

Weld County Mobility Council
Meeting Notes
September 27, 2011
1:30 p.m., Greeley Recreation Center

Council Members:

Mike Yost, Greeley-Evans Transit
Beth Danielson, Connections for Independent Living
Kathy Van Soest, Center for Independence
Kevin Thompson, North Range Behavioral Health
Brad Taylor, Weld Advocacy Network for People with Disabilities

NFRMPO Staff: Mary Warring, Mary Rogers
In Attendance: Steve Teets

Meeting Objective:

- **Distribution of Travel Training Materials**
- **Public outreach/advocacy emphasis**

1. **Review of Agenda** – Add discussion of signal at 9th Avenue and 13th Street
2. **Public Comment** – Mr. Teets commented on transit services – specifically some ideas he had for improving services and he asked when the 34Express would be coming back. He thought that Greeley and the MPO should coordinate services to bring back that service.
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** – Meeting notes were unanimously approved as written.
4. **Discussion Items**
 - a. **Signal concerns – 9th & 13th**

Danielson expressed concern about the removal of the traffic signal at 9th & 13 Street. The intersection was less than a half block from Connections and many clients used it to access the agency. Thompson also was concerned and had the same issue with clients using the intersection to access Frontier House. They both felt that it was an ADA and mobility issue – other council members agreed.

Danielson mentioned that the signal at 10th Ave. and 13th Street had been slated for removal but was going to remain due to concerns expressed from a nearby senior living facility.

Thompson said that a petition had been circulated and submitted to the city clerk's office regarding the signal at 9th & 13th and that he thinks the lights are scheduled to be removed on October 1st.

Council requested that Warring contact Greeley Public Works Director Joel Hemesath to relay the council members concerns.

Specifically –

 - Concern with different heights along street making visibility difficult

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- Due to width of street left turns are made at a higher rate of speed making crossing more hazardous.
- Visibility issue on southwest corner
- Ask Joel if he has seen the petition.

Warrings stated that she would contact Joel and relay the council members concerns with the signal removal and get back with them.

b. Travel Training Materials – Distribution

Rogers distributed final drafts of travel training materials and asked for comments from the council before she distributed them to the trainers. Council liked the materials and thought they should go out as written. Yost said that a travel training session had taken place recently with some human service clients that were having trouble navigating the system to their children's health care providers. He said it was a group of about 12 individuals and that just a few changes in their travel patterns and some education helped them tremendously in navigating GET.

c. Resource Guide Template

Rogers distributed the tiers and several examples of templates for the online resource guide. Council commented that they thought another tier needed to be added and to breakout the private providers from the public ones. Rogers will report back on the progress of the tiers and templates.

d. 2011/2012 Work plan/Chart

Warring provided a handout of the progress of the Workplan. All is on schedule and outreach appointments are being scheduled. Council suggested Rotary, Kiwanis and the Senior Centers. Van Soest will contact an individual she knows someone at the Greeley Centennial Rotary and would send the information to Warring.

e. Outreach presentation

Warring gave an overview of the outreach presentation to the council and opted not to do a PowerPoint presentation as she wondered if people are getting tired of that delivery format.

Council felt that would depend on who the audience was and thought there should be flexibility in how to present.

- 5. Business Items** - Regional/State/National Mobility Management Updates
Warring stated that the CDOT 5310 Mobility Management contract had been approved for 2012 and included money for all the projects

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identified in the 2012 WorkPlan.

6. Council Member Reports

Yost– Went to CASTA conference and got some excellent new information but felt that CDOT still had work to do on their administrative improvements. October 14th which is the day of Project Connect Day will be a free transit day.

As for the changes to GET now that Patterson has left – Joel Hemesath is the acting transit Manager and Samantha Mintz is the temporary supervisor at the facility. Council members suggested that if a new transit manager was going to be hired that the City hosts a meet and greet with the candidates. Yost stated that he would pass that on to Hemesath.

Danielson – Wondered about getting some more GET passes – who should she talk with? Yost said Mintz should be contacted. Medicaid infrastructure grants/funding was changing and would now require Local Coordinating Council participation for coordination of transportation.

Thompson – North Range was hosting an open house event on October 14th from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm to showcase their services. The event will be held at the main North Range facility.

7. Adjournment – 3:00 pm

Next Meeting:

There will be no October meeting due to Warring attendance at a conference. **Tuesday – November 15th** will be the next WCMC meeting date and is a change from the fourth to third Tuesday due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.