

**Larimer County Mobility Council**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**January 20, 2011**  
**1:30 – 3:00 p.m., NFRMPO Offices**  
**419 Canyon Avenue, Suite 300 - Fort Collins, CO**

**LCMC members in attendance:**

Marija Weeden-Osborn, United Way of Larimer County  
Laura Sutherlin, Larimer County Office on Aging  
Michelle Miller, Larimer County Workforce Center  
Gary Thomas, Senior Alternatives In Transportation (SAINT)  
Rebecca Porter, Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Hal Mansfield, Loveland Disability Advisory Commission  
Craig Dubin, Fort Collins Transfort  
Linette Schweizer, Larimer County Sheriff's Alternative Sentencing Unit  
Toni Lueck, Dial-A-Ride Transit Advisory Committee (DARTAC)

NFRMPO Staff: Mary Warring, Romare Truly

**Meeting Objective:**

**Discussion – 2011 Mobility Management Direction**

1. **Review of Agenda** – Addition of one item to thank Mansfield for his service on LCMC.
2. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** – Meeting notes were approved with correction to Thomas's report. The second sentence will be changed to read – "The main Transfort transfer station will be moved from the Square at Horsetooth and College to Stanford and Munroe."
4. **LCMC Member Appreciation** – Chair Dubin thanked Mansfield for his time and contributions to the LCMC over the last two years including his committee, survey and transit/public awareness work. Mansfield thanked all and stated that he has enjoyed his time with the LCMC but is retiring from the Loveland Disabilities Advisory Commission and dedicating more time to personal interests. He plans to continue working on disabilities issues in the Loveland community.
5. **Action Items**  
Election of 2011 Chair and Co-Chair – Dubin stated that he has enjoyed his tenure as chair but due to work responsibilities in the coming year he won't be able to continue with LCMC as chair but would like to remain on the council as a representative for Transfort. Miller stated she was in the same situation and would also like to continue on with the LCMC to represent the LC Workforce Center.  
Thomas stated that he was term limited with the Loveland T-Board and would be leaving that position soon which frees up time for him and he



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would be interested in being chair. Osborne-Weeden stated that she could serve as co-chair. Additional nominees were solicited but no others were offered.

Dubin nominated Thomas as Chair, Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Thomas nominated Osborne-Weeden as co-chair, Mansfield seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Both terms are through January 2012.

**6. Discussion Items**

Revisit/Continue discussion of future direction, goals & strategies for MM in Larimer County – Warring stated that she wanted to revisit and clarify the LCMC's position on the direction of the mobility management program for 2012 – 2013. Specifically, is the council comfortable with phasing the program away from the NFRMPO in order to enable advocacy for the issues of concern to the council.

Thomas asked what the main issues were that the council needed to advocate for. Warring said that examples included transit funding and perhaps a regional service authority. Thomas wondered if the council members did the advocacy instead of MPO staff is that would change the situation – Warring replied that it would.

Thomas, Osborne Weeden and Warring will meet to discuss options further and will report back to the LCMC at the next meeting.

Mobility Coordination Funding Report – Warring reported that the mobility management (MM) contract had been delivered to the MPO and all that is needed is signatures at the state level. Warring will keep the council posted of the delivery of final contract.

Project updates/new business - Warring summarized the United Way Pathways Past Poverty/LCMC sub-committee meeting from Tuesday Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. (Details of PPP update/committee notes are on pages 4 & 5). The Call Center sub-committee is meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss funding and operational issues for a proposed call center. Warring will share the summary of that meeting at the next LCMC meeting.

**7. Council Member Reports**

Mansfield – Shared that he is working on a transit stop identification project in the Loveland area. It is a big project to inventory and photograph all the stops but feels that a booklet providing riders with visual cues for stops would be helpful. Warring stated that it is a great MM project for Larimer County and funds could be used to assist with printing



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costs and distribution. It could also serve as a template for other areas. Mansfield and Warring will stay in contact for the project.

Sutherlin – The LC Area Office on Aging held an open house on January 14<sup>th</sup> and approximately 20 people attended. The majority of comments regarded Dial-A-Ride, Foothills Gateway and transportation issues. She distributed a letter that was submitted by C. Washington at the open house. Warring will include the letter in the meeting notes (Page 6).

Dubin – Transfort is transitioning to Viola transportation for their Dial-A-Ride and 100% of their dispatch and scheduling. Will be complete January 31<sup>st</sup> and has required a lot of work to get to that date. Puts Transfort into more of a monitoring status for those services and the cost is significantly less than being the operator. City is still the liable party and responsible for all operations however, the new contract adds a system of checks and balances to the operation of the system.

Also, the National Transit Institute is hosting a series of ADA eligibility assessments in Denver in April. Good training is anyone is interested.

Osborn- Weeden – Shared that Darcy McClure has replaced Mary Atchison as the Vice-President of Community Assessment at the United Way of Larimer County.

8. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Thursday – February 17, 2011 (dependent on MM 5310 contract delivery)**



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## **Meeting Notes**

Larimer County Mobility Council Pathways Past Poverty Sub-Committee Meeting  
Tuesday January 18, 2011, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

## **In Attendance: Committee Members**

Marija Weeden-Osborn, United Way of Larimer County  
Michelle Miller, Larimer County Workforce Center  
Gary Thomas, Senior Alternatives In Transportation (SAINT)  
Toni Lueck, Dial-A-Ride Transit Advisory Committee (DARTAC)

## **Guests:**

Mary Carraher, Project Self Sufficiency  
Kimberly Spencer, The Family Center  
Anne Lance, the Teaching Tree

## **MPO Staff:**

Mary Warring

The PPP committee met to discuss possible transportation options that the committee has explored with Carraher, Spencer and Lance. Warring provided a survey in December for the three regarding current transportation situations for parents with school age children and the potential interest in a carpooling/vanpooling type of option.

- Review of surveys and discussion of transportation needs for working families - The surveys were reviewed and in general, the respondents felt that a carpool situation would work as a back-up or emergency option but not as an everyday option. The biggest problem with transportation is the reliability of clients own transportation/vehicles however, they tend to move around town and normal activities would be constrained by a fixed situation like a carpool.
- Summary of providers input and ideas – Suggestions that were offered that would increase the likelihood of success for the providers clients were to start at the housing area, then move to employment and finally at the childcare situation. Any concept or program has to work in conjunction with the existing transit services. What seems most promising is an emergency transportation option – to assist with any current transportation problems. The three providers were very positive about forming partnerships with local government to assist clients with transportation issues.

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- Committee discussion of alternatives and next steps – The committee would like to make a few more connections in exploring this possibility including contact the Housing Authority, CARE Housing and Neighbor to Neighbor. The goal is to wrap the committees work and finalize a recommendation to the United Way within the next few months. Warring will make the needed calls and get back with the committee members.
- Meeting adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

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*Scan & attach to meeting notes*

TO: Larimer County Office on Aging

January 13, 2011

FROM: Chuck Washington

SUBJECT: TRANSFORT Bus Service and Dial A Ride Service

There are two issues of concern to south Fort Collins senior residents. Many now live in southeast Fort Collins south of Harmony Road between Timberline Road and College Avenue without bus service. Foothills Gateway senior clients could use some transportation services like Dial A Ride.

1. Lemay Avenue south of Harmony Road.

Residents living more than ¼ mile south of Harmony Road along south Lemay Avenue to Carpenter Road do not have TRANSFORT bus service or Dial A Ride service available. In the last twenty years this area has grown significantly so it is now nearly 100% built out. There are thousands of residents in this area with many in the senior age range of 60 or more. Many live alone. There are numerous patio homes, apartments and condos and some low-income housing units that have senior residents in their 80's and 90's who moved into this area 10 to 15 years ago when they were younger and able to drive their own vehicles. With declining abilities and increasing health issues, many have had to give up their driving and rely on neighbors, friends, family or expensive taxis. There is no bus service or Dial A Ride service to this area more than ¼ mile south of Harmony Road. To assist them in their needs to travel locally for medical, shopping, entertainment and other needs, we are proposing that Fort Collins plan to expand service of both TRANSFORT and Dial A Ride to this area. Please refer to the attached map that shows the section to be added to the service area. It's frustrating to see buses going up and down Lemay empty as they deadhead between routes and the bus barn on Trilby Road.

2. Foothills Gateway

Clients at Foothills Gateway do not have TRANSFORT bus or Dial A Ride services available to them. This would be an added and rewarding enhancement of service if Dial A Ride could find a way to fund and reach this facility through exception or expansion.

I realize funding is one of the major issues for expanding the services. Since 2007, Dial A Ride services were cut back in the area in question along Lemay Avenue due to the shortfall in funds. So as new budgets are prepared, please place a higher priority on service to these areas. I also realize SAINT can service this area for some needs but they require several days notice for scheduling and their service capacity is low. Taxis are also able to service the area on short notice but are expensive for seniors on fixed incomes. Furthermore, declining values and incomes on their retirement plans are squeezing seniors who have no opportunity to earn replacement funds. There is a growing social and economic need for the bus and Dial A Ride services to cover the area proposed along Lemay Avenue from Harmony south to Trilby.

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