



North Front Range
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Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC) Agenda

October 22, 2024

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Virtual

Call-in information:

(970) 822-7967

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1	Call Meeting to Order, Welcome, Introductions		1:30-1:45
2	Overview of Agenda		--
3	Public Comment		--
4	Approval of July Minutes		--

Presentations

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5	Larimer County Transportation Master Plan- <i>Larimer on the Move</i>	Eric Tracy	1:45-2:00

RideNoCo Update

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6	RideNoCo Update	Schmitt	2:00-2:15

Discussion Items

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7	Case study	Deaton	2:15-2:25
8	UCHealth Aspen Club Transportation Fair	Deaton	2:25-2:35
9	2025 Mobility Calendar	Schmitt	2:35-2:45

Wrap Up & Member Updates

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10	Transfort & COLT Updates		2:45-2:50
11	LCMC Member Updates & Roundtable	All	2:50-3:00

Next Meetings:

- Northern Colorado Mobility Committee: December 3, 2024 (joint meeting with Boulder County Mobility & Access Coalition)
- Larimer County Mobility Committee: January 21, 2025



Larimer County Mobility Committee (LCMC)—MINUTES

July 23, 2024

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions

- Jenna Robinson, SAINT
- Megan Kaliczak, zTrip
- Nicole Limoges, Larimer County Office on Aging
- Ari Edgely, Foothills Gateway
- Steve Conaway, RAFT
- Katlyn Kelly, Transfort
- Dana Klein, Town of Estes Park
- Bridie Smith, COLT
- Heather Sterling, Transfort
- Lisa Bitzer, Via Mobility Services
- Lorye McLeod, PAFC
- Jacque Penfold, Community Member
- Mitch Wagner, SEH
- Kate Poppenhagen, Ombudsman, Larimer County Office on Aging
- Brian Dubois, BATS
- Heidi Pruess, Larimer County Office of Sustainability and Climate

NFRMPO staff: Cory Schmitt, Brooke Bettolo, and Lisa Deaton

Review of Agenda

Public Comment (*2 minutes each*)

Approval of April Meeting Minutes:

Conaway motioned to approve the April minutes. Kaliczak seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Presentations

Rural Alternative for Transportation (RAFT) - Conaway

Conaway gave a brief history of the Rural Alternative for Transportation (RAFT). Ruth Fletcher-Carter started RAFT about 10 years ago to provide transportation for people who were no longer being served by the Berthoud Area Transportation Service (BATS) due to the reduction of the service area and the frequency of trips. Conaway joined RAFT at the end of 2022 as an assistant, before that he was a transportation operations manager for the Thompson School District and the Clark County School District in Las Vegas. He has seen at least a 150% increase in the number of trips and expanding services through a partnership with the Town of Berthoud. He discussed the many challenges and successes of growth including funding and the current state of Medicaid.



Climate Smart Future Ready – Pruess

Pruess discussed the first subcommittee meeting and identified the priority tactics and action items that were selected by the group. Action items for the next subcommittee meeting are to ask the City of Fort Collins grants staff to explain their grant formula and distribution for projects, and request that a representative from Transfort attend the next meeting to discuss the FLEX to Boulder implementation and coordination between the municipalities. Kelly mentioned that she shared the Transit Master Plan at the previous subcommittee meeting, and it is the best resource for more information on the FLEX route. Kelly also said that she would ask if there is anyone at Transfort who can speak about the FLEX.

If anyone would like the subcommittee meeting notes, they can send Pruess an email at pruesshb@co.larimer.co.us

RideNoCo Update - Schmitt

Schmitt gave an update on the RideNoCo Coordination Project (TDS) with SAINT, RAFT, and 60+ Ride. The third phase of the rollout is complete and, as of the beginning of July, the RideNoCo staff began taking initial intake on behalf of SAINT, RAFT, and 60+ Ride. Schmitt shared the data visualization and tracking features that are included with the new software and gave specific examples of the types of calls RideNoCo gets. He also pointed out that RideNoCo set records in the call center this year, receiving more calls in the first 6 months of 2024 than all of 2022, and that last month was the busiest month in program history with about 40 calls received. Schmitt pointed out that the data we are collecting allows us to get that information to elected officials, planning council, and municipalities to show where the gaps exist.

Joint November NCMC and Boulder County Mobility & Access Coalition Meeting - Schmitt

The joint meeting will take place at the Berthoud Town Hall on November 19th. Schmitt asked the group if there are any topics that the LCMC would like to discuss with Boulder County. Conaway suggested discussing how we can better communicate around shared needs and collaboration opportunities between Boulder County and the NFRMPO.

Shared Resources Drive - Bettolo

Bettolo gave an update on the shared resources drive and gave examples of types of documents that can be shared. She recommended reading the How to Use Shared Resource Library document. For members of the group that are interested in joining the shared drive, please reach out to Cory Schmitt

cschmitt@nfrmpo.org.

Mobility Case Studies - Deaton

Deaton discussed a case study of a woman in Larimer County calling on behalf of her 42-year-old son who has autism and needs rides to his job at Poudre Valley Hospital on Sundays and Holidays, his shift begins at 7:00 am. Kelly suggested Dial-A-Taxi, but they do not start service on Sundays and Holidays until 8 am.

Conaway asked if there is a ride share program for UCHHealth because there may be a chance that there are others in his neighborhood that work at Poudre Valley Hospital, and they could ride together. Kelly and Kaliczac determined that his neighborhood is not in the service area. Klein did an online search for



UCHealth and discovered an article for patients called Care Pool and questioned if employees could use it as well. Kaliczak said for the non-medical Medicaid trips, it would have to be documented that he is going to Poudre Valley Hospital for employment, not medical reasons, or his request may be denied. Conaway asked if this person has a case worker who may be able to facilitate finding transportation through organizations such as Foothills Gateway. It was also suggested that his work schedule could be adjusted for a later start time.

NEMT Updates - Conaway

Conaway discussed how the State of Colorado is making changes with the credentialing of transportation agencies and wants to create a single brokerage for Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT). He said that RAFT was considering using Medicaid as a funding source, but as a volunteer organization, it has become too complicated with their credentialing. For example, drivers will be required to have background checks, be fingerprinted, subject to annual drug testing, and volunteer vehicles will have to be inspected by a state agency. There are two tax initiatives that will be presented to the state, and if they pass it will cause a large deficit and closures of Medicaid facilities. Ann Rajewski from CASTA will be sharing more information at the August meeting.

Transportation Surveys - Schmitt

Schmitt discussed and shared the Larimer County Transportation Safety Survey <https://fhu.mysocialpinpoint.com/larimer-on-the-move> and the CDOT Active Transportation Plan https://cdotcx.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aVS4sCfhTaodwQS.

COLT Updates - Smith

Smith announced that COLT received funding for the new building at the station at 37th and Grant.

Transfort Updates - Kelly

Kelly stated that Transfort received \$2.4 million for ADA upgrades for the Downtown Transit Center and bus stops. With this funding, Transfort will be between 95-100% of ADA compliance.

Larimer County Ombudsman Updates - Poppenhagen

Poppenhagen shared that she presented at the United Nations Political Forum and discussed the need for accessible transportation to eliminate social isolation and loneliness. She was also able to talk about the connection and partnership with the mobility committees on this international call.

Poppenhagen brought up concerns about zTrip regarding a resident who was stranded last month after waiting for a zTrip ride and they are now afraid to use the service. This raised questions about confidentiality and how the Ombudsman cannot share identifying information about a resident without their consent. Kelly and Kaliczak asked more questions about the stranded passenger so that they could research the incident further. Kaliczak talked about issues with booking rides and how mistakes can



happen with the automated booking system, and she recommended that people call in to book rides to avoid confusion using the automated system. Poppenhagen talked about outreach for voting and trying to identify how to get folks to register to vote, get assistance at the polls, and transportation to get there.

LCMC Member Updates

Bitzer announced that Via received extra funds to add another bus to Weld County and they have the van and a driver ready to go. Schmitt added statistics of ridership in Weld County and how the addition of another van will make an impact even if it is temporary. Bitzer also announced a free concert series every Thursday night that Rock and Rails in Niwot hosts. They highlight a non-profit every Thursday night and collect tips for their organization. Via is a tip jar recipient at the event on 8/1/2024. 5-9 pm

Klein shared that the Red Route with the electric trolleys served 11,859 guests in June, a 13.7% increase over last year. On July 4th, they served 525 guests on the routes between the end of the fireworks show around 9:30 until midnight.

Final Public Comment: *(2 minutes each)*

None

Next Month's Agenda Topic Suggestions:

None

Motion to Adjourn the meeting:

Kaliczak motioned to adjourn the meeting. Klein seconded the motion.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Northern Colorado Mobility Committee: Tuesday, August 27, 2024
- LCMC Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 2024
- Combined NCMC Boulder County Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2024



RideNoCo Updates

Larimer County Mobility Committee



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Agenda Overview



1:30 – 1:45: Welcome + Introductions

- 1) Call meeting to order, Welcome, Introductions
- 2) Overview of Agenda, Public Comment, Approval of Previous Minutes
- 2) Introductions

1:45 – 2:00: Presentation: Larimer on the Move Transportation Master Plan

2:00 - 2:15: RideNoCo Update

2:15 – 2:45: Discussion:

- 1) Mobility Case Studies
- 2) UCHealth Aspen Club Transportation Fair
- 3) 2025 Mobility Calendar

2:45 – 3:00: Wrap Up + Member Round Table

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Public Comment



Are any members of the public present today that would like to make public comment?

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Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes



Who would like to motion to approve the July 2024 meeting minutes?

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Introductions + Icebreaker



- Name
- Position
- Agency
- What is your favorite icebreaker question?

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Presentation



Larimer County Transportation Master Plan *Larimer on the Move*

Eric Tracy, PE | Senior Civil Engineer
etracy@larimer.org



Safety. Mobility. Connections.

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Larimer County Mobility Committee Meeting

October 22, 2024

What is Larimer on the Move?



Transportation Plan

- **Purpose:** Develop a prioritized set of projects, programs, and plans that reflect a shared vision for mobility and a roadmap for how the County can efficiently invest funding to improve the system with a focus on unincorporated areas.
- **Goal:** Prioritize projects in a documented plan that reflects community input and leverage outside funding sources to maximize investments.

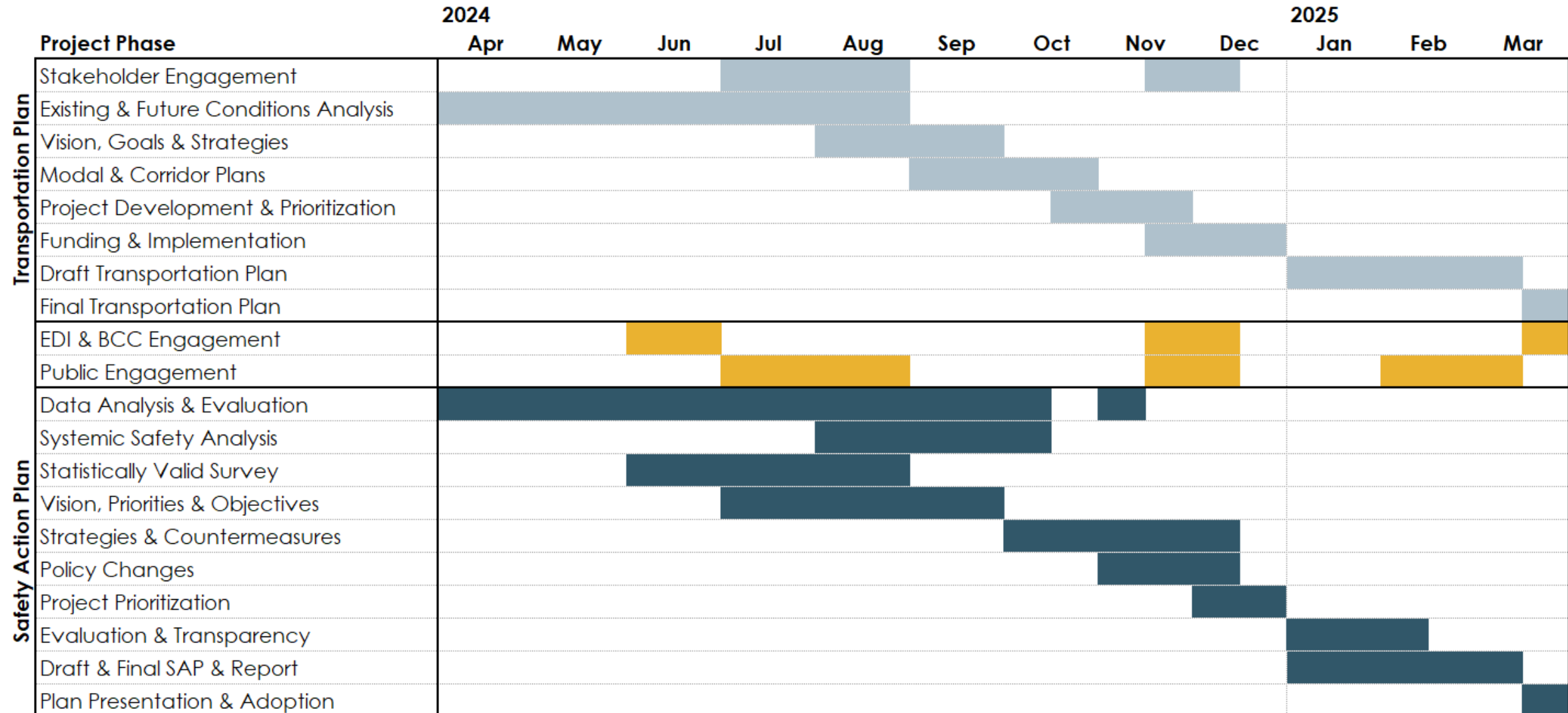
Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP)

- **Purpose:** Develop a safety-focused plan to identify the most significant roadway safety concerns and the projects and strategies needed to address safety issues.
- **Goal:** Make a commitment to significantly reduce and eventually eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries – or achieve “Vision Zero” to meet the requirements of USDOT and apply for further grant funding to support implementation efforts.

Why are both plans happening at the same time?

- Safety is a key component of a Transportation Plan and the CSAP effort will provide a deeper dive into the challenges and solutions to allow for alignment in funding and implementation with all recommended projects and policies.
- Opportunity to leverage community engagement for solutions for both plans by sharing ideas and experiences toward developing a unified community vision for safety and mobility improvements.

Project Activities & Milestones



Relevant Plan Review



County Plans

- Transportation Funding Initiative (In Progress)
- Larimer County Climate Smart Future Ready Initiative (2024)
- Larimer County Community Health Improvement Plan (2024)
- An Electric Vehicle Charging Station Action Plan for Larimer County (2023)
- Larimer County Transportation Master Plan (2017)
- Larimer County Senior Transportation Needs Assessment (2017)

Regional Plans

- NFRMPO 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (2023)
- NFRMPO Regional Active Transportation Plan (2021)
- NFRMPO Coordinated Public Transit and Human and Services Plan (2021)
- CDOT US 287 Safety Assessment (2023)
- CDOT 2045 Upper Front Range Regional Transportation Plan (2020)
- CDOT 2045 Upper Front Range Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan (2020)

Local Municipality Plans

- Town of Estes Park 2045 Transportation Plan (In Progress)
- Timnath Transportation Plan Update (2024)
- Connect Loveland Transportation Master Plan (2023)
- Berthoud Transportation Plan (2021)
- Johnstown Area Comprehensive Plan (2021)
- Town of Wellington Comprehensive Plan (2021)
- Windsor Transportation Master Plan (2020)
- Fort Collins Transportation Master Plan (2019)

Public Involvement Phase 1



Objectives

- A vision for what safety and mobility look like in the future
- Develop relationships with key stakeholders
- An understanding of public support for safety investments and improvements in infrastructure
- An understanding of the unique challenges, opportunities and lessons learned from community partners
- A coordinated multijurisdictional approach to safety improvements

Goals

- Public = **Inform** and **Consult**
 - Obtain public feedback
 - Educate about the process and outcomes
- Stakeholders = **Involve**
 - Work directly with key stakeholders throughout the process to ensure concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered

Equity, Diversity
& Inclusion
Advisory Board
Meeting
Jun 26



Board of
County
Commissioners
Jul 1



Pop-Up at
Red
Feathers
Jul 6



Stakeholder
Working Group
Meeting
Jul 18



Pop-Up at
County Fair
Aug 3



Community
Conversations
in LaPorte
Aug 10



Pop-Up at
Berthoud
Farmer's Market
Aug 17



Statistically Valid Survey & Digital Commenting Map

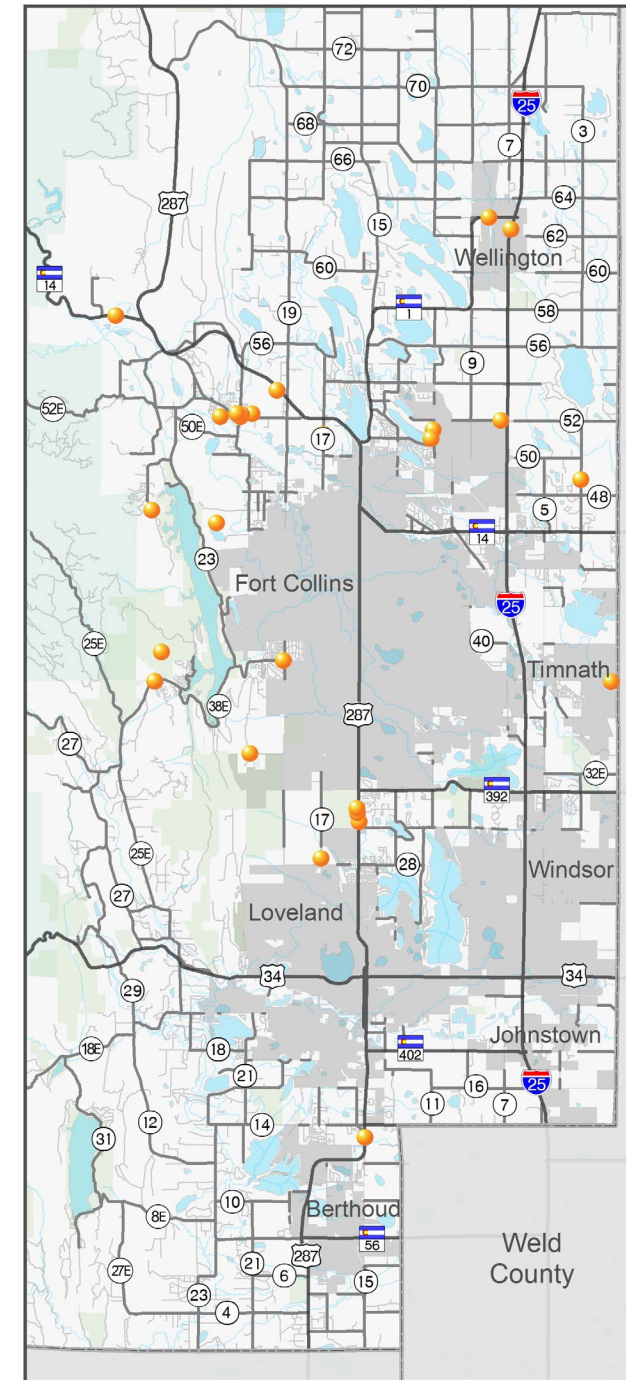
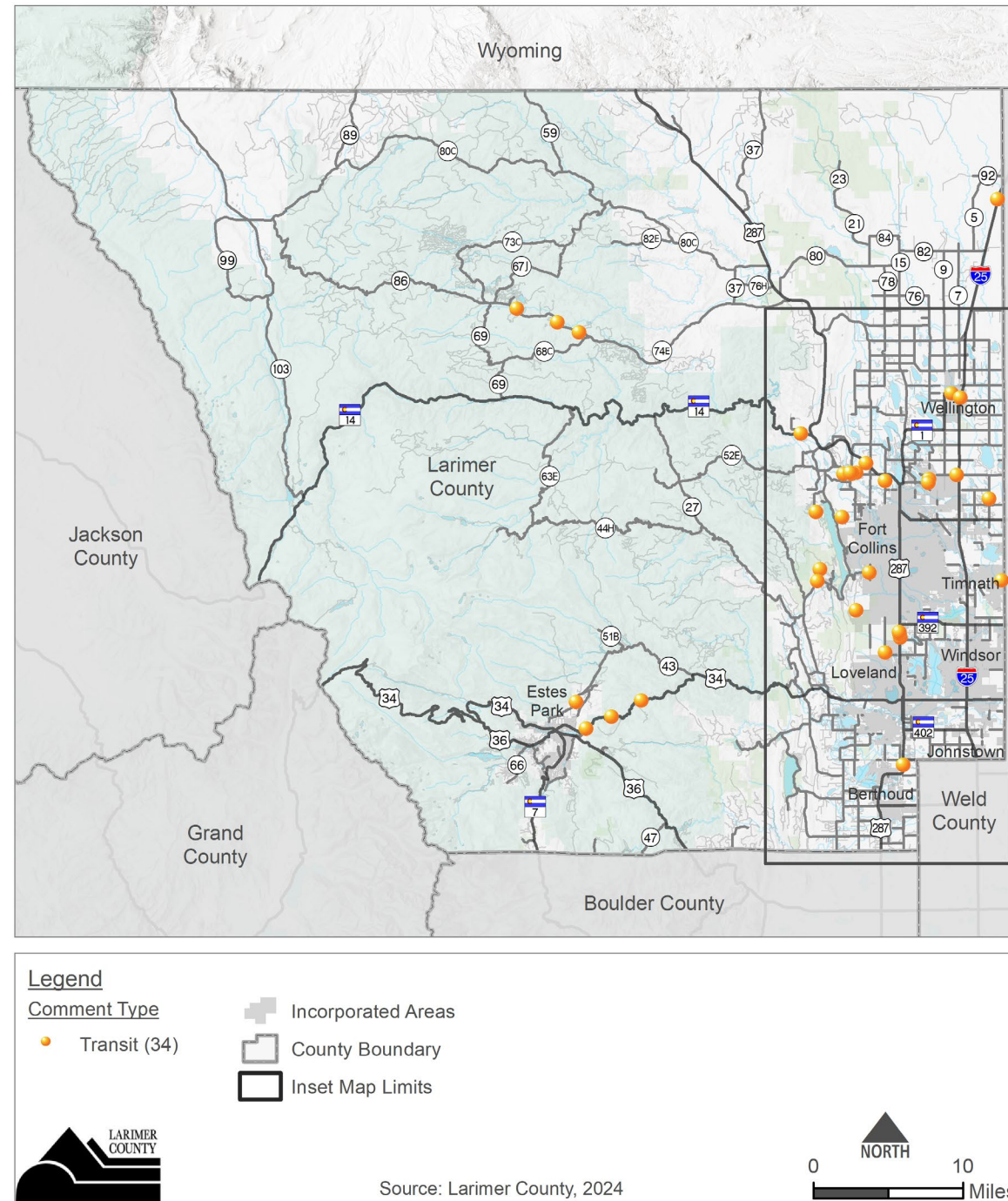
Ongoing communication campaign: website, press releases, social media posts, newsletter email

Late June —————> **July** —————> **August** —————>

What We Heard

Transit Comments

- While less dominant than issues regarding roads and bike lanes, some comments reflect a desire for better public transportation options.
- Desire for **expanded public transportation options** are in high demand, especially in **suburban and rural areas**.
- Comments reflect a desire for **greater accessibility and affordability**, particularly for vulnerable populations, with an emphasis on equitable access to transit services.



Next Steps



- Development of “Modal Plans” including transit recommendations
- Coordination with municipalities and other stakeholders
- Public Involvement Phase 2 (Nov-Dec 2024)
 - What transportation investments are most critical?
 - What strategies would you employ to achieve the transportation goals?
- Project development and prioritization
- Implementation and funding strategy
- Draft plans (~January 2025)

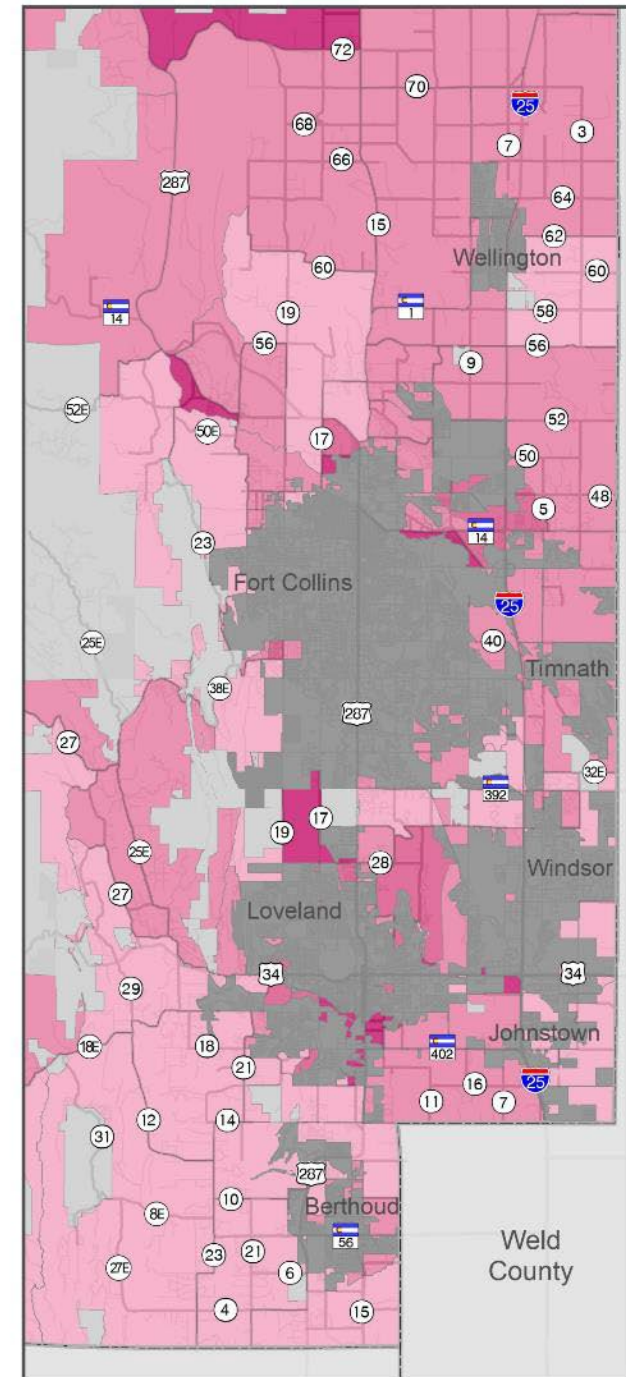
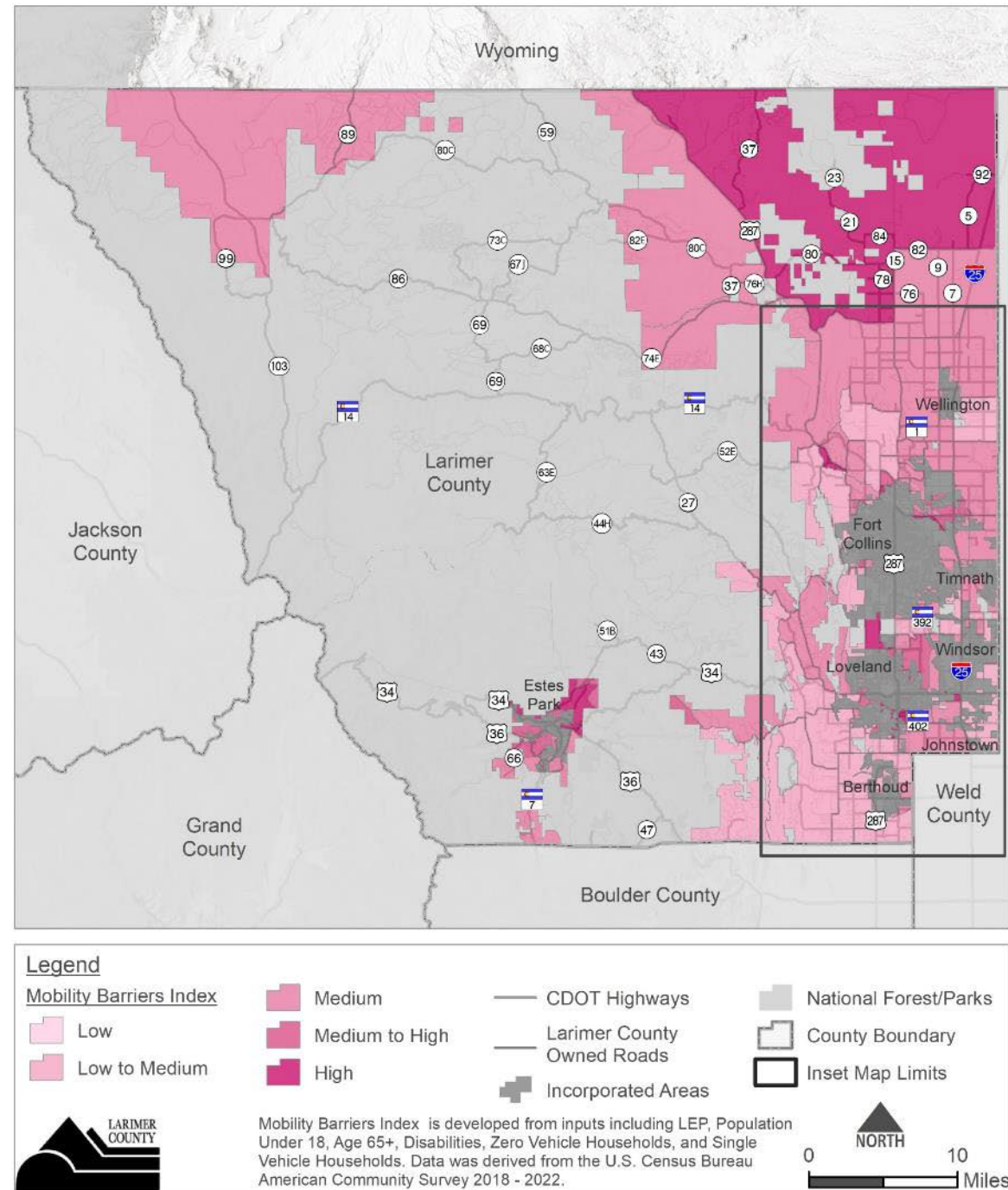
Discussion & Questions



- How can *Larimer on the Move* support the efforts of the Larimer County Mobility Committee?
- How can the work of the Larimer County Mobility Committee be integrated into *Larimer on the Move* strategies and recommendations?
- 2021 Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan
 - 2023 Regional Mobility Action Plan – 2024 plan in progress? Carry forward these recommendations as short-term projects?
- How is the Committee thinking about transit solutions for the following:
 - Rural populations
 - Aging populations
 - Other transit-dependent populations

Mobility Barriers Index

- Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Population Under 18 Years
- Population Over 65 Years
- People with Disabilities
- Zero Vehicle Households
- Single Vehicle Households



Equity Framework



Purpose: Provides a framework to enable Larimer County to integrate Transportation Equity at every stage of the planning process.

Key Components:



**Identifying
Historically Underserved
Communities**



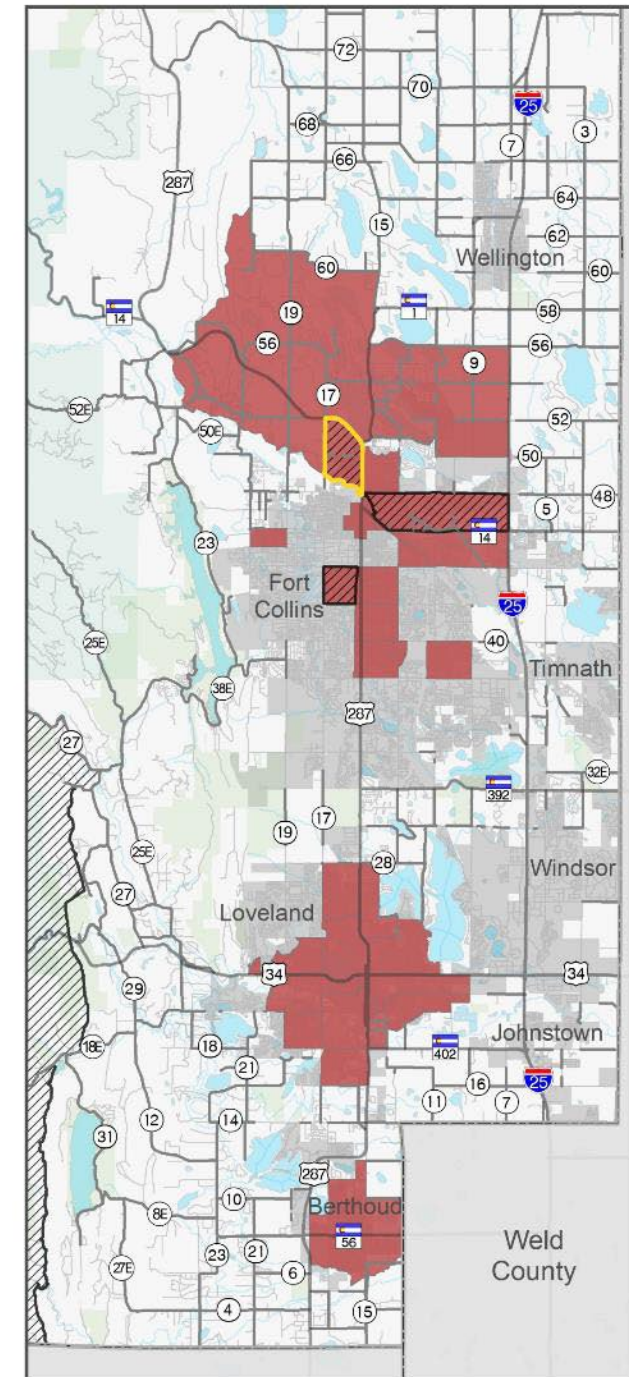
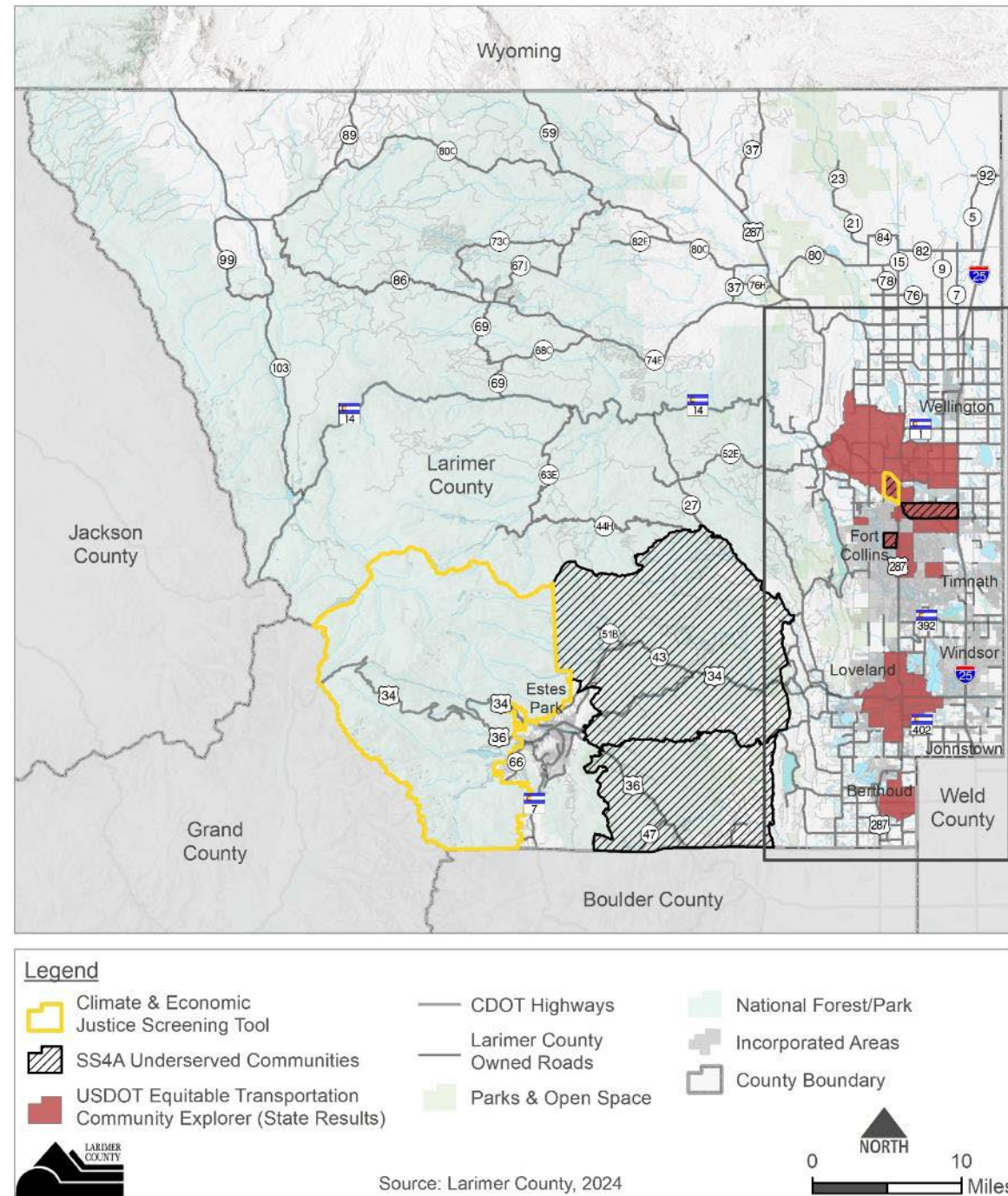
**Strategies to Tailor
Community Engagement
Efforts**



**Methodology for
Evaluating & Prioritizing
Projects**

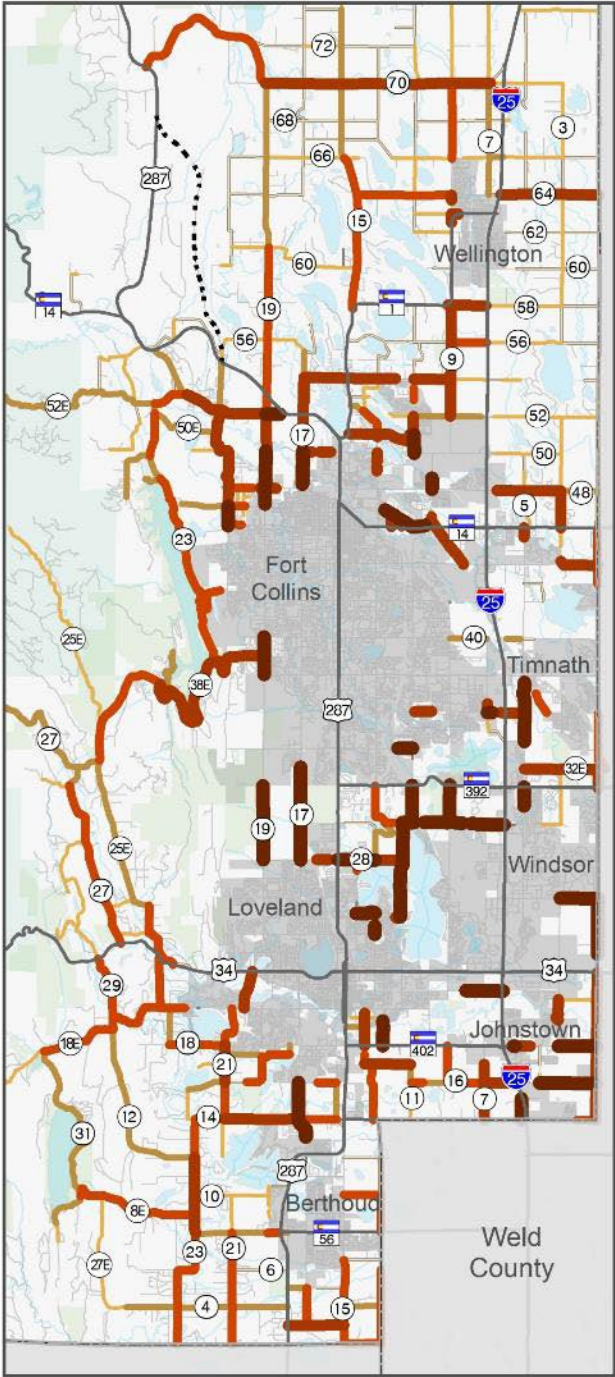
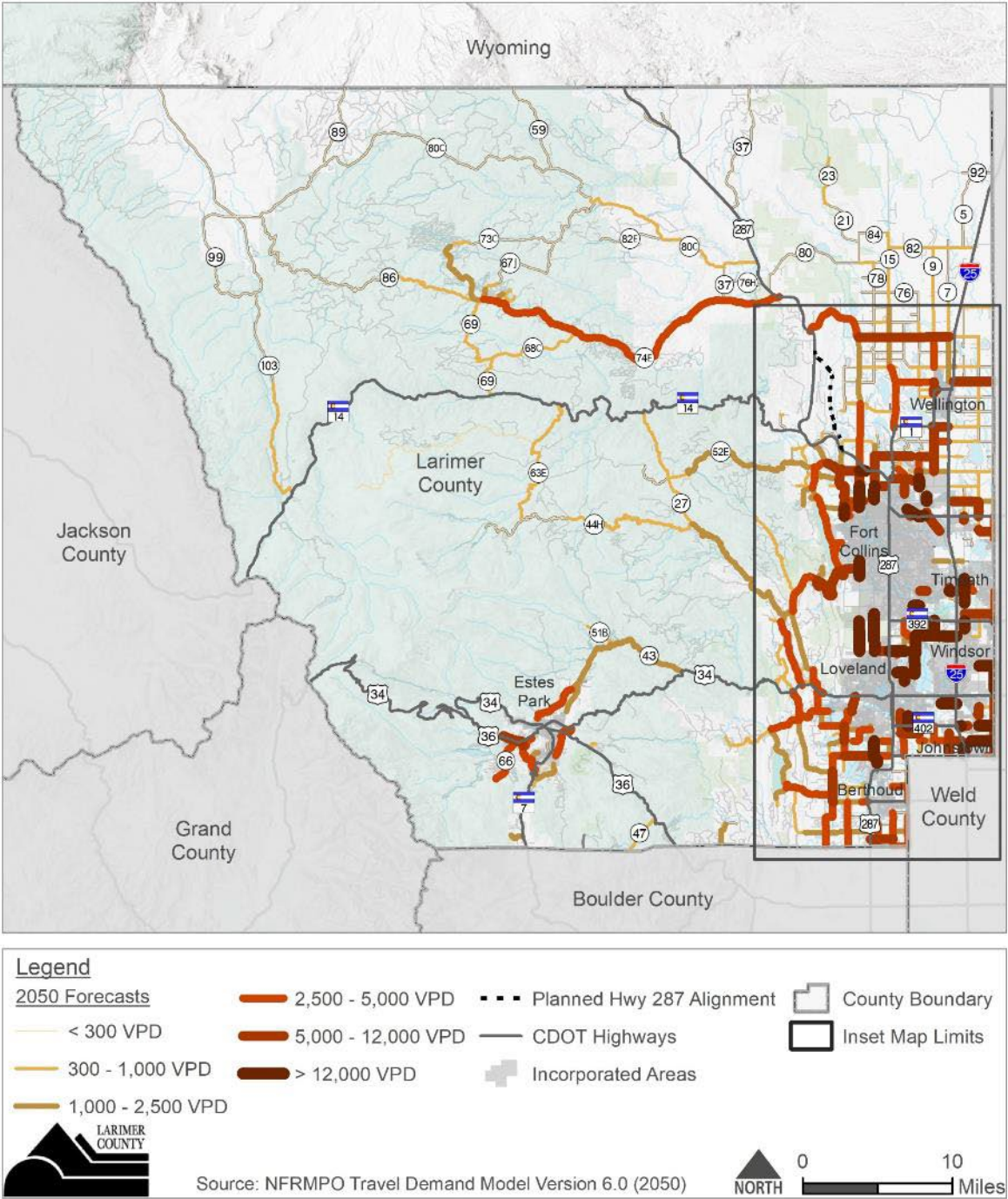
Federally-Identified “Disadvantaged Communities”

- Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool
- SS4A Underserved Communities
- USDOT Equitable Transportation Community Explorer



Future Traffic Volumes

	Average Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled
Current	1,020,240
Future (2050)	1,812,475
Percent Change	78%



Presentation



RideNoCo Updates

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Phased Roll Out



Phase 1

2021

Website + Call Center

- Introduction of RideNoCo
- Central hub to identify transportation options across region and beyond



Phase 2

2022

Trip Discovery

- Ability to find and plan trips on public transit and human service providers in region
- Utilizing GTFS-Flex technology



Phase 3

2024

Trip Scheduling

- Long-term vision to find, plan, and book ride in one place across multiple providers
- Laying foundation for coordination as region grows by adopting Transitional Data Specifications (TDS)



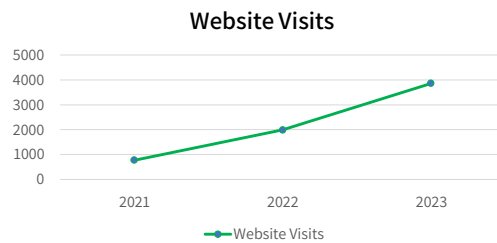
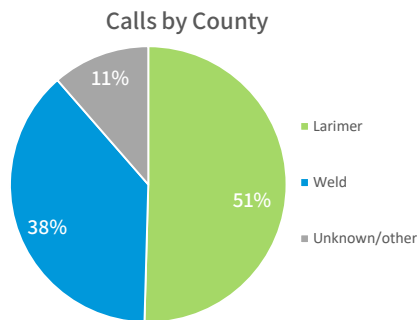
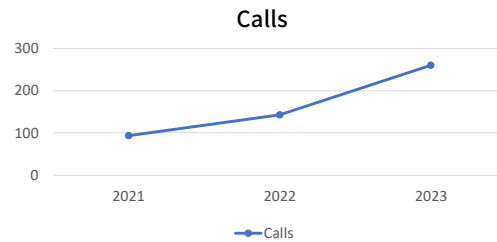
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Call Center & Website Stats



Year	Calls/Emails	Website Visits
2021	94	772
2022	143	1,986
2023	261	3,865
2024 (Qtr. 1-3)	271	3,598
Total	769	10,221



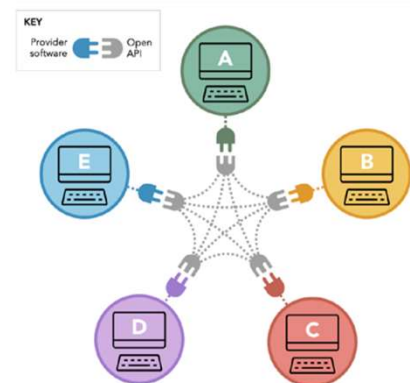
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Phase Three: RideNoCo Coordination Project



- **Beginning in Q3 2024**, RideNoCo is now able to conduct initial intake on behalf of SAINT, RAFT, and 60+ Ride and seamlessly share client info with and among providers utilizing the TDS specification
 - 6 RideNoCo callers referred to volunteer agencies thus far
- **In Q4 2024**, SAINT, RAFT, and 60+ Ride will additionally have the ability to refer clients and coordinate trips utilizing the TDS specification
- **As project transitions from pilot to full implementation**, RideNoCo will begin looking ahead at additional enhancements and agencies to bring on board Coordination Project via TDS



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2024 Colorado Transit Project of the Year



The RideNoCo Coordination Project received the **Transit Project of the Year** award at the Fall Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) Conference in early October.

Thank you SAINT, RAFT, 60+ Ride and other project partners!

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What's to Come



- **Mobility Management + Transportation Demand Management (TDM)**
 - RideNoCo is evolving into a regional TDM program focused on helping the entire region meet their transportation needs.
 - Expansion of DRCOG's *My Way to Go* platform into North Front Range



- **Expand Adoption of TDS**
 - Expansion of TDS spec to additional agencies, including private, non-profit and public transit providers both in Northern Colorado and beyond.



- **Identify & Address Regional Transportation Gaps**
 - Building upon success of Via Mobility expansion into Weld County to meet other known mobility gaps in communities such as Red Feather Lakes, Windsor/Severance, and rural portions of Larimer and Weld counties.

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Mobility Case Study



Caller lives in Fort Collins and their medical appointments are in Fort Collins.

A 67-year-old was in a car accident, her car is in the shop, and it may be totaled. She does not know if she will be able to replace the vehicle. She and her 16-year-old grandson are disabled, and they both need rides to medical appointments. She said she called a provider in Fort Collins, and when they advised her that she may have to wait up to an hour after an appointment to be picked up, she was not willing to wait and called RideNoCo for other options.

I suggested Dial-A-Ride, but she needs **immediate, no-cost transportation** and the application processing time would be too long for immediate needs.

Her grandson has Medicaid, and I suggested calling Transdev for his rides.

What options are available for these kinds of mobility needs?

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Discussion



UCHealth Aspen Club / RideNoCo Transportation Fair

Loveland: Friday, September 13th. Mirasol Event Center

- SAINT
- RAFT
- zTrip

Attendance: 28

Fort Collins: Friday, September 20th. Old Town Library

- SAINT
- Transfort/Dial-A-Ride
- zTrip

Attendance: 21

Aspen Club
A program of UCHealth.



zTrip

TRANSFORT
Fort Collins

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Transportation Fair Follow up Questions



Those who attended:

1. Did you find it valuable to attend this event?
2. Were you able to sign people up for services?

Future Outreach:

1. If RideNoCo planned and organized future events like this, would anyone be interested in participating?
2. Any ideas about where to hold these types of outreach events?
3. What about an event to recruit drivers?

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2025 Meeting Calendar



2025 Mobility Committee Meeting Calendar

LCMC: Larimer County Mobility Committee
NCMC: Northern Colorado Mobility Committee
WCMC: Weld County Mobility Committee

2025 Meeting Dates:	
28-Jan	LCMC
25-Feb	NCMC
25-Mar	WCMC
22-Apr	LCMC
27-May	NCMC
24-Jun	WCMC
22-Jul	LCMC
26-Aug	NCMC
23-Sep	WCMC
28-Oct	LCMC
18-Nov	NCMC
16-Dec	WCMC



LCMC	NCMC	WCMC
<u>January</u> LCMC Tues. January 28th 1:30-3:00pm	<u>February</u> NCMC Tues. February 25th 1:00-3:30pm	<u>March</u> WCMC Tues. March 25th 1:30-3:00pm
<u>April</u> LCMC Tues. April 22nd 1:30-3:00pm	<u>May</u> NCMC Tues. May 27th 1:00-3:30pm	<u>June</u> WCMC Tues. June 24th 1:30-3:00pm
<u>July</u> LCMC Tues. July 22nd 1:30-3:00pm	<u>August</u> NCMC Tues. August 26th 1:00-3:30pm	<u>September</u> WCMC Tues. September 23rd 1:30-3:00pm
<u>October</u> LCMC Tues. October 28th 1:30-3:00pm	<u>November</u> NCMC Tues. November 18th* 1:00-3:30pm *3rd Tuesday	<u>December</u> WCMC Tues. December 16th* 1:30-3:00pm *3rd Tuesday

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Next NCMC Meeting:

- **December 3, 2024**
Berthoud Town Hall

Next LCMC Meeting:

- **January 28, 2025**

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Presentation**COLT AND TRANSFORT NEWS AND UPDATES**

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Presentation**LARIMER COUNTY OMBUDSMAN
NEWS AND UPDATES**

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Presentation



LCMC Member Updates & Round Table

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Final Call for Public Comment



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today that would
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comment?**

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Agenda Suggestions

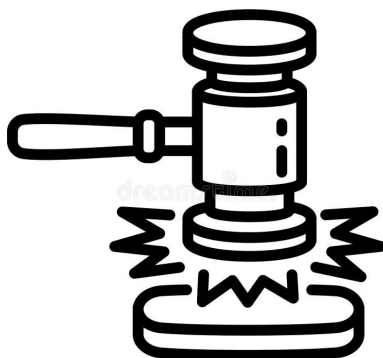


**Do any of you have
suggestions for
Next Meeting's
Agenda?**

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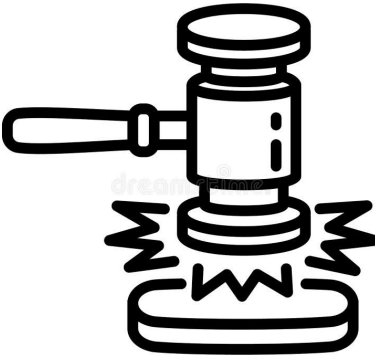
Motion to Adjourn?

Second?

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Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Adjourned!

Thank you all very much!

Next NCMC: December 3rd

Meeting to be held at Berthoud Town Hall –
807 Mountain Ave, Berthoud, CO 80513

Next LCMC: January 28th

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Connect with the RideNoCo Team


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