

Weld County Mobility Council
Meeting Notes
April 26, 2011
1:30 p.m., Greeley Recreation Center

Council Members:

Kathy Van Soest, Greeley Independence Living Center
Brad Taylor, Weld Advocacy Network on Disabilities (WAND)
Brad Patterson, Greeley-Evans Transit (GET)
DeeAnn Groves, Senior Resource Services
Mary Lu Walton, Envision

NFRMPO Staff: Mary Warring, Romare Truly

Meeting Objective:

Discussion – Coordinated Plan Update/Transit Discussion

1. **Review of Agenda** – Item 4a was tabled until May and 5e was added to discuss the travel training event.
2. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
3. **Approval of Meeting Notes** – Patterson made a motion to approve the meeting notes with the noted corrections including changes to Walton's report regarding some future capped service hours and implications of decreased funding. Van Soest seconded.
4. **Discussion Items**
 - a. Coordinated Plan Update - Tabled until May meeting.
 - b. May Agenda Transit Item – Taylor led the discussion on items to discuss what when Weld County Commissioner Long visits the WCMC in May or June. Council discussed Logisticare and discussing who is going to provide service. Additionally, the coordinated plan should be on the agenda along with information from the state representative Renee Robinson regarding Medicaid transportation. Warring will contact Robinson to see if she is available to come to the May or June meeting.
 - c. 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. 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.
 - d. Bylaws Revision – Warring distributed handout of draft bylaw changes which are highlighted in red italics. She asked council if the changes reflected the direction they wanted. Discussion centered on bylaw #4,

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Rights and Responsibilities of Membership and #7, Removal. Changes in verbiage will be incorporated and brought back to the council as an action item in May.

5. New Business - Updates

a. Letter of support to Greeley City Council – Van Soest was not certain what date the Greeley City Council would be reviewing the budget but she thought it might be the end of May or the beginning of June. Warring will send the letter to Van Soest for inclusion in the larger packet of recommendation letters for the Greeley Council.

b. 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.

c. Summary - RTE discussion at April NFRMPO Planning Council meeting
Warring gave an overview of the MPO Planning councils' discussion of the Regional transit Element (RTE). Concerns that were raised at the meeting included fare box cost recovery (was it high enough) and accuracy of the future cost estimates. The MPO council was leaning towards the basic plus scenario and will vote on the item in May.

d. 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.

6. Council Member Reports - There were no member reports for April.

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm

Next Meeting:

Tuesday – May 24, 2011

