible adoption in October 2019.
 - ii) Would potentially apply to MY 2023 and later light-duty vehicles.
 - iii) Manufacturers would potentially be mandated, incentivized, or otherwise encouraged to make an increasing percentage of ZEVs available for sale in the state.
 - (1) An established credit system could be used to “keep score” and Colorado would determine how to enforce.
 - iv) Consumers would retain the choice of their vehicles.
 - d) Unknown factors to be considered:
 - i) Availability of new ZEV models (including trucks and SUVs), ozone non-attainment status of the Front Range, changes to cost and efficiency of vehicle batteries, growth of charging infrastructure, impacts on electrical grids and upstream emissions, state/federal ZEV incentives, price of gasoline and other fuels, national and global economic trends.
 - e) CDPHE is seeking input from the public online, through stakeholder meetings, and eventually at an AQCC Hearing (if granted).
 - f) For more information, or to comment, visit:
 - i) <https://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/zero-emission-vehicle-mandate-proposal>
 - g) STAC Discussion: Representatives requested additional information on a number of topics related to the proposed ZEV Rule, including the overall impacts to the electrical grid, whether gasoline produces fewer emissions than coal-generated electricity, whether an economic impact study will be completed for the ZEV Rule proposal, the potential for prioritizing hybrid electric vehicles in rural areas, whether there is a CDPHE study on the sources of ozone in Colorado, and the current status of litigation against the LEV Rule. CDPHE and CDOT staff promised to seek answers and these questions and follow up with the group.
- 8) **Colorado Resilience Institutionalization Project Outreach Initiative** – Rob Pressly (Colorado Resiliency Office)



- a) The Colorado Resiliency Office was born out of the 2013 floods to handle immediate impacts and prepare for future issues.
 - i) Incorporated into the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) in 2018, focused on state/federal coordination as well as local technical assistance.
 - b) Currently working on a year-long Colorado Resiliency Institutionalization Project that aims to:
 - i) Establish a common understanding of resiliency within the context of individual state departments
 - ii) Implement pilot programs for resiliency building and staff support
 - iii) Develop tools and metrics for performance measurement and ongoing implementation
 - c) The Colorado Resiliency Office website (<https://www.coresiliency.com/>) includes a number of resources to engage local communities in this process.
 - d) A “Resiliency 101” training was piloted in La Plata County and staff are hoping to hold at least one in each DOLA region by the end of June.
 - e) STAC Discussion: Representatives inquired about the level of local participation in these activities to date and expressed concern about the potential future use of Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance funds for this purpose.
- 9) **2045 Statewide Transportation Plan Update** – Marissa Gaughan (Division of Transportation Development)
- a) CDOT staff would like input on the concept of forming a Rural TPR Subcommittee of the STAC to help guide the development of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs).
 - i) This group would meet immediately after the STAC Meeting each month and help plan the subsequent round of TPR meetings while assessing progress made during the previous round.
 - b) STAC Discussion: STAC representatives expressed support for the concept and added that during the latest meeting of the Freight Advisory Council (FAC) the group encourages each of the TPRs to include a section on freight movements in their next RTP.
- 10) **Traffic Incident Management** – Ryan Rice (Division of Mobility Operations)
- a) The goal of TIM is to work as safely and efficiently as a NASCAR pit crew when bringing together a variety of first responders and other agencies at the site of a highway incident.
 - b) A Strategic Plan for Joint Agency Implementation was developed under the leadership of Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and produced a list of recommended improvements under the following focus areas:
 - i) *Training* - currently 44% of first responders in CO are trained in TIM principles
 - ii) *Standing Program Management Teams* - 8 across the state to improve communications, hold joint trainings, etc.
 - iii) *Legislation* - clarification of the “Move It” statute to increase the speed of incident clearance
 - iv) *Technology* - connected vehicle technology in first responder vehicles for improved traveler information and early warning
 - v) *Joint Operations Centers* - first joint CDOT/CSP dispatch facility established in Pueblo at CDOT R2, CDOT R1 facility is planned, and other locations are being explored
 - c) CDOT staff appreciates continued STAC support for TIM activities at both the statewide and local level and hopes to continue building the foundation for improved TIM through training.
 - d) STAC Discussion: Representatives inquired about coordination with the private towing companies, which is challenging but ongoing, and discussed the difficulties in upgrading existing first responder vehicles with connected technologies. CDOT staff suggested that they could share CV standards with local governments to help guide their decision-making in terms of upgrades or new vehicles, while also pursuing other low-cost approaches to improved data.



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11) **Other Business** – Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair)

- a) In March, the Transportation Commission will meet the same week as STAC, on March 20th and 21st.
- b) The next STAC Meeting will be held on Friday, March 22nd at CDOT HQ (2829 W. Howard Place, Denver CO 80204).

12) **Adjourn**