



# Environmental Justice (EJ) Plan

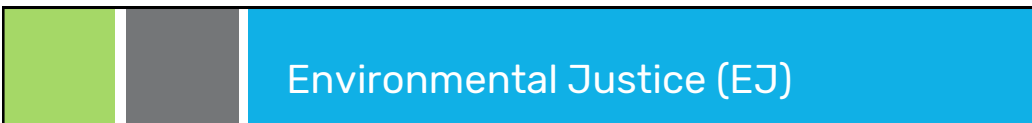
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“The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.”

- Environmental Protection Agency  
<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice>

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The U.S. DOT Order applies to all policies, programs, and other activities that are undertaken, funded, or approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), or other U.S. DOT components:

- Policy Decisions
- Systems Planning
- Metropolitan and Statewide Planning
- Project Development
- Environmental Review
- Preliminary Design
- Final Design Engineering
- Right-of-Way
- Construction
- Operations and Maintenance

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<https://www.transportation.gov/civil-rights/civil-rights-awareness-enforcement/faqs>

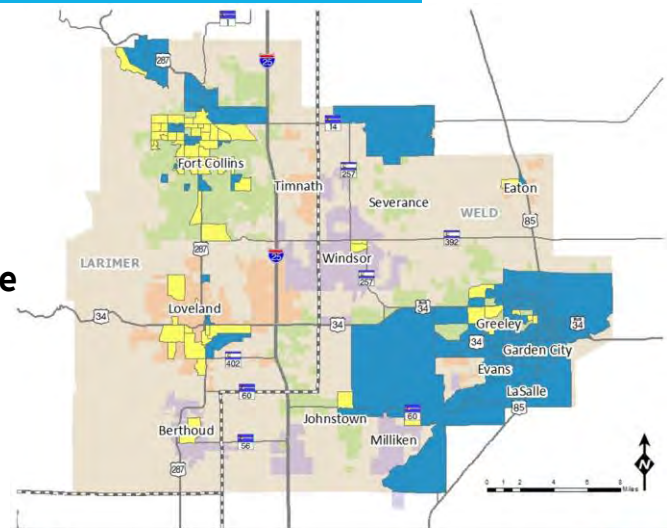
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## Current Efforts: EJ Analysis



EJ analysis determines whether an activity will result in a **disproportionately high and adverse effect on human health or the environment.**



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**Legend**  
 Low Income or Minority Population  
 Low Income and Minority Population  
 NFRMPO Boundary  
 County Boundary

December 2018  
 Sources: CDOT, NFRMPO,  
 HUD, US Census Bureau

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## EJ Plan Goals



- Make the NFRMPO transportation planning process more equitable and accessible
- Help local agencies do the same



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## EJ Plan Outline

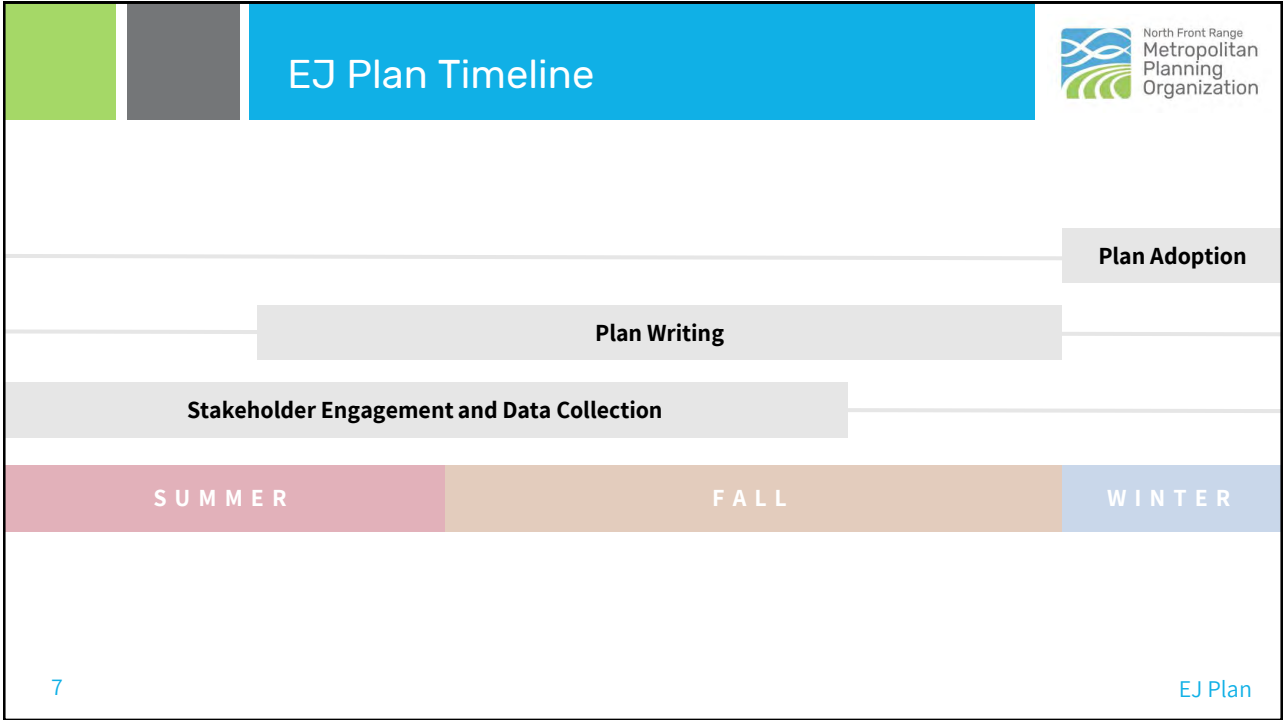


- I. **EJ Report / Existing Conditions**
- II. **Recommendations** – increase the equity and accessibility of the planning process
- III. **Local agency toolkit** – a guidebook of EJ best practices and resources for local agency staff

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**Stakeholders Engaged**

**To date and Ongoing:**

- City of Fort Collins (FC Moves)
- City of Fort Collins (Social Sustainability)
- City of Evans, Colorado
- NCHA+ (North Colorado Health Alliance)
- WELD COUNTY (1861)
- LARIMER COUNTY
- Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley
- the family center la familia

**Coming Soon:**

- City of Loveland
- United Way (United Way of Weld County)
- Milliken (Come Round To MILLIKEN)

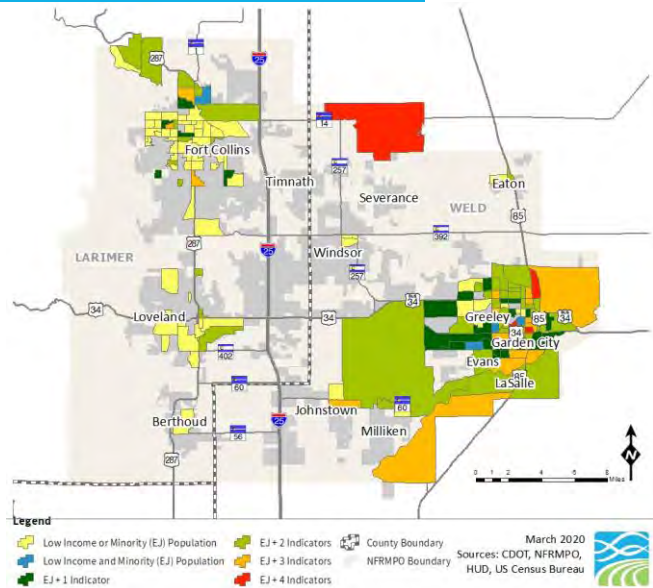
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## Recommendation – Expanded Analysis



Be more inclusive and focus limited resources:

- **Low-Income**
- **Minority**
- **Limited English proficiency (LEP)**
- **Older adults**
- **Individuals with disabilities**
- **Zero-car households**



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## Recommendation – Project Application Scoring



8. Environmental Justice and Public Health—7 Points Total		
Criteria	Points	Scoring Guidelines
<p><u>Environmental Justice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project is located within or directly benefits a MPO-defined environmental justice area, providing improved multi-modal access/mobility and/or otherwise improving the area's livability. [Note: See maps in Attachment D – Environmental Justice Analysis of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).]</li> </ul>	0 - 4	Maximum points will be awarded for projects located in and directly benefiting an EJ area.

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Credit: Madison Area MPO

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## Best Practices – Outreach Planning Tools



### Public Outreach Strategies

Filter by Strategy Type: All **Educational** Promotional Civic Engagement

Filter by Strategy Class: All **General** Innovation Technology

Accessibility and Outreach Strategies for Persons with Disabilities	Buildstorming and Working Meetings	Brainiacs	Cheerios	Community Advisory Boards	Conferences and Seminars
Mailing Lists and Direct Mail	Interactive Television and Wikis	Drop-in Centers	Public Design	Games and Contests	Instant Polling Technology
Outreach Assistance with Residential Application	Regulation and Mediation	Internet-based Communication Through Social Media	Key Informant Interviews	Media Relations and Press Coverage	Meeting Facilitation
Public Meetings	Public Hearings	Public Advertising and Public Service Announcements	Open houses / Open Streets Meetings	Public Deliberation	Promotional Campaigns and Displays
Public Meetings Surveys	Public Opinion Surveys	RVA and Crisis Management	Public Information Materials	Role Playing	Site visits
Small Group Techniques	Underground Populations, Hidden Stories and Cross Cultural Training	Web Production and Websites	Speakers' Bureaus	Telephone Techniques	Transportation Fairs and Special Events
Webinars			Workshops and Retreats	Youth Outreach Strategies	

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Games and Contests

Role Playing

Youth Outreach Strategies

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Credit: Miami-Dade MPO

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We Want Your Help

1. How can we make this Plan a community resource for your agency and the public?
2. Can you recommend other communities, agencies, and/or non-profits to reach out to?
3. General feedback?



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## Staying Involved



**EJ Webpage:** <https://nfrmpo.org/environmental-justice/>

**EJ Survey:** <https://forms.gle/jBPGnb39Ht1WFai69>

**Encuesta de JA:** <https://forms.gle/GrUkGyyUCry6Qta36>

**Social Media:** @nfrmpo

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## Staying Involved



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# Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

NFRMO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)



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# What is Active Transportation?

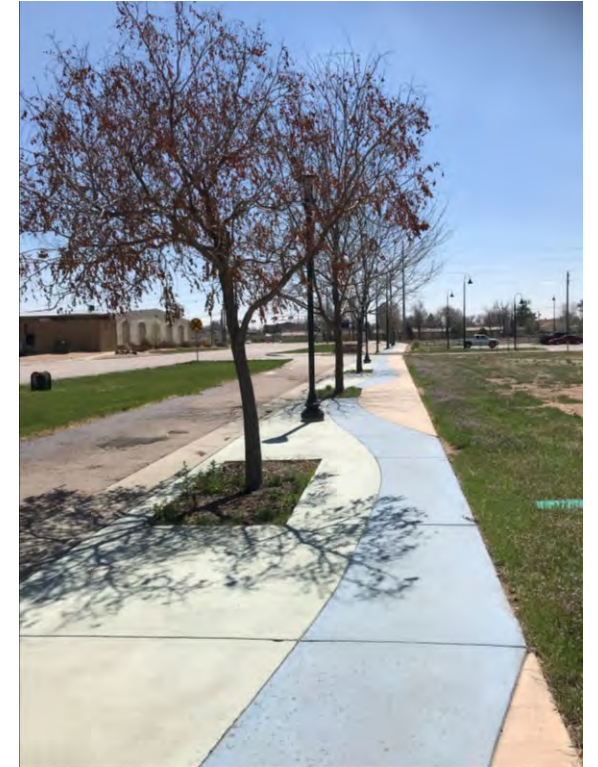
**Human-powered\* and human-scaled modes of transportation**  
pedestrian (walk or roll), bicycle, scooter, skateboard, etc.

\*includes electric assist



# What is the Active Transportation Plan (ATP)?

- An update to our shared regional vision for improved active transportation within and between communities
- A guide to active transportation planning in the region
- Timeline
  - **Spring and Summer 2020** – Data collection and analysis, initial stakeholder engagement, public outreach
  - **Fall and Winter 2020** – Plan Development
  - **Early 2021** – Plan Adoption



## ■ 2013 Regional Bicycle Plan

- Consolidated summary of the existing bicycle infrastructure, data, and design standards
- Socioeconomic analysis of access to bike facilities
- Identification of 12 Regional Bicycle Corridors and important local connections and enhancements
- Tools to support local bicycle planning and accommodation initiatives
- Guidance to help the region pursue state, federal, and other funding opportunities

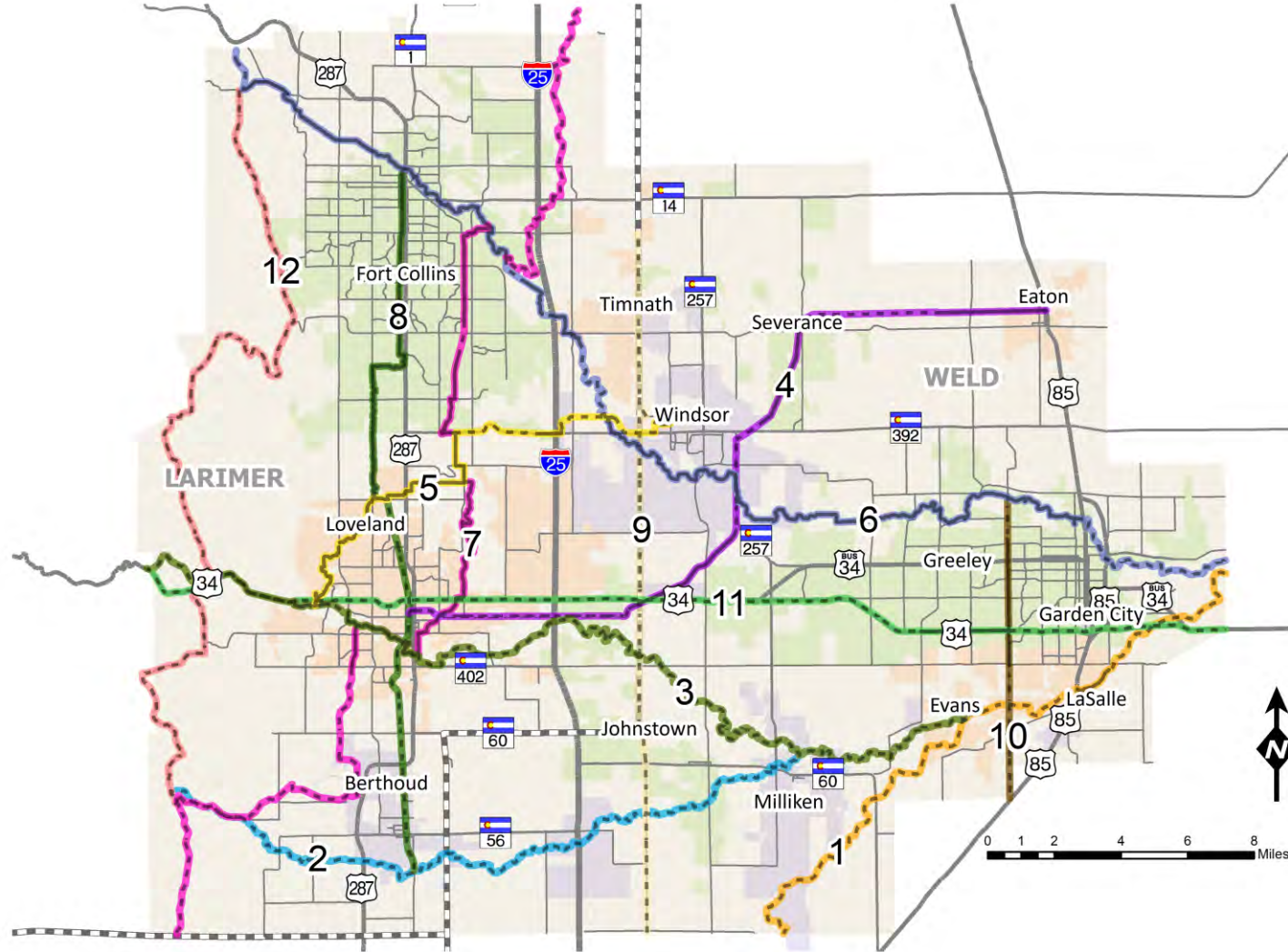
## ■ 2016 Non-Motorized Plan

- Updated and expanded on the 2013 Regional Bicycle Plan
- Expanded the focus to include pedestrian travel





# Regional Active Transportation Corridors (RATCs)



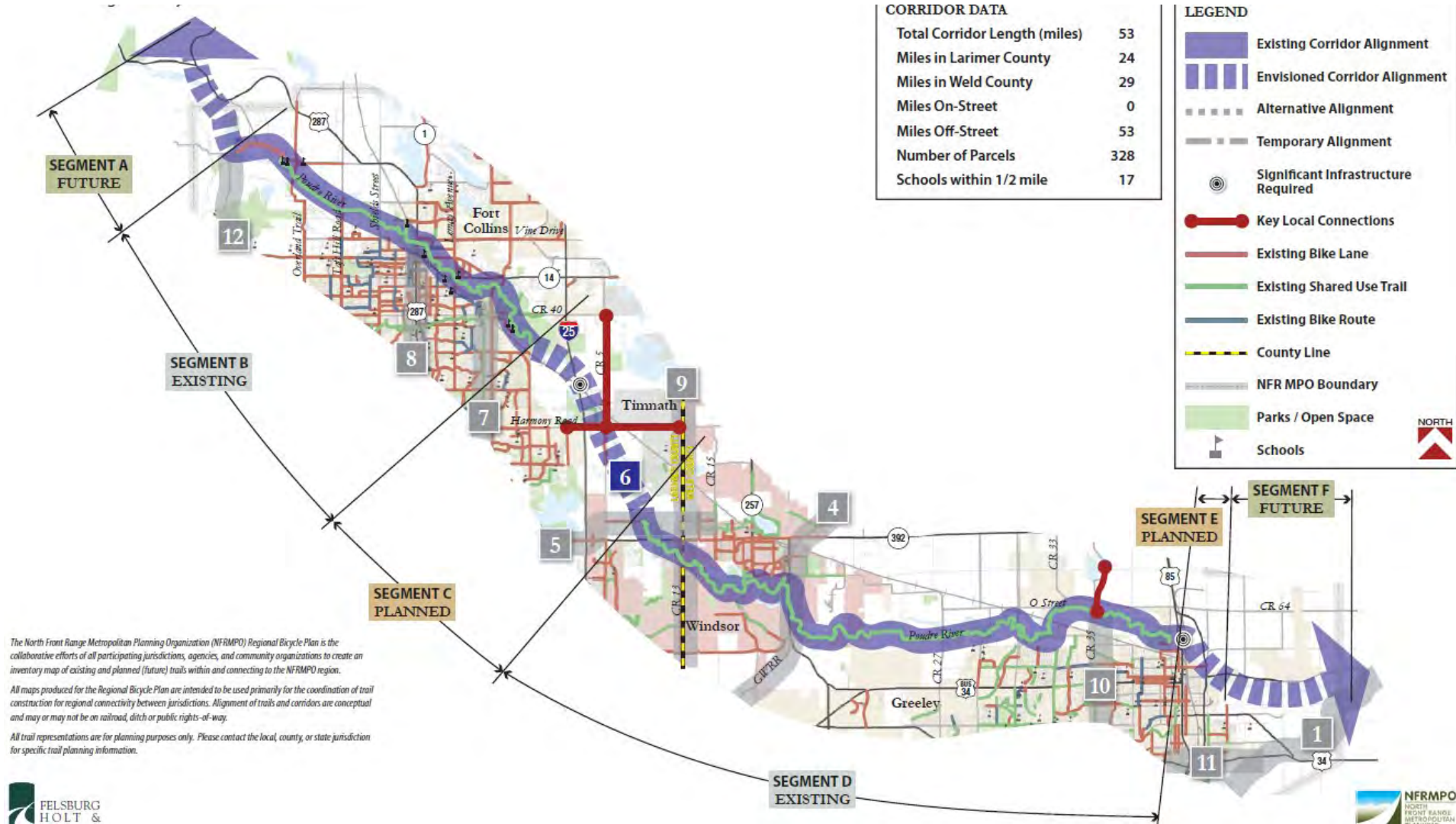
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| — Existing Facility                      | 4: Great Western/Johnstown/Loveland | 9: Johnstown/Timnath                          |
| - - - Proposed Facility                  | 5: North Loveland/Windsor           | 10: Greeley/LaSalle                           |
| 1: South Platte/American Discovery Trail | 6: Poudre River Trail               | 11: US 34 Non-motorized                       |
| 2: Little Thompson River                 | 7: Front Range Trail (West)         | 12: Carter Lake/Horsetooth Foothills Corridor |
| 3: Big Thompson River                    | 8: BNSF Fort Collins/Berthoud       | County Boundary                               |
|  |                                     | NFRMPO Boundary                               |



April 2020  
Sources: CDOT, NFRMPO






# Initial goals for the ATP





# Initial goals for the ATP (continued)

Table 4.6 Corridor #6 – Poudre River Trail

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<p>The Poudre River Trail Corridor is a nationally-recognized bicycle and pedestrian corridor. The 53 mile corridor within the NFRMPO region is the most public-recognized infrastructure in the plan and model for the regional collaboration required construct a trail between multiple jurisdictions. The collaborative effort has yielded generous amounts of state and federal dollars. When complete, it will connect: Larimer County, Fort Collins, Timnath, Weld County, Windsor and Greeley. The corridor is also recognized as the backbone of the Colorado State Park's Front Range Trail through Northern Colorado.</p>																															
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	Larimer County		Larimer County	This segment would connect with the Carter Lake to Horsetooth Corridor (#12) before leaving the NFRMPO region towards the mouth of the Poudre River, Ted's Place, and Laramie along the proposed alignment of the Colorado State Park's Front Range Trail.	LC C F																										
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	Larimer County		Fort Collins	This segment is currently constructed and intersects with two regional corridors: the Front Range Trail (West - #7) and the BNSF Corridor (#8).	LC C F																										
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	Fort Collins		Larimer County	This segment has received Greater Outdoor Colorado funding (2012) to connect Fort Collins to Timnath and close proximity Windsor over I-25 and through portions of Larimer County. The segment will include the first bicycle and pedestrian bridge over I-25 in the NFRMPO Region. The corridor will provide the bicycle commuter access to the Harmony Park and Ride and a likely future transit connection into Fort Collins.	LC C F T																										
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	<b>Key Local Connections</b>	Downtown Timnath		Bike lanes along Harmony connecting this corridor to Timnath to Johnstown Corridor (#9) and the Harmony Park and Ride.																											
	<b>Key Local Connections</b>	North Timnath		Bike lanes or shared use trail parallel to LCR 5 to connect North Timnath residents and Timnath Reservoir along LCR 40.																											



- **Built Environment Learning Series: Connecting Transportation and Health (Loveland)**

- **Fort Collins Transportation Projects Fair**

*What do you see as the largest barrier(s) to safer and more reliable biking or walking in your community?*

- *Funding*
- *Lack of connectivity*
- *Lack of direct routes*
- *Lack of adequate separation and protection between modes*
- *Driver behavior, speed limits, designs encouraging high speeds*
- *Lack of decision maker support*
- *Too much space allocated to vehicles*
- *Low fuel prices*
- *Lack of incentives*
- *Lack of safe, regular crossings*
- *Perception of cyclists and pedestrians*

# Steering Committee



- **Aaron Buckley - CSU**
- **Aaron Fodge – CSU**
- **Abdul Barzak – Town of Severance**
- **Allison Baxter - City of Greeley**
- **Amanda Mansfield – City of Fort Collins**
- **Dave Dixon – Bike Fort Collins**
- **Katie Guthrie – City of Loveland Public Works**
- **Leslie Beckstrom – Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment**
- **Liz Young Winne – Larimer County Department of Health and Environment**
- **Mitch Nelson – Town of Severance**
- **Nancy Nichols – City of Fort Collins**

## Other Stakeholders Engaged

- **NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative**
- **Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC)**
- **Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)**
- **Mobility & Access Priority Group (MAPG)**
- **Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC)**



## Themes

- **Equity**
- **Aligning local and regional priorities**
- **Segment-level analysis of the Regional Active Transportation Corridors (RATCs)**
- **More focus on youth, older adults, and individuals with disabilities**
- **Emerging micromobility solutions (electric bikes, scooters, and skateboards, bike share etc.)**
- **Funding outlook and strategies**

## Guidance

- **Infrastructure standards**
- **Regional wayfinding elements**
- **Best practices (policies and programs)**

## Survey Themes

- **Why isn't biking or walking your first travel mode choice?**
- **What would cause you to bike or walk more often?**

- **Greeley Citizen Transportation Advisory Board – July 27**
- **NFRMPO Planning Council – August 6**
- **Larimer County Department of Health and Environment (LCDHE) Built Environment Leadership Team – August 12**
- **Loveland Transportation Advisory Board – August 13**
- **Fort Collins Transportation Board – August 19**

**What kind of regional guidance  
would be most useful to you?**



# Staying Involved

1. **Community Remarks interactive tool:**  
[communityremarks.com/northfrontrange/](https://communityremarks.com/northfrontrange/)
2. **Project Landing Page:** [nfrmpo.org/bike-ped/active-transportation-plan/](https://nfrmpo.org/bike-ped/active-transportation-plan/)
3. **Survey: Coming soon!**

