

**MEETING MINUTES of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council
Windsor Recreation Center - Pine Room
250 North 11th Street
Windsor, CO
January 15, 2020
1:01 – 2:19 p.m.**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mitch Nelson, Chair – Severance
Eric Tracy, Vice Chair – Larimer County
Dawn Anderson – Weld County
Allison Baxter – Greeley
Amanda Brimmer – RAQC
Brad Buckman – Fort Collins
Aaron Bustow – FHWA
Marco Carani – Johnstown
Omar Herrera – Windsor
Mark Oberschmidt – Evans
Dave Klockeman - Loveland
Pepper McClenahan - Milliken
Karen Schneiders – CDOT

NFRMPO STAFF:

AnnaRose Cunningham
Ryan Dusil
Alex Gordon
Becky Karasko
Suzette Mallette

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephanie Brothers – Berthoud
Rick Coffin – CDPHE-APCD
Eric Fuhrman – Timnath
Jeff Schreier – Eaton
Town of LaSalle
Ranae Tunison – FTA

IN ATTENDANCE:

Abdul Barsak – Severance
Candace Folkers – COLT
Darren Davis - GET
Katie Guthrie - Loveland
Keanu Kaibetoney – CSU/Severance
Tamara Keefe – FHU
Chad Crager– Fort Collins
Christine Myers – CSU
Michael Snow – CDOT
Annabelle Phillips – Fort Collins/Transfort
Evan Pinkham– Weld County

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2019 TAC MINUTES

Oberschmidt moved to approve the December 18, 2019 TAC minutes. Buckman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

2016-2020 NFRMPO Targets for Safety Performance – Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda. Klockeman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

FY2020 Program of Projects (POP) – Phillips stated the City of Fort Collins/Transfort is the designated recipient of FTA §5307, 5310, and 5339 apportionments for the Fort Collins Transportation Management Area (TMA). Phillips explained that City of Loveland Transit (COLT) will be a direct recipient for FTA §5307 and 5339 funds in 2020 for the first time and reviewed how FTA §5307, 5310, and 5339 funding will be used within the TMA for FY2020. The total project cost listed in the TAC packet was based on 2019 apportionments. The figures will be updated when the 2020 apportionments are released. Transfort held a public hearing on December 20, 2019. No public comment was received at the hearing or through the City’s website. Klockeman moved to approve the FY2020 POP. The motion was seconded by Carani and approved unanimously.

January 2020 TIP Amendment – Cunningham explained the two requests included in the January 2020 TIP Amendment to the FY2020-2023 TIP. Klockeman moved to approve the Amendment. The motion was seconded by Buckman and approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION

10-Year Strategic List of Projects Work Session – Karasko presented the agenda for the Work Session that will be held on January 16, 2020 and explained the process by which TAC and Council Members will prioritize the projects. Karasko stated at the conclusion of the Work Session, Planning Council will need to come to a consensus on the list of projects to be submitted to CDOT and Transportation Commission. Planning Council will approve the list at their February 6th meeting.

Malette clarified there is no direct funding source committed to the list of projects but that CDOT is anticipating there could be up to an additional \$150 million in state funding between 2024 and 2030 coming into the North Front Range region. Additionally, there must be non-motorized and transit projects included in the prioritized list.

TAC members discussed the process to be followed and asked what information will be provided to inform their priorities. Karasko noted during the work session, TAC members should be prepared to answer questions about the projects within their communities and there will be several maps providing project context and data.

Karasko noted the 10-Year List of Strategic Projects will be updated annually with new projects and priorities and will also be referenced in the [2045 Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#) through an amendment.

OUTSIDE PARTNERS REPORTS (verbal)

NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative – Dusil thanked Loveland for hosting the January meeting and stated the group formalized their operating principles in late 2019 which will be shared with TAC in the coming months.

Regional Transit Agencies – Philips reported Transfort will have seven new busses, including four paratransit busses in the next six months.

Davis reported GET launched the Poudre Express on January 2nd and there have been over 700 riders to date. GET anticipates ridership will increase when the CSU Spring Semester begins. Davis encouraged anyone that has feedback on the program to submit it to GET so they can continue to evaluate and improve service.

Malette asked the transit agencies if they had any plans for electrifying their bus fleets. Transfort responded they have a contract for CNG buses that runs through 2021 but will plan on moving to electric buses, pending technology changes, after the contract is up. COLT and GET responded they are researching feasibility.

Senior Transit Items – Gordon reported Planning Council approved \$1.2M for the One Call/Once Click Center project. The first step in getting the program launched will be to hire a Mobility Manager which is anticipated to happen in the Spring. Gordon also noted that on January 14th there was a meeting between the Larimer

County and Weld County Senior Transportation Work Groups to discuss how to better serve senior transportation needs at a regional level.

RAQC - Brimmer reported EPA finalized the reclassification of the Denver Metro/North Front Range 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area from Moderate to Serious at the end of 2019. RAQC is currently working on the new State Implementation Plan (SIP) and new Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB) for the new standard. AQCC finalized their rulemaking on Regulation 3 and 7 at the end of 2019, which include the implementation of Reasonably Available Control Technologies (RACT) and more stringent requirements for oil and gas technologies.

REPORTS

Bike and Ped Counter Updates – Written report was provided.

Mobility Committee Updates – Written report was provided.

Q4 TIP Modifications – Written report was provided.

Federal Inactives Report – Schneiders reported any community with a project in the red section may not be awarded an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) moving forward until the project is taken off the Inactives Report.

ROUNDTABLE

Mallette noted there will be a group convening to study MPO and Transportation Planning Region (TPR) boundaries based on feedback from county commissioners at the January 9th, 2020 Planning Council meeting.

Schneiders reported Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications are due Monday January 20th. Schneiders also reported that CDOT is hiring for two positions at Region 4.

Herrera noted the US 34 Coalition will be held on February 6th, 2020. CDOT will present updates on the US 34 interchanges at US 85, 35th Street, and 47th Street.

Klockeman noted that with new construction at I-25 and US 34, Loveland will be moving the sculpture located at the interchange.

Karasko reminded TAC the deadline for the Multimodal Options Fund (MMOF) Call for Projects is January 31st at 5 p.m. and applications must be submitted to Cunningham. The Scoring Committee Meeting will be held on February 11th with the location being determined once all the applications are submitted. Karasko noted that draft applications were due to Schneiders on January 13th for projects that touch a CDOT facility.

Nelson reported Severance is working on a Transportation Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan updates. Severance has hired a new Assistant Planner, Abdul Barzak.

Bustow reported 2020 is the last year of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which is up for reauthorization. Bustow reiterated the division offices are not involved in the reauthorization.

Oberschmidt reported 37th Street in Evans will be closed starting in June due to infrastructure projects.

Anderson reported the US 85 Coalition meeting will be Thursday, February 13th at the Weld County Public Works building. CDOT will present about the US 85 and US 34 interchange and an Access Control Plan amendment for US 85. Weld County has a new Transportation Engineer.

Pinkham reported Weld County is updating their Transportation Plan and have started getting public feedback on the plan.

Dusil encouraged communities who are interested in utilizing the bike/ped count program to contact him for use of the equipment.

McClenahan reported Milliken sent out a second Request for Proposals (RFP) for new pedestrian crossings being funded with a TAP Grant.

Guthrie reported Loveland will be hosting a community event January 22nd for the Connect Loveland Transportation Master Plan update.

MEETING WRAP-UP

Final Public Comment – There was no final public comment.

Next Month’s Agenda Topic Suggestions – Karasko stated there will be a follow up discussion on 10-Year Strategic List and a report on which MMOF projects are selected.

Meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by:

AnnaRose Cunningham, NFRMPO Staff

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at the Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room.