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NFRMPO Planning Council and TAC Elections



Loveland Councilmember Dave Clark, 2020 Planning Council Chair

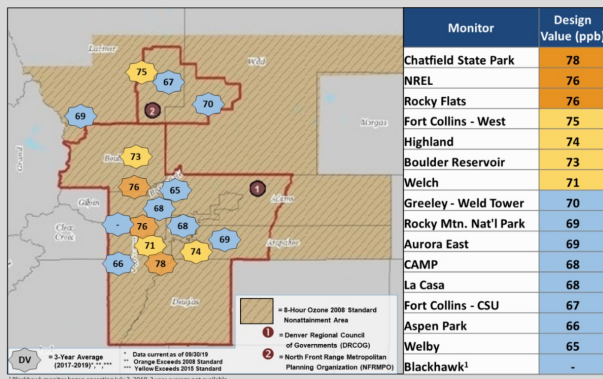


Severance Mayor Don McLeod, 2020 Planning Council Vice Chair

At their December meeting, the North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Planning Council (NFRMPO) elected new officers to serve during 2020. The Planning Council voted to elect Dave Clark, City of Loveland Councilmember, as Planning Council Chair and Don McLeod, Town of Severance Mayor, as Vice-Chair. Kristie Melendez, Town of Windsor Mayor, will serve as Immediate Past-Chair. The Planning Council officers make up the Executive Committee and work cooperatively to set the Planning Council's meeting agendas.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) also elected officers for 2020 at their December meeting. TAC elected Mitch Nelson of Severance as Chair and elected Eric Tracy of Larimer County as Vice Chair. Dave Klockeman of Loveland will serve as Past Chair.

2019 Air Quality for the North Front Range



Each year the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) provides the NFRMPO with a summary of the condition of air quality in the region.

The 2019 ozone season was generally cooler and wetter than other recent years, resulting in only seven days where one or more monitors exceeded the 75 ppb standard, which is down from 25 days in 2018.

[Click here for the full summary.](#)

Application Window Open for \$5.6M in State Multimodal Funding



The NFRMPO is accepting applications through January 31, 2020 for multimodal projects within the North Front Range region. A total of \$5.6M in State funding is currently available through the Multimodal Options Fund (MMOF), a funding source established by the State through Senate Bill (SB) 1 in 2018 to build a complete and integrated multimodal system. Eligible project types include:

- Operating and capital costs for fixed-route transit;
- Operating and capital costs for on-demand transit;
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs;
- Multimodal mobility projects enabled by new technology;
- Multimodal transportation studies; and
- Bicycle and pedestrian projects.

With a few exceptions, there is a 50 percent match requirement which can be met with funding from any source other than MMOF, including local, federal, private, or other state sources. To learn more, visit <https://nfrmpo.org/tip/call-for-projects/>.

Winter Driving

Traction & Chain Laws

Beginning August 2, 2019, the State of Colorado implemented new requirements for drivers using State Highways during severe winter storms. Under the new regulation all vehicles, including passenger vehicles, are required to have a minimum tire tread of 3/16 of an inch. During inclement weather vehicles are required to have one or more of the following according to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT):

- Tire chains
- Alternative traction devices
- Four-Wheel drive with adequate tires
- All-wheel drive with adequate tires
- Tires with manufacturer marking for snow/mud and adequate tread

For more information on the new law as well as tips and updates on Winter Driving visit the [Travel Center on CDOT's Website](#).

Tire Stopping Distance

When it comes to winter driving, all-season tires simply can't compete with winter tires.

Dry-, wet- and snowy-pavement brake-test results show stopping distance with different tires. All stops were from 60 MPH.



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All data from Consumer Reports.

Tips

Winter driving can be hazardous and frightening, especially with Colorado's sudden weather changes and heavy snowstorms. The following tips provide safety information for winter driving:

Maintain Your Vehicle: Check battery, antifreeze, tire tread, and windshield wipers; keep your windows clear; and put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir.

Have On Hand: cell phone and charger, flashlight, jumper cables, tow strap, first-aid kit, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, or floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (flares and emergency triangles), water, and blankets.

Stopped or Stalled? Stay in your car, do not overexert yourself, put bright markers on antenna or windows and illuminate dome light. If you run your car, make sure the exhaust pipe is clear of snow, ice, or mud, and run the vehicle just enough to stay warm.

Plan Your Route: Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early, if necessary), be familiar with the maps/directions, and let others know your route and anticipated arrival time.

Practice Your Cold Weather Driving!

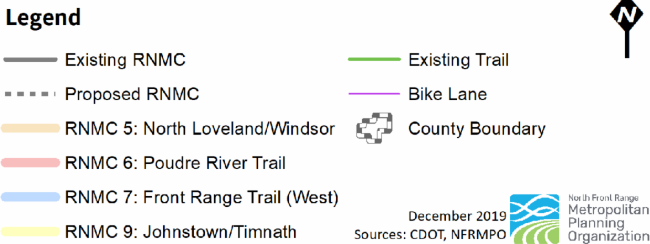
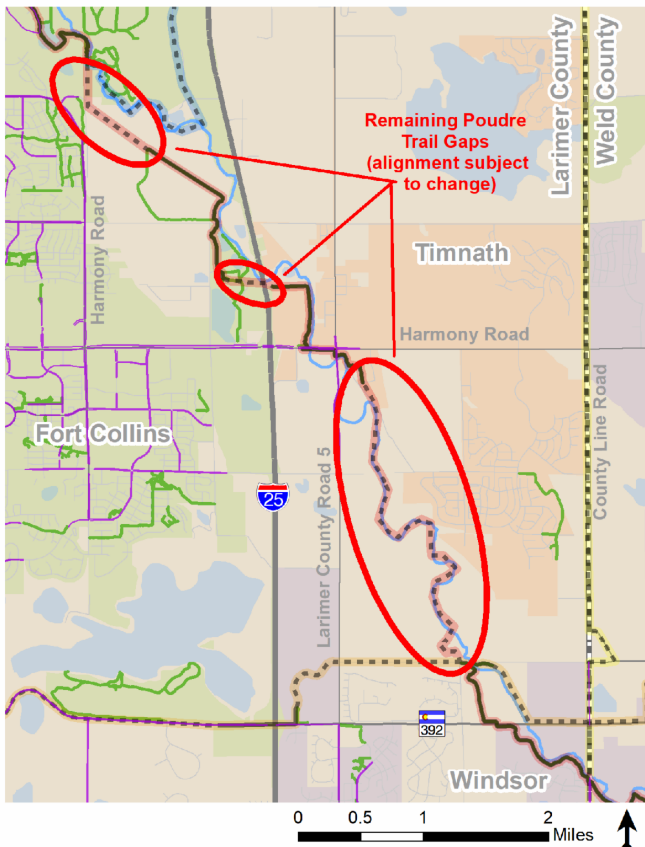
- During daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on ice or snow in an empty parking lot.
- Steer into a skid.
- Know how your brakes operate: apply continuous pressure to antilock brakes and pump non-antilock brakes.
- Use low-beam headlights in bad weather.
- Slow down and increase distance between cars.
- Stopping distances are longer on water-covered roads and ice.
- The heavier the vehicle, the longer it takes to stop. Four-wheel drive (4WD) vehicles do not stop faster on ice than two-wheel drive (2WD) vehicles.
- Do not idle for long periods of time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.
- Keep your eyes open for pedestrians and cyclists in the road.



VanGo™ Stability and Growth

VanGo™, as with most vanpool programs, is very dynamic: people and routes coming and going throughout the year. But, this year (2019), and not since 2013, VanGo™ will end its' year with more participants than it started the year with and just as many routes. All of us at VanGo™ are pleased that we're able to help so many people refresh their commute and supply commuters a service that is viable, stable, aids in traffic congestion, and helps keep our air cleaner.

Closing the Final Poudre Trail Gap



By 2023, 45 continuous miles of paved trail will connect Bellvue to Greeley with the help of a \$2M Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Connect Initiative grant received in late 2019. The grant will help fill the three remaining gaps in the Poudre River Trail, 4.7 total miles, between Fort Collins and Windsor. Work began fall 2019 and will be completed by 2023, shortly after CDOT constructs a trail underpass of I-25 as part of the Poudre River bridge replacement.

The Poudre River Trail is Regional Non-Motorized Corridor (RNMC) #6, as designated by the NFRMPO, and is part of the Colorado Front Range Trail, which will eventually connect New Mexico to Wyoming along Colorado's Front Range.

The Poudre River Trail makes dozens of connections to other regional trails, local trails, parks, schools, residential and commercial areas, natural areas and parks, and other amenities. With booming growth expected to continue through around Timnath and Windsor, the geographic heart of the NFRMPO region, the Poudre River Trail's significance for transportation and recreation will increase significantly in the coming years. Partners estimate the trail draws over 300,000 visitors annually.

The successful 2019 GOCO Connect grant application was completed and submitted summer 2019 by Larimer County, the City of Fort Collins, and the Towns of Timnath and Windsor. The 2023 ribbon cutting on these new sections will mark the culmination of decades of planning, design, construction, maintenance, repair, and advocacy among countless partners.

Further east, the City of Greeley is looking to relocate the Poudre River Trail's easternmost trailhead at Island Grove Park and is working on plans to continue the trail east across US85, where it will eventually link up to the American Discovery Trail near the confluence of the Poudre and South Platte Rivers.

Regional route to Connect Greeley, Windsor, and Fort Collins starting January 2, 2020

Greeley Regional Transportation Center							GET Regional Transportation Center						
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5:25 AM	5:35 AM	5:47 AM	6:01 AM	6:09 AM	6:23 AM	6:43 AM	7:05 AM	7:25 AM	7:39 AM	7:47 AM	8:01 AM	8:10 AM	8:23 AM
6:25 AM	6:35 AM	6:47 AM	7:01 AM	7:09 AM	7:23 AM	7:43 AM	8:05 AM	8:25 AM	8:39 AM	8:47 AM	9:01 AM	9:10 AM	9:23 AM
7:35 AM	7:45 AM	7:57 AM	8:11 AM	8:19 AM	8:33 AM	8:53 AM	9:15 AM	9:35 AM	9:49 AM	9:57 AM	10:11 AM	10:20 AM	10:33 AM
2:35 PM	2:45 PM	2:57 PM	3:11 PM	3:19 PM	3:33 PM	3:53 PM	4:15 PM	4:35 PM	4:49 PM	4:57 PM	5:11 PM	5:20 PM	5:33 PM
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5:15 PM	5:25 PM	5:37 PM	5:51 PM	5:59 PM	6:13 PM	6:33 PM	6:55 PM	7:15 PM	7:29 PM	7:37 PM	7:51 PM	8:00 PM	8:13 PM

Time Point Bus Stop
See schedules to the left. Times shown are the estimated bus departures throughout the day.

Bus Stop

Transfer Locations
Transfer to other bus lines.

- A - Transfer to/from Greeley Evans Transit Route 5
- B - Transfer to/from Greeley Evans Transit Routes 1 & 3
- C - Transfer to/from Greeley Evans Transit Route 1
- D - Transfer to/from Transfort Route 16
- E - Pickup and Dropoff for Busting and Groome
- F - Transfer to/from Transfort Mix

Fort Collins Enlargement

Windsor Enlargement

Greeley Enlargement

970-350-9287
www.greeleyevanstransit.com

Starting January 2, 2020, a new regional bus route will begin connecting the Regional Transportation Center (RTC) and the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) in Greeley to Windsor, and the Harmony Transfer Center and Colorado State University (CSU) in Fort Collins. The service will be operated by Greeley Evans Transit (GET), with funding support from the cities of Greeley and Fort Collins, Town of Windsor, the Associated Students of CSU (ASCSU), and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Initially, there will be seven roundtrips each weekday, with the first leaving the RTC at 5:00 a.m. and the last leaving the CSU Transit Center at 6:55 p.m.

More information about the route, including a map and schedule, is available at <https://greeleyevanstransit.com/regional/>

Two Projects Moving Regional One Call/One Click Center Project Forward



In the two years since Larimer County completed the *Larimer County Senior Transportation Needs Assessment*, the Larimer County Senior Transportation Work Group has been working on initiatives to improve mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities. Two key deliverables have been completed in 2019: the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) Proof-of-Concept project, led by the Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities (PAFC), and the *Larimer County Senior Transportation Implementation Plan*, led by the NFRMPO.

The Proof-of-Concept project included four providers: Heart&SOUL Paratransit, Rural Alternative for Transportation (RAFT), Senior Alternative in Transportation (SAINT), and zTrip. The providers worked with Via Mobility Services' call center to test RouteMatch software and sharing trips. The project resulted in more than 500 subsidized trips in Larimer County between May and September 2019. The *Larimer County Senior Transportation Implementation Plan* synthesized prior work into a business and finance plan, identifying where a One Call/One Click Center project could be hosted, how it could be funded, and what responsibilities the program would have. The project is currently being discussed by the NFRMPO Planning Council and was adopted by the Larimer County Board of County Commissioners on November 12, 2019.

More information about the projects is available at <https://nfrmpo.org/mobility/ococ-project/>.



Image Credit: City of Loveland

State Highway 402 Opening

On October 18, 2019, CDOT opened the new SH402 Interchange after 120 days of closure. The newly configured interchange flipped SH402 to go over North I-25, with three new roundabouts to aid in traffic flow. Additionally, the SH402 Park-N-Ride was moved and enlarged to increase the number of parking spaces. Additional information on the North I-25 Johnstown to Fort Collins project can be found

here: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/north-i-25/johnstown-to-fort-collins>.

A Walking Audit around Old Town Berthoud



Image Credit: NFRMPO Staff

In the fall of 2019, the Northern Colorado (NoCo) Bicycle & Pedestrian Collaborative teamed up with leadership from the Town of Berthoud to plan a walking audit of the Old Town area. A walking audit is an experiential assessment of pedestrian infrastructure and amenities. It is a tool to gather information from community members on how supportive a street or neighborhood is for walking. Participants document what makes the route feel comfortable and what is missing to potentially inform planning and traffic safety decision. The team identified a 1.6-mile route with characteristics related to safe routes to schools and parks, historic and aging infrastructure, and recent notable infrastructure investments. On October 9, 2019, four groups set out on the route with the following goals in mind:

- Identify characteristics of the built environment that significantly contribute to or detract from the pedestrian or bicyclist experience
- Identify potential solutions and next steps to improve the pedestrian and bicyclist experience
- Develop lessons learned throughout the walk audit to create an improved, replicable model to be used in other neighborhoods in Berthoud and regionwide

The 21 participants included Berthoud Town leadership, staff, and stakeholders as well as other Northern Colorado representatives with experience in transportation planning, engineering, public health, and mobility advocacy and education. Participants took turns traversing the route on foot, in a wheelchair, and while pushing a stroller to highlight challenges experienced by pedestrians of all types and abilities.

Each group was asked to focus on a specific segment of the route, summarize their most notable observations, and generate recommendations for next steps. Common themes emerged between participants and groups, and some “quick win” projects were identified. Many participants inventoried missing, heaving, or uneven sidewalks, missing curb ramps, and unsafe railroad crossings. Some found driver or pedestrian sight lines to be reduced at certain intersections such as the Mountain Avenue roundabout due to overgrown foliage. Others highlighted public art, shade, and wayfinding elements that made the experience more comfortable and inviting.

NoCo has since been working with Berthoud leadership to align feedback from the walking audit with Town initiatives, identify local champions to advance walkability, and create community-specific technical assistance resources. NoCo hopes to hold similar events in Loveland and Severance in 2020.

Sponsored Families for the Holidays

For the ninth consecutive year, NFRMPO staff members participated in the Project-Self Sufficiency (PS-S) Holiday Sponsorship Program. The mission of PS-S is “to assist low-income single parents in their efforts to achieve economic independence and become free from community and government assistance while building and maintaining strong, healthy families.”

The Holiday Sponsorship Program matches sponsors with families, then the sponsors shop for gifts from a wish list for the child(ren) and their parent. This year, NFRMPO staff purchased gifts for two families, two single mothers and their four collective daughters.

PS-S began in 1986 and serves approximately 160 low-income families in Larimer County each year. Over the past nine years of participating in the program, NFRMPO staff have enjoyed shopping for and receiving correspondence from the families in the form of pictures, cards, and handwritten letters. To learn more about Project Self-Sufficiency, or to donate, visit bringthepower.org.



Get Involved

See what's happening at the NFRMPO and join us at one of our upcoming events or meetings. For a comprehensive and up to date calendar of events, visit <https://nfrmpo.org/calendar/>, and to download meeting materials, visit <https://nfrmpo.org/meeting-materials/>.

Upcoming Events

January 8, 2020
North I-25 Coalition Meeting

January 9, 2020
Planning Council Meeting

January 17, 2020
I-25 Funding Committee

February 17, 2020
NFRMPO office closed.

Recurring Meetings

North I-25 Coalition meets the first Wednesday* of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Southwest Weld County Services Center.

NFRMPO Council meets the first Thursday* of each month at 5:30 p.m. The location rotates among the NFRMPO member jurisdictions.

North I-25 Funding Committee meets the first Friday* of each month at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse.

NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am at the Windsor Recreation Center

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Windsor Recreation Center.

Mobility and Access Priority Group (formerly the Senior Transportation Coalition) meets the first Thursday every other month (February) at 1:30 p.m. at the South Transit Center.

Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) meets the third Thursday every other month (January & March) at 1:30 p.m. the NFRMPO Office.

Weld County Mobility Committee (WCMC) meets the fourth Tuesday every other month (February) at 1:30 p.m. at a rotating location.

*Due to the New Years Holiday meetings the first week of January have been postponed as reflected in the Upcoming Events column.