

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

**November 5, 2020  
Hybrid Meeting**

**Loveland Police and Courts Administration Building  
810 East 10th Street, Loveland, CO**

**Voting Members Present:**

Dave Clark- CHAIR	-Loveland
Elizabeth Austin	-Milliken
Kathleen Bracke	-Transportation Commission
Mark Clark	-Evans
Paula Cochran	-LaSalle
Lanie Isbell	-Eaton
Will Karspeck	-Berthoud
Don McLeod	-Severance
Brett Payton	-Greeley
Paul Rennemeyer	-Windsor
Kevin Ross	-Weld County
Kristen Stephens	-Fort Collins
Dena Wojtach	-CDPHE

**Voting Members Absent:**

Fil Archuleta	-Garden City
Tom Donnelly	-Larimer County
Lisa Laake	-Timnath
Troy Mellon	-Johnstown

**MPO Staff:**

Suzette Mallette, Executive Director; Becky Karasko, Transportation Planning Director; Alex Gordon, Transportation Planner III; Medora Bornhoft, Transportation Planner II; Ryan Dusil, Transportation Planner II; AnnaRose Cunningham, Transportation Planner I

**In Attendance:**

Dawn Anderson; Darin Barrett; Abdul Barzak; Allison Baxter; Frank Bazler; Amanda Brimmer; Rich Christy; Rick Coffin; Jim Eussen; Marissa Gaughan; Jamie Grim; Josie Hadley; Myron Hora; Wayne Howard; Mark Jackson; Will Jones; Dean Klingner; Michelle Martin; Mitch Nelson; Randy Ready; Kim Redd; Karen Schneiders; Eric Tracy

Chair D. Clark called the MPO Council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

Darin Barrett, Loveland citizen and Loveland Transportation Advisory Board (LTAB) member requested the Planning Council compose a letter to contest the air quality monitor exceedance readings impacted by the wildfires and the Coors factory fire.

**Move to Approve Agenda:**

McLeod requested a change to the agenda to move the CDOT R4 Update to Item #6. **McLeod moved** to approve the *November 5, 2020 Meeting Agenda* with the proposed change to the order. The motion was **seconded** by Rennemeyer and **passed** unanimously.

**Move to Approve Minutes:**

**McLeod moved** to approve the *October 1, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as submitted*. The motion was **seconded** by Rennemeyer and **passed** unanimously.

Mark Clark, HR Committee Chair, stated a link to the Executive Director evaluation will be distributed November 6 and will remain open for 14 days.

### **Lead Planning Agency for Air Quality Agenda**

Chair D. Clark opened the Air Quality portion of the meeting.

#### Air Pollution Control Division (APCD)

A written report was provided.

#### Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

A written report was provided.

#### GHG Roadmap Impacts on NFRMPO

Kathleen Bracke, Transportation Commissioner, highlighted the history and content of the GHG Roadmap and its purpose. The public comment period is open now and the Planning Council will be discussing how to provide transportation-related comments through a letter later in the meeting. A finalized GHG Roadmap is scheduled to be released by the end of 2020.

Ross suggested having Will Toor, Executive Director of the Colorado Energy Office (CEO), present at a future Planning Council meeting.

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

Chair D. Clark opened the MPO portion of the meeting.

#### **Reports:**

##### CDOT R4 Update:

Heather Paddock, CDOT R4 Director, stated a lot of progress is being made on North I-25, including: the Big Thompson bridge, the State Highway (SH) 56 pedestrian underpass, US34, the bridge over Great Western railroad, the Prospect Road bridge, construction package negotiations for Segment 6, and bid awards for Segments 7 and 8.

Paddock stated there is a \$1.25M shortfall in the \$2M local commitment for the \$20M I-25 Segment 6 BUILD grant. Greeley has committed \$500,000 and Berthoud has committed \$250,000, but there was no formal agreement between agencies for the remaining portion. The Planning Council agreed to convene a committee consisting of elected officials from the cities of Fort Collins, Loveland, and Greeley, Larimer and Weld Counties, the Town of Windsor, NFRMPO staff, and CDOT Region 4 staff to discuss options for identifying and committing the funds for expenditure by the end of 2023. The committee will present findings at the January 7, 2021 Planning Council meeting.

Paddock added an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for High Plains Boulevard was signed today and the Wilson Ranch Developer will be building between roughly three miles of the corridor.

##### Report of the Chair:

Chair D. Clark provided no further updates.

##### Executive Director Report:

Director Mallette reported The MPO Boundary Discussion focus group has created six scenarios and is meeting on November 12 to discuss them.

The VanGo quarterly dashboard is in the handouts. 39 people are currently riding VanGo vans despite the pandemic.

Mallette stated the Wild Earth Guardians have submitted a counter proposal for a 25 percent reduction in the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget (MVEB) in the proposed Serious Ozone Nonattainment Area requirements currently going through the Hearing process at

the Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC). Mallette asked if Planning Council members would like to support the Regional Air Quality Council's (RAQC) opposition by giving witness testimony, file for late part status, or pursue another avenue. The Planning Council agreed to apply for late party status, provide public comment, and work with the RAQC and DRCOG to address the MVEB counter proposal at the December AQCC hearing.

Finance Committee:

A written report was provided.

TAC:

A written report was provided.

Mobility:

A written report was provided.

Q3 TIP Modifications:

A written report was provided.

**Action Items**

GHG Roadmap NFRMPO Comments Letter

Mallette stated the letter is focused specifically on the transportation section of the GHG Roadmap. Mallette highlighted the major points within the draft letter and comments received from Planning Council members. Bracke and Stephens suggested strengthening the introduction and conclusion to emphasize the NFRMPO's desire to be active in future discussions. Planning Council members concurred. Mallette stated NFRMPO staff will make the changes and submit the letter on November 6, 2020.

**Bracke moved** to *APPROVE GHG ROADMAP NFRMPO COMMENTS LETTER* with the discussed changes. The motion was **seconded** by Rennemeyer and **passed** unanimously.

**Presentations**

Transportation Commission Freight Regional and Interstate Mobility Committee

Beedy highlighted the goals, focus areas, and roles of the Committee as well as important partnerships to ensure reliable freight movement across Colorado.

Ports-to-Plains

Kiely explained how the Ports-to-Plains corridor relates to other designated corridors, findings of CDOT's CO-71 Truck Freight Diversion Feasibility Study and an economic study on the Texas portion of the corridor, and ongoing efforts to designate this corridor as a future Interstate.

**Discussion Items:**

Articles of Association Updates

Mallette explained four updates, including:

- Adding guidance for virtual and hybrid meetings. Planning Council members supported the new guidance;
- Whether Alternate Planning Council members should be allowed to represent their community on other NFRMPO committees. Planning Council members opposed allowing Alternate representation on these committees and supported adding RAQC to the list of standing committees;
- Updating the voting norms for the Finance Committee. Planning Council members supported formalizing the voting norms; and,
- Whether charging statements are still a necessary requirement when forming special committees of the Planning Council. Planning Council members supported removing this requirement.

The updated Articles will return to the Planning Council in December for Action with the proposed changes.

### Updated Federal Performance Measures: Pavement Condition

AnnaRose Cunningham, Transportation Planner, highlighted the requirements for State DOTs and MPOs to report pavement condition and set four-year targets for the interstate system and non-interstate National Highway System (NHS), with the option to revise the targets at the midpoint. The NFRMPO can support the CDOT statewide targets or set targets specific to the NFRMPO region. Staff recommends setting targets by supporting the CDOT Revised 4-Year (2022) Pavement Targets.

### FY2020 TIP Delay Review

Medora Bornhoft, Transportation Planner II, stated the TIP Delay Policy annually ensures projects are meeting milestones. This year, two projects in Fort Collins and Loveland awarded through NFRMPO Calls for Projects with milestone deadlines of FY2020 or earlier are delayed for the second time. The item will return to Planning Council for approval at their December 3, 2020 meeting.

Barrett asked about the Loveland tank removal project. Mark Jackson, City of Loveland Public Works Director, stated the City is going to bid in the next month or two for the project.

### FY2021 UPWP Tasks Amendment

Becky Karasko, Transportation Planning Director, described two UPWP amendment requests received from Transfort. The item will return to Planning Council for approval at their December 3, 2020 meeting.

### **Council Reports:**

#### Transportation Commission Report

Bracke reported the Governor has released a proposed transportation budget, which includes continued funding for the Revitalizing Main Streets Program. The Commission recently received an update on Front Range Passenger Rail.

#### I-25 Coalition

None.

#### STAC Report

A written report for September was provided.

#### Host Council Member Report

Jackson stated construction on US34 will continue uninterrupted due to a grant funding swap. The City recently completed construction on 37<sup>th</sup> Street to improve east-west arterial connectivity. The City's tax initiative on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot failed and will lead to budget cuts.

### **Meeting Wrap-Up:**

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

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Ryan Dusil, NFRMPO Staff