

Larimer County Mobility Council

Meeting Notes

April 21, 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
Gary Thomas, Senior Alternatives In Transportation (SAINT)
Erin Eulenfeld, Foothills Gateway
Linette Schweizer, Larimer County Sheriff's Alternative Sentencing Division
Jacque Penfold, Larimer Center for Mental Health
Zach Wood, Loveland Disabilities Advisory Commission
John Teumer, Loveland Disabilities Advisory Commission
Craig Dubin, Fort Collins Transfort
Michelle Miller, Larimer County Workforce Center

NFRMPO Staff: Romare Truly, Mary Warring

Meeting Objective:

Discussion – Coordinated Plan Update/Advocacy Direction

- 1. Review of Agenda** – No changes to the agenda.
- 2. Public Comment** – No public comment.
- 3. Approval of Meeting Notes** – Penfold made a motion to approve notes with corrections to new freedom/5317 update regarding projects' status, Osborne seconded.

Discussion Items - Project updates

Coordinated Plan Update - Warring discussed the wording in the Larimer County Strategies and Goals section of the Plan. In Weld County, one of the strategies is to "Advocate for improving transportation locally and at the State level." In Larimer County, one goal is to - Address policy issues and garner support for changes that would improve mobility options. Additionally, there is one strategy listed that includes "developing local positions on state issues".

Warring wanted to know if the LCMC would like to expand the strategies in the update to the Plan to include language similar to Weld County's so that local advocacy becomes a stated strategy as well. The council was supportive of adding a strategy that includes local advocacy in Larimer County.

Advocacy Plan for LCMC - Thomas reviewed the advocacy goals that he discussed last month and asked the council if they might like to start by researching more about a local transit issue in Fort Collins. A group in south Fort Collins is working on re-establish transit service to an area that was part of the service area cuts in 2007. Chuck Washington is heading up the resident group



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and Thomas wondered if the council would like to invite them to the mobility council meeting next month to discuss the issue. All agreed it was a good agenda item and would like to hear the group's ideas. Dubin will talk with Kurt Ravenschlag to see if he can attend the meeting as well.

Riders Guide Update – Warring handed out copies of the updated riders guide and stated that the only changes she found in the region were to hours of operation. It also looked like COLT had changed their youth fares but she would double check those figures. Thomas stated that Yellow Cab had taken over the service area - Warring will research phone numbers and website information. Warring stated that she will be pushing for a greater distribution and will give copies to all council members to have available at their organizations and would appreciate requests for more if needed.

New Business

2012/2013 5310 Mobility Management Grant – Warring let the council know that she had hired Mary Rogers, an intern from the Workforce Center who has been working at the MPO, to assist with event planning and other MM work through the end of the summer. Mary R. will be working 20 hours a week and Warring will be working reduced hours for the same time period to attend to a health issue that had recently come up. Warring expressed her disappointment with having to keep the mobility management program from running at a faster pace but it is temporary and outside her control.

Summary - RTE discussion at April NFRMPO Planning Council meeting – Warring gave an overview of the hour long RTE discussion at the April MPO Planning Council meeting. Thomas added additional details of the MPO Council discussion and shared that they voted to support the Basic Plus option which is basic service plus Hwy 85 peak hour service.

Federal Transportation Authorization Bill/status report – Warring gave an overview of the current funding situation and explained that the recent funding cuts for federal transportation programs and projects is based on the decision to roll the funding levels back to the year of authorization (1995). Warring also detailed the federal and state gas tax percentages and how they contribute to transportation funding.

4. Council Member Reports

Tuemer – Loveland DAC hosted a successful barrier free event. There were 8 attendees and the Thompson School District is interested in hosting one as well. John feels this type of event is off to a good start.



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Miller – More changes at the workforce Center – mainly to skills testing.

Eulenfeld – More budget cuts are coming – still not sure how it will impact their programs.

Schweizer – LC Alternative Sentencing is getting a facility on Midpoint Drive. The change will take the cost per day of housing alternative sentencing participants from \$144 - \$43.

Dubin – Working on the ADA User guide – will have updates to no show policy making it proportional to use. There will be no service animal changes. It should be ready in May or early June. Dubin will end draft report when it is ready.

Also, Nicole Hahn is conducting a survey of Transfort bus stops in May. Will have 10 questions and all 466 bus stops will be part of the survey.

Mason Corridor is moving along and all the provisions with the railroads have been agreed to.

Osborne-Weeden – Shared information about the upcoming “Bridges Out of Poverty” event that the United Way is co-hosting. 2 day training will be on May 5th and 6th.

Thomas – SAINT ridership has recently increased in Fort Collins.

5. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 19, 2011

