

Larimer County Mobility Council
Meeting Notes
August 18, 2011
1:30 – 3:00 p.m., NFRMPO Offices
419 Canyon Avenue, Suite 300 - Fort Collins, CO

LCMC members in attendance:

Gary Thomas, Senior Alternatives In Transportation (SAINT)
Linette Schweizer, Larimer County Sheriff's Alternative Sentencing Division
Jacque Penfold, Larimer Center for Mental Health
Rebecca Porter, Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Craig Dubin, City of Fort Collins Transfort
Michelle Miller, Larimer County Workforce Center
Toni Lueck, DARTAC Advisory Board
Yvonne Myers, Columbine Health Systems

In Attendance: Lisa Summers, Larimer County Human Services
Joann Johnsen, Elderhaus

NFRMPO Staff: Mary Warring, Mary Rogers

Meeting Objective:

- **JARC & New Freedom Funding Recommendation**
- **PPP Transportation Strategies Recommendation**

1. **Review of Agenda** – Larimer Lift discussion item moved to top of agenda/meeting order. Also, the review of new public outreach presentation is not ready and will be brought to the LCMC next month. Chair Thomas based on a few new faces at the meeting, asked everyone to introduce themselves. Thomas also introduced and welcomed new LCMC member Yvonne Myers from Columbine Health Systems.
2. **Public Comment** (Non-agenda items) There was no public comment.
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** –
July Notes - Correction was noted to South Fort Collins transit concerns – LCMC decided not to pursue request of citizens due to concerns regarding larger community need. Penfold made a motion to approve notes with corrections, Schweizer seconded – notes approved by council.
May Notes (There was no June meeting.) – Porter made a motion to approve notes as written, Penfold seconded – notes approved by council.
4. **Larimer Lift – Status Report**
Lisa Summers from Larimer County Human Services spoke to the council regarding the status of the Larimer Lift service. The LCC decided to



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discontinue the service effective 12/30/2011. The process for discontinuing the service includes providing information to riders and any agencies that might be interested in picking up part or all of the service. Summers provided some background on the service including that the inception of the service in 2006 was meant to be a temporary solution to a rural transportation issue. The service area for Larimer Lift is from CR 70 in Wellington to Carpenter Road in south Fort Collins. Larimer Lift currently operates a 3-5 day schedule and has 14-17 regular riders which is down from 44.

There is funding available from the CDOT for the service (5311) but the county will not be able to administrate the grant. Summers requested that any organization that might be interested in picking up the service to contact her. She will also send information to Warring to send out to her list of human service providers.

Action Items –

Revised Funding Recommendation to NFRMPO Planning Council on FFY2011 FTA JARC (5316) & New Freedom (5317) Grant Awards

Warring followed up the email sent last month regarding reconsideration of the FFY 2011 5316 JARC funding recommendation. The LCMC received two applications - not one - for 5316 funding and the sub-committee met again to evaluate the second application. The process included providing the sub-committee with all materials from the previous meeting so that they could review both applications together. Both applications are for operations funding for low-income transportation fixed route services.

The amount of available funding in FFY 2011 advertised in the Call for Projects was \$97,078. The sub-committee recommended that the available funds be allocated according to a mathematical formula based on each application's overall score. The recommendation would give COLT, based on a score of 92.25 = 49% or \$47,570 and Transfort, based on a score of 96.25 = 51% or \$49,508 for a total of \$97,078.

Warring apologized for the oversight and thanked the council and the sub-committee for their understanding, cooperation and time. The two applications and the committee recommendation (included in the packet) were discussed. Two motions were made and approved.

- 1 - Porter made a motion to rescind previous recommendation, Penfold seconded – motion passed unanimously.
- 2 – Eulenfeld made a motion to approve sub-committee



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recommendation to the LCMC and send LCMC letter of recommendation to NFRMPO Planning Council - motion passed unanimously.

Warring will present materials to NFRMPO Planning Council in September and report back to the LCMC.

LCMC/Pathways Past Poverty Sub-Committee Recommendation

Warring handed out the Transportation Strategies Matrix and discussed with the LCMC the concepts and projects that will be pursued in the next year. Member comments included –

Increasing the effectiveness of advocacy efforts by incorporating with city budget process.

Wondered if shuttle project might become more of a priority with future of Larimer Lift in question.

The matrix should be used a toolkit for pursuing solutions to transportation options for low income community members.

Lueck made a motion to adopt Transportation Strategies Matrix as a LCMC Pathways Past Poverty Toolkit, Miller seconded – motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

WorkPlan/Chart review and update

Warring distributed the Workplan and requested chart that shows the workflow of the plan. Warring will update the LCMC monthly on the status of projects.

6. Business items

2009 New Freedom Projects Update - Warring it is likely that approximately \$125K in 2009 FTA 5317 New freedom funds may have to be returned to the FTA. Staff is working on a solution and will report to the LCMC next month.

2008 Travel Training Grant – Warring reported that Elderhaus in Fort Collins will be assuming the remainder of the 2008 FTA 5317 (\$41K) travel training grant for their program. They have the necessary matching funds (50%) and have expanded their program to include a Veteran's travel training pilot project with support from the VA.

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7. Council Member Reports

Penfold – Larimer Center is working on employee moral as an incentive for employees during these tough economic times.

Thomas – Briefed the LCMC on the North I-25 Environmental Impact Study (EIS). The document has a small transit component and a 70 year (that's right! – 70 years) planning horizon. Thomas stated that it's available on CDOT's website. Warring added that the MPO has a hardcopy of the plan in their offices if anyone is interested in reading it.

8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday – September 15th