

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

**August 6, 2020  
Virtual Meeting**

**Voting Members Present:**

<b>Dave Clark- CHAIR</b>	-Loveland
William Karspeck	-Berthoud
Lanie Isbell	-Eaton
Mark Clark	-Evans
Kristen Stephens	-Fort Collins
Brett Payton	-Greeley
Tom Donnelly	-Larimer County
Elizabeth Austin	-Milliken
Don McLeod	-Severance
Kevin Ross	-Weld County
Paul Rennemeyer	-Windsor
Kathleen Bracke	-Transportation Commission

**Voting Members Absent:**

Dena Wojtach	-CDPHE
Fil Archuleta	-Garden City
Troy Mellon	-Johnstown
Paula Cochran	-LaSalle
Lisa Laake	-Timnath

**MPO Staff:**

Suzette Mallette, Executive Director; Becky Karasko, Transportation Planning Director; Merideth Kimsey, Interim Accounting Manager; Alex Gordon, Mobility Coordinator/Transportation Planner II; Ryan Dusil, Transportation Planner II, AnnaRose Cunningham, Transportation Planner I, and Sophia Maes, VISTA Volunteer.

**In Attendance:**

Jeff Bailey, Frank Baszler, Allison Baxter, Dan Betts, Amanda Brimmer, Brad Buchman, Rich Christy, Jim Eussen, Butch Hause, Myron Hora, Wayne Howard, Scott James, Will Jones, Bob McClusky, Steve Moreno, Mitch Nelson, Heather Paddock, Evan Pinkham, Elizabeth Relford, Lea Schneider, Karen Schneiders, Mike Silverstein, Eric Tracy, Robin Stoneman, and James Usher.

Chair D. Clark called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Move to Approve Agenda:**

**Ross moved** to approve the August 6, 2020 Meeting Agenda as Submitted. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

**Move to Approve Minutes:**

**Stephens moved** to approve the June 4, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

**Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda**

Chair Clark opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)

A written report was provided.

## Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

Mike Silverstein, Executive Director of the RAQC provided an update on the air quality trends in the nonattainment area over the last decade. He then briefly described the current ozone season and noted that most monitors within the nonattainment area below the standard of 75ppb. However, there are two sites in the Denver metro area that are above the standard which is creating an issue in the Serious SIP. He discussed the downward trend of ozone over time and how the nonattainment area is getting closer to attainment. Silverstein then went on to discuss the Serious SIP that will be presented to the RAQC Board at their August 7, 2020 meeting for approval. He described the vehicle emission inventory for the SIP and what the SIP modeling means to the North Front Range Region. He then described the process to set motor vehicle emissions budgets and how they impact conformity for the North Front Range. He also described the decreasing emissions in the nonattainment area even with the increase in vehicle miles travelled due to the increasing fuel efficiency of vehicles. He concluded with the schedule for the SIP adoption process.

## **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agenda**

Chair Clark opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

### Reports:

#### Report of the Chair:

Chair D. Clark detailed the Executive Committee's discussion of the turnover on the Council due to term limits and the loss of transportation knowledge and experience. He discussed the need for the Council to look ahead to leadership and to encouraged Council members to become actively involved and engaged to keep the MPO Council moving forward.

Vice Chair McLeod reiterated the upcoming loss to the Council and the need to look to the future and for Council members to spend time learning more about the MPO and its mission and what we are trying to achieve. He stressed the importance to looking to the future leadership of the MPO.

Commissioner Ross concurred with the importance of the MPO Council and the need to look to the future and to get involved in the Committees of the Council.

Commissioner Donnelly agreed with importance of the work of the MPO and the Council and stressed the need for other members to get involved in the important issues facing the region and to find collaborative solutions.

#### Executive Director Report:

Director Mallette reported on the following:

- Colorado Regulation 7 public comment and approval update
- An update on the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Roadmap and the timeline for review and adoption by the AQCC
- Upcoming Articles of Association updates, including the addition of virtual and hybrid meeting policies
- Accounting Manager vacancy update, an offer has been extended and the MPO is in the process of finalizing internal procedures. The new Accounting Manager will be starting on September 8.

#### Finance:

A written report was provided.

#### TAC:

A written report was provided.

#### Mobility & One Call/One Click Center Update:

A written report was provided.

Q2 TIP Modifications:

A written report was provided.

VanGO™ Dashboard-Q2:

A written report was provided.

Consent Agenda:

**M. Clark moved** to *APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA*. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

The Consent Agenda included the following item:

- CY2020 Q-2 Unaudited Financial Statements

Presentations:

Active Transportation Plan

Dusil presented on the development of the NFRMPO's *Active Transportation Plan*. He explained what Active Transportation is and why MPO staff elected to change the name from Non-Motorized to Active Transportation. He detailed the schedule for the development of the Plan, including the data collection process and when the Plan will be brought to Council. Dusil then discussed the history of active transportation planning in the North Front Range region since 2013. He detailed the public outreach currently being conducted for the Plan, stakeholders involved, the Steering Committee, and highlighted key feedback points to-date. Dusil asked Council members what kind of regional guidance would be most useful to their community to ensure they are incorporated into the final Plan.

Environmental Justice Plan

Gordon presented on the *Environmental Justice Plan* and discussed the purpose behind this new Plan for the region. He highlighted that many of the region's communities were incorporating the best practices that will be highlighted in the Plan. Gordon discussed what Environmental Justice is, the requirements of Environmental Justice, and the difference between Environmental Justice and Title VI. He discussed the outline and timeline of the Plan and listed example recommendations the Plan may include based on feedback received from stakeholders to-date. Gordon asked Council members to recommend other local agencies to reach out to in their communities as well as for general feedback on the Plan.

Discussion Items:

VanGo™ Program Update

Malette discussed the status of the VanGo™ program and the results of the recent Vanpooler survey. She discussed the financial health of the program and the current number of vans on the road following the partial reopening that began in late May. Currently there are 25 vans on the road, which is 52 percent of the fleet. She mentioned the MPO will look at the program holistically at the end of the calendar year.

NFRMPO Safety Vision: Towards Zero Deaths

Cunningham explained the creation of the MPO Safety Vision results from a Planning Council request at the January 2020 meeting to look at a regional vision and goal of zero deaths. She clarified the difference between the Federally required performance measures and targets and the overarching regional vision. She detailed the discussions staff has had with TAC over the last several months and how this vision would fit with the federally required performance measures and targets and the 2045 RTP's Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets. She detailed the current safety visions various communities within the region are currently implementing. She then discussed the draft policy statements developed collaboratively by staff and TAC.

MPO Boundary Discussion

Malette updated the Council on the status of the CDOT Boundary Guidebook. She stated a meeting between MPO staff, and the staff of the four other Colorado MPOs will occur on August 13 to discuss the requirements, structure, and financial implications of boundary changes. Following that discussion, MPO staff will convene a meeting between NFRMPO, the Upper Front

Range TPR, Eastern TPR, and DRCOG to discuss the implications and ramifications of changes to the boundaries. It is anticipated that CDOT will provide the funding and responsibilities in the rural areas by the first part of September to assist in the deliberation.

## **Council Reports:**

### **Transportation Commission Report**

Bracke reported on the following:

- The CDOT financial impacts of COVID-19 and the impacts to anticipated revenue shortfall overall of \$63M for FY2020-2021, additional information will be provided at the August Commission meeting
- At the July Commission meeting a Resolution was approved that set the base list of projects to move forward on SB267 and approved pursuing financing options for North I-25 Segment 7&8
- The Scenic Byways Committee met on August 6 and are discussing how to integrate EV charging stations along the byways
- The Statewide Transportation Plan, including the 10 Year List of Strategic Projects will be discussed at the August Commission Meeting.
- The Transportation Recovery Working Group continues to meet to discuss how to fill needs related to the budget shortfalls and foster economic recovery.

### **CDOT R4 Update**

A written Project Status Update was provided for June 2020. Paddock reported the following:

- CDOT staff will continue to work from home through October.
- I-25 construction is moving forward from SH56 to Prospect.
- CDOT staff will provide a presentation showing the progress along I-25 to update the Council at a future meeting as well as information on the funding package
- Region 4 as a whole has seen increased fatality crashes, up 16% over 2019, mostly due to behavioral causes including no helmets, seatbelts, and driving under the influence.

### **I-25 Coalition**

D. Clark reported on the discussion at the meeting related to the TIFIA loan for Segments 7 & 8. Paddock added that a letter of interest has been submitted by Colorado's High Performance Toll Enterprise (HPTE).

### **US34 Coalition**

D. Clark reported there was a quick update related to a CDOT crash data study and intersection data will be providing a report at the next Coalition meeting.

### **STAC Report**

Written reports for May, June, and July were provided.

### **Host Council Member Report-**

Brett Payton, City of Greeley Council Member reported on the following City of Greeley transportation projects:

- Intersection realignment at 65<sup>th</sup> and US 34 is almost complete
- Installation of medians and sidewalk improvements along 10<sup>th</sup> Street will be completed by the end of the month.

## **Meeting Wrap-Up:**

### **Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions:**

There were no suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Becky Karasko, NFRMPO Staff