

Board Directors Meeting | November 30, 2023 | 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

### Schedule and Agenda

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l.	Convene Meeting & Roll Call Kristin Stephens, NAAPME Chair	3:00 PM - 3:05 PM		
II.	Public Comments Kristin Stephens, NAAPME Chair	3:05 PM - 3:10 PM		
III.	Decision Item: Approval of Minutes from the October 26, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting Kristin Stephens, NAAPME Chair	3:10 PM - 3:15 PM		
IV.	Decision Item: Approval of NAAPME 2023 Annual Report Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Program Administrator	3:15 PM - 3:30 PM		
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VII.	Evaluating Programs & Projects Discussion (continued) Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Program Administrator	4:15 PM - 4:25 PM		
VIII.	Revenue & Budget and Enterprise Program Updates Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Program Administrator	4:25 PM - 4:30 PM		
IX.	Adjournment Kristin Stephens, NAAPME Chair	4:30 PM		

No Board of Directors Meeting in December 2023

Next Governing Board Meeting: Thursday, January 25, 2024, 3:00 - 4:30 PM



Mitigation Enterprise

### Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise - Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
October 26, 2023,3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
Location: CDOT HQ/Virtual
Recording: (Video Recording)

### <u>Attendance</u>

#### Present

Chair Stephens

Vice Chair Baca Director Ferko Director Holguin Director Stockinger

#### **Excused**

Director Suniga Director Wheeler

### **NAAPME Staff:**

Board Secretary Suzanna Alvarado Program Administrator Darius Pakbaz Phil von Hake - NAAPME Staff

#### **Guests:**

Rani Kumar - Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Cassie Rutter - Colorado Department of Transportation, Office of Financial Mgmt. & Budget

- I. Convene Meeting & Roll Call, Chair Stephens convened the meeting and Roll Call was conducted. (Video 4:27)
- II. Public Comments, Chair Stephens asked if there was any public comment. Administrator Pakbaz confirmed there was no public comment received through the NAAPME public email address. (Video 5:39)
- III. Decision Item: Approval of September 28, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, Vice Chair Baca made a motion to approve the minutes, Director Stockinger seconded the motion, all in favor, no one opposed. (Video 6:02)
- IV. FY 2024-25 NAAPME Draft Budget, Administrator Pakbaz discussed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-25, outlining the allocation of funds for administrative and operating expenses, travel expenses, debt service, and a board contingency reserve. Cassie Rutter,

CDOT Division of Accounting and Finance, Informed the Board that the budget was based on revenue forecasts and historical spending patterns. (Video 6:58)

V. Colorado EnviroScreen Overview, Rani Kumar of CDPHE provided an overview of the tool Colorado EnviroScreen and the definition of Disproportionately Impacted Community within HB23-1233. Rani explained how the Enviroscreen is used to create a cumulative metric to identify these communities.

Chair Stephens inquired about how a Census block is established, and Ms. Kumar explained how the Census survey by household is aggregated into block groups based on population and can be anywhere from 600 to 3,000 people based on population density.

Chair Stephens commented how helpful the tool EnviroScreen will be in identifying the criteria for disproportionately impacted communities going forward

Chair Stephens also asked about health disparities within the communities. Ms. Kumar presented on the Health & Social Factors in the EnviroScreen cumulative scores. (Video 14:21)

VI. Evaluating Programs and Projects Discussion (cont'd.), Program Administrator Pakbaz presented a proposed evaluation and eligibility criteria for consideration by the Board of Directors. This included relevant connections to the federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality program which is listed in statute as the basis for NAAPME program eligibility, and other proposed criteria, based on previous Board of Director meeting discussions.

Chair Stephens emphasized the need for flexibility in the match amount for smaller or rural communities that may not be able to match funds.

Director Stockinger expressed concerns that the criteria might exclude community groups and suggested giving extra points for partnerships with them. The Board agreed that the criteria should prioritize reaching the most in-need communities.

Program Administrator Pakbaz noted the requested changes from the Board and incorporate them into future discussions on this topic. (Video 39:25)

Revenue & Budget and Enterprise Program Updates, The Board of Directors reviewed the current revenue and budget status, and proposed agenda items for future Board of Directors Meetings(Video 1:18)

VII. Adjournment (<u>Video 1:22</u>)

Next Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday November 30, 2023 3:00PM to 4:30PM Zoom Platform



COLORADO NONATTAINMENT AREA AIR POLLUTION MITIGATION ENTERPRISE

### **REGISTRY OF ACTIONS**

DATE OF MEETING: October 26, 2023

Action Number	Action	Decision
2023-13	Motion to approve minutes from September 28, 2023 meeting  • Motion made by Vice Chair Baca • Director Stockinger seconded the motion; it passed with no further discussion	Approved

Suzanna Alvarado, Secretary Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise	Suzanna Alvarado	10/27/2023
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Board of Directors Meeting November 30, 2023

**Department of Transportation** 



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## **Public Comments**

Kristin Stephens, NAAPME Chair



DATE: November 30, 2023

FROM: Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Administrator

TO: NAAPME Board of Directors

SUBJECT: NAAPME 2023 Annual Report

#### **OVERVIEW:**

Under Colorado Revised Statutes, section 43-4-1303 (10)(a)(I), the enterprise is required to complete an annual report by the end of each calendar year and submit that report to the Colorado General Assembly Transportation Committees of reference and the Colorado Transportation Commission.

### PROPOSAL(S) / RECOMMENDATION(S):

Staff has developed a draft report for review by the Board of Directors. Staff recommends providing any edits and/or changes to the report and recommends an affirmative vote to finalize the report for distribution as outlined in statute.

#### **ACTIONS BY OTHERS:**

N/A

#### PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS / ACTIONS:

N/A

### PROPOSED MOTION(S):

Motion to adopt the 2023 Nonattainment Enterprise Annual Report, as presented to the Board, for submission to the Colorado General Assembly and the Colorado Transportation Commission.

### ATTACHMENTS:

NAAPME 2023 Annual Report

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please contact Darius Pakbaz (720.241.8097) for further information.





### **Decision Item**

# Approval of NAAPME 2023 Annual Report

Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Program Administrator



### NAAPME 2023 Annual Report



Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME)

2023 Annual Report

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 43-4-1303 (10)(a)(IV) Reporting Period Encompasses January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

- Background Information
- Calendar Year 2023 Summary
  - Rulemaking update fee levels
  - Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget
  - Funding Program Evaluation and Eligibility Discussions
  - Other Administrative Activities
- Financial Status Report
  - Budget to Actuals for FY 2023
  - Future Revenue Estimates
- Upcoming Activities

The 2023 Annual Report is required to be submitted to the Colorado Senate and House Transportation Committees and to the Colorado Transportation Commission.

Report available in meeting packet as attachment A.



### **Proposed Motion**

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DATE: November 30, 2023

FROM: Alex Gordon, Transportation Planner III, NFRMPO

Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Administrator

TO: NAAPME Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Presentation on Transit in the North Front Range

#### **OVERVIEW:**

To provide the NAAPME Board of Directors an overview of current effort on transit development in Colorado's North Front Range, status of proposed initiatives, and outline potential needs of the program that could be assisted by NAAPME resources.

#### PROPOSAL(S) / RECOMMENDATION(S):

No recommendations at this time.

#### **ACTIONS BY OTHERS:**

 SEPTEMBER 2023: The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted their <u>2050 Regional Transportation Plan</u> and their <u>FY2024-2027</u> <u>Transportation Improvement Plan</u> through the NFRMPO Planning Council on September 7, 2023 and became effective on November 8, 2023.

#### PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS / ACTIONS:

- SEPTEMBER 2023: Bus Rapid Transit Presentation to the NAAPME Board from DRCOG Staff: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a high-quality bus-based transit system that delivers fast and efficient service that may include dedicated lanes, busways, traffic signal priority, off-board fare collection, elevated platforms and enhanced stations. BRT has advanced throughout the U.S. in the last decade as congestion has increased and community leaders have sought affordable transit alternatives. Because BRT contains features similar to a light rail or subway system, it is often considered more reliable, convenient and faster than regular bus services. With the right features, BRT is able to avoid the delays that can slow regular bus services, like being stuck in traffic and queuing to pay on board.
- JANUARY 2023: Staff from the North Front Range MPO presented on Regional Transit Corridors in their region at this NAAPME Board Meeting. This presentation included a brief overview of their planning process, current and future regional transit corridors and local transit service, and how the region is working towards reducing pollution from the transportation sector.

### PROPOSED MOTION(S):

Informational Only



### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Presentation - Transit in the North Front Range - 11/30/23

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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# Transit in the North Front Range

Alex Gordon, North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization

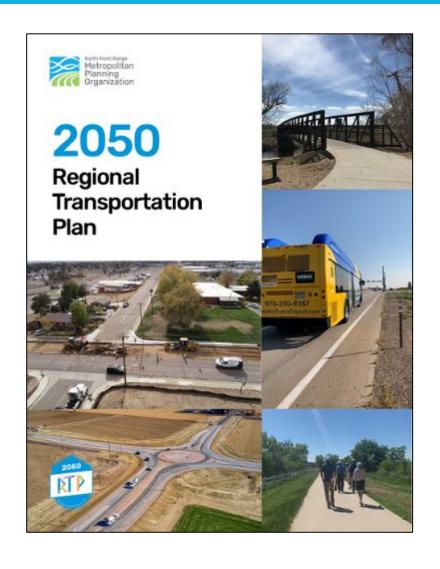


# **Transit in the North Front Range**

Nonattainment Area Pollution Mitigation Enterprise

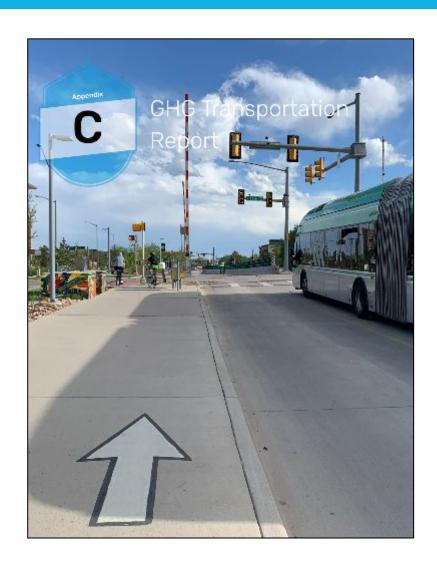


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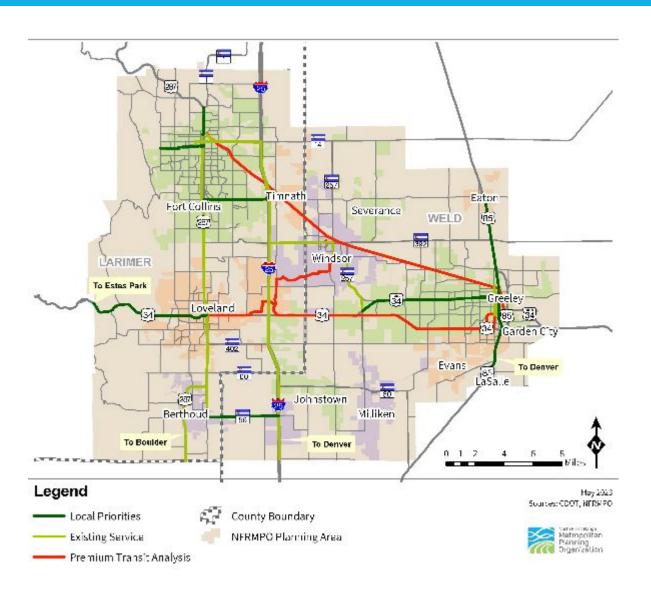
- Planning Council adopted the
   2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
   in September 2023
- Planning Council has set aside future funding for developing and supporting Transportation Management Organizations (TMOs)
- RFP out for US 34 TMO due December 1

### **GHG Transportation Report.**



- Operational Improvements (Adaptive traffic signals)
- TDM
- Bike and Ped
- Transit

### Recommended transit in the 2050 RTP.



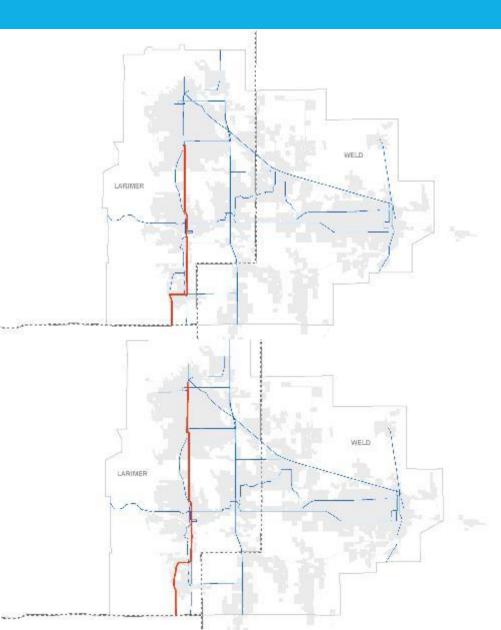
- Expansion of Existing Service
- Implementation of Local Priorities
- Development of Premium Transit Analysis Corridors

### **Poudre Express.**



- 7.5 round trips per day
- Funding support from Fort Collins, Greeley, Windsor, CDOT, and CSU
- Recommendation:
   30-minute peak service, hourly off-peak service

### **FLEX Service.**



- FX1: Fort Collins to Loveland (local)
  - 19 round trips per day
- FX2: Longmont (local)
  - 9 roundtrips per day
- FX3: Boulder Express (express)
  - 6 roundtrips per day

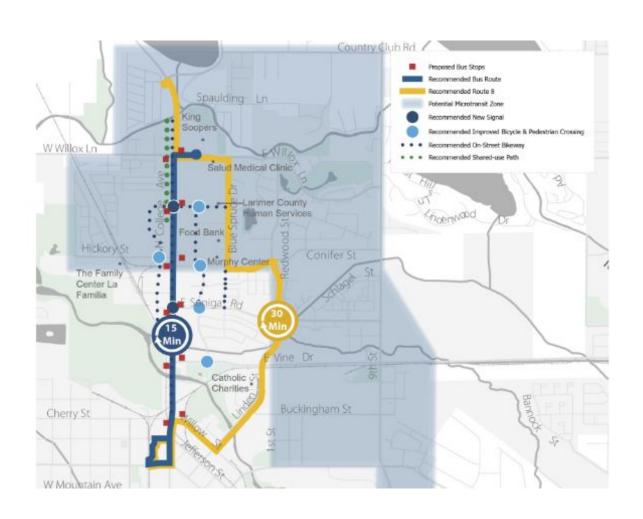
Recommendation:
 30-minute all-day service

### West Elizabeth BRT.



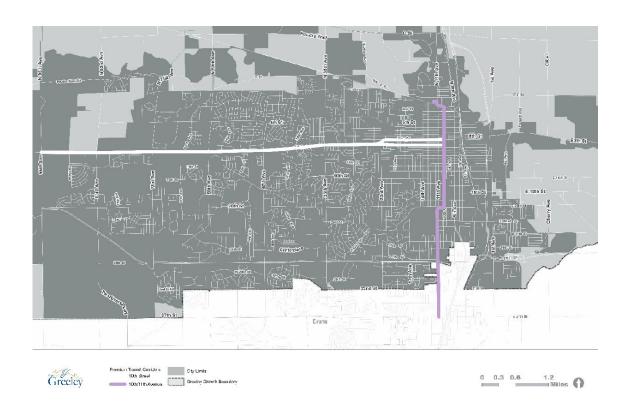
- Highest ridership corridor besides MAX
- Two major destinations:
   CSU Main Campus and
   CSU Foothills Campus
- TOD overlay multistory buildings, wide sidewalks
- Going through FTA process (exp. 2026-2027)

### North College MAX.



- Business Access Transit (BAT) lanes, MAX stops and stations, and shared use paths for people walking and biking
- Transit Oriented
   Development (TOD)
   urban design and land
   use strategies

### **US34 Business Premier Transit.**



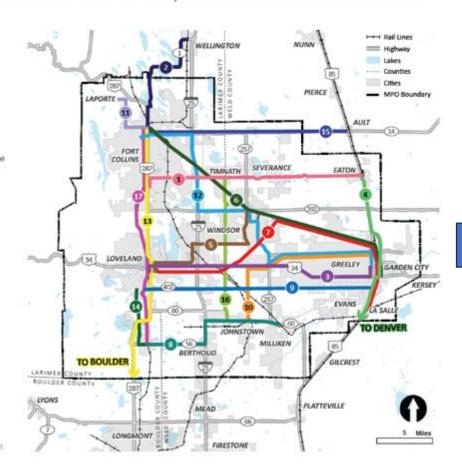
- Recommended in Greeley on the Go (Transportation Master Plan)
- Other route planned for 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Will be developed further in Mobility Development Plan

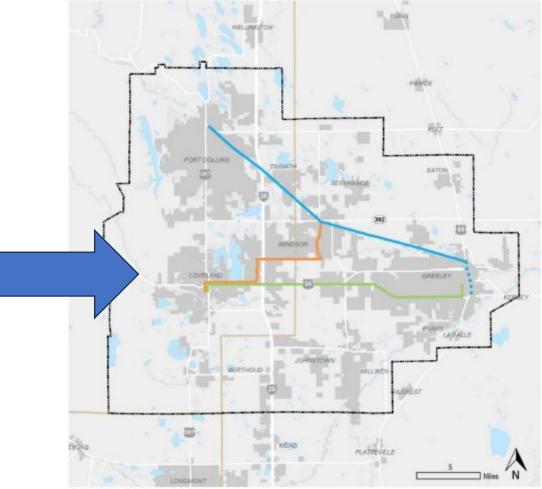
### LinkNoCo Phase I.

### LINKNOCO UNITING THE NORTH FRONT RANGE

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- 3 Loveland to Greeley (Lti 34) Loveland a Goneley (US 34)
- 4 Exton to Denver (US 85) Exton a la región de Denver (US 85)
- Window to Loveland (US 34/Weld County Road 17)
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Source: NFRMPO, 2022; HDR, 2022

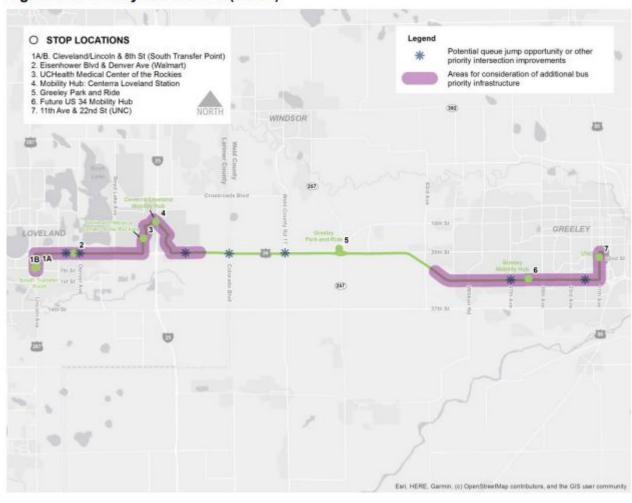
### LinkNoCo Phase II: US34 Transit.



- Highest priority corridor from LinkNoCo Phase I
- CDOT 10-Year Plan Project
- Connection to Mobility Hub at Centerra, Medical Center of the Rockies, UNC
- Creates triangle of service with Poudre Express and FLEX for three largest communities in Northern Colorado

### LinkNoCo Phase II: US34 Transit.

Figure 6-6. Greeley to Loveland (US 34)



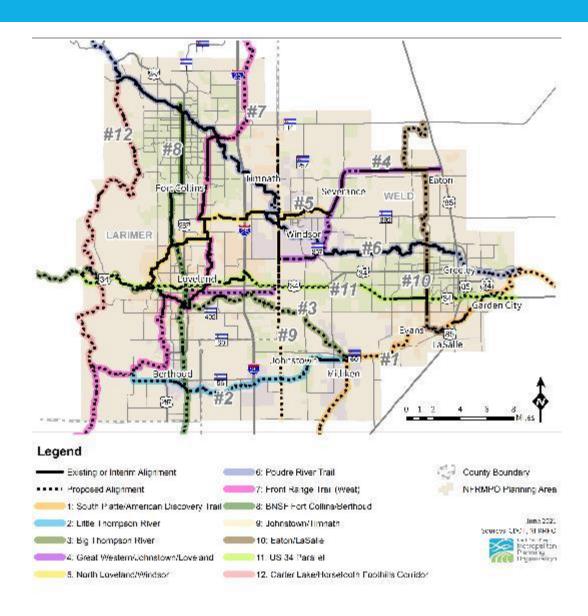
- 2026: Pilot service funded by NFRMPO CMAQ (pending approval by Planning Council)
- Operating scenarios and capital improvements to make transit more efficient, competitive

### 2023 NFRMPO Call for Projects.



- Fort Collins ADA Transit Stop Improvements
- Clean Fleet investments
  - Electrification: Fort Collins
  - Clean fuels: Loveland, Greeley
- Transit signal priority

### **Bike & Ped Improvements.**



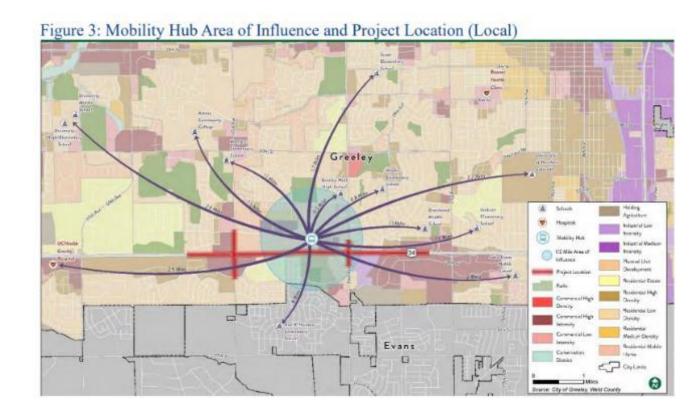
- NFRMPO kicking off
   Active Transportation Plan
- Local communities developing plans for Strategic Local Connections
  - Fort Collins
  - Loveland
  - Windsor
  - Greeley
- Local communities such as Greeley and Fort Collins are increasing access to shared-use micromobility options (e-Scooters, e-Bikes)

### **Transit Improvements.**

### **Loveland Transit Center**



### **MERGE**



### **Questions?**

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DATE: November 30, 2023

FROM: Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Program Administrator

TO: NAAPME Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Public Accountability Dashboard

#### **OVERVIEW:**

Senate Bill 21-260 (the legislation which created this enterprise) requires NAAPME to "create, maintain, and regularly update on its web site a public accountability dashboard that provides, at a minimum, accessible and transparent summary information regarding the implementation of its ten-year plan, the funding status and progress toward completion of each project that it wholly or partly funds, and its per project and total funding and expenditures."

### PROPOSAL(S) / RECOMMENDATION(S):

No formal recommendations at this time. NAAPME staff has proposed elements for consideration by the Board for inclusion to a public accountability dashboard for the enterprise.

#### **ACTIONS BY OTHERS:**

The Colorado Energy Office houses the Community Access Enterprise, and is currently the only one of the four enterprises created by SB21-260 with such a dashboard on its website: <a href="https://lookerstudio.google.com/reporting/42995e69-e648-485c-899a-a3a015bc52b7/page/KIKXD">https://lookerstudio.google.com/reporting/42995e69-e648-485c-899a-a3a015bc52b7/page/KIKXD</a>

#### PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS / ACTIONS:

N/A

### PROPOSED MOTION(S):

Informational Only

### ATTACHMENTS:

Presentation - Public Accountability Dashboard - 11/30/2023

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please contact <u>Darius Pakbaz</u> (720.241.8097) for further information.





# NAAPME Public Accountability Dashboard

Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Program Administrator



### NAAPME Public Accountability Dashboard

- Required per CRS 43-4-1303 (10)(a)(II)
- Required elements:
  - Implementation of 10-Year Plan
  - Project Status and Funding
  - Total Funding & Expenses
- Recommended Additional Features for NAAPME:
  - Report on ozone reduction per project and entire portfolio
    - Example: <u>CMAQ Dashboard</u>
  - Project Location
- Similar Effort: <u>CAE Dashboard</u>
- Questions/Recommendations?

# Enterprise Reporting & Next Steps

The enterprise and its Board of Directors are committed to transparency and accountability throughout its work.

### Public Accountability Dashboard

Starting in the next state fiscal year, the Enterprise will begin to develop its Public Accountability Dashboard, which will provide regular updates on the progress of its program, including total revenue collected, revenue allocated to projects and programs, expenditures and completion of funded projects, and anticipated air pollution mitigation benefits.



DATE: November 30, 2023

FROM: Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Program Administrator

TO: NAAPME Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Evaluating Proposals and Funding Programs Workshop (continued)

#### **OVERVIEW:**

At the request of the NAAPME Board of Directors, this workshop will focus on continued discussion on how the Enterprise should evaluate funding programs that meet its business purpose, and how to evaluate specific proposals in authorized funding programs. To supplement the discussion from the previous months, eligible entities and definitions from state statute and its relation to the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program will be presented and discussed. Additional information about the CMAQ Program can be found here: CMAQ PROGRAM GUIDANCE

### PROPOSAL(S) / RECOMMENDATION(S):

The workshop will review previously discussed information from past Board meetings and provide examples from other similar programs that could be helpful in determining how the board wishes to evaluate programs and proposals. Additionally, staff has prepared an overview of the CMAQ program and its relationship to the eligibility requirements as defined in statute. Staff presents a revised proposal, with adjustments requested by the Board in October 2023, for discussion and comment by the Board at this meeting:

#### PROPOSED NAAPME PROJECT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Projects are eligible if the activities in the submitted application meet the requirements for the funding program outlined by the Board of Directors and meet eligibility requirements set forth in 43-4-1302 C.R.S. and federal statute.
- Projects must be located in or benefit a nonattainment or maintenance area.
- Eligible project sponsors meet eligibility criteria under 43-4-1302 C.R.S. to apply for funding OR partner with an eligible entity and have the authority to enter into a contract with the State.
- Eligible project sponsors are in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State, have no
  projects on the federal inactive list with CDOT, and have not had a non-compliance
  determination on a sub-allocated recipient audit/visit.
- Applications for funding will only be considered through an open project call as approved by the Board of Directors for specific program areas.
- Projects must demonstrate emissions reduction benefits and report those benefits to the Enterprise, as a condition for approval.
- Applications for infrastructure projects (professional services) must complete an engineering assessment with an entity identified by the Board (proposal is CDOT).
- A completed infrastructure project is open to the general public and meets the accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act AND follows all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

- Project and Sponsor(s) follow all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- Is able to meet the sponsor match requirements set by the board for a specific program, or apply for a reduction waiver.

### PROPOSED NAAPME GENERAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Amount of emissions reduction benefit from the project (as measured in kg/day).
- Located within or supports a disproportionately impacted community as outlined in state statute.
- How the project meets the business purpose of the enterprise and its three funding focus areas and/or the objectives outlined with the specific enterprise funding program.
  - Eligible CMAQ Activities and alignment with funding focus areas
  - Activities eligible in the program area OR in the notice of funding opportunity
- Documented outreach to engage with disproportionately impacted communities and how the project would help address identified needs and/or issues.
- Improves the safety of the traveling public, especially vulnerable users.
- Documented commitment for long-term maintenance of infrastructure projects.
- Demonstrated likelihood of successful project delivery.
- Projects are part of an MPO Regional Transportation Plan (in MPO areas) and/or the CDOT 10-Year Plan (rural areas). Consideration for approved local transportation improvement plans by a local government entity.
- Demonstrates improvement or expands transportation choice in the region/community.
- Quality of the Application
  - Completeness
  - On-Time Submittal

#### PROPOSED NAAPME FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Bus Rapid Transit Assistance Program
  - Supports the following funding focus areas:
    - Sustainability Reduce Traffic Congestion
    - Reduce the Environmental and Health Impacts of Transportation
    - Improve Neighborhood Connectivity for Communities Adjacent to Highways
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities
  - Supports the following funding focus areas:
    - Reduce the Environmental and Health Impacts of Transportation
    - Improve Neighborhood Connectivity for Communities Adjacent to Highways
- Construction Equipment and Vehicle Retrofitting Assistance
  - Supports the following funding focus areas:
    - Reduce the Environmental and Health Impacts of Transportation
- Transit Facilities and Connectivity between Modes (First Mile/Last Mile)
  - Supports the following funding focus areas:
    - Sustainability Reduce Traffic Congestion
    - Reduce the Environmental and Health Impacts of Transportation
    - Improve Neighborhood Connectivity for Communities Adjacent to Highways

### **ACTIONS BY OTHERS:**

N/A

#### PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS / ACTIONS:

• OCTOBER 2023 - Evaluating Programs & Projects Discussion: The Board of Directors continued discussing potential eligibility and evaluation criteria for programs and



- projects funded through NAAPME, with additional emphasis on final details before presenting a proposal to the Board.
- <u>SEPTEMBER 2023 Enterprise Program Discussion:</u> The Board of Directors discussed potential eligibility and evaluation criteria for programs and projects funded through NAAPME.
- JULY 2023: Enterprise Program Discussion: In review of a potential funding proposal, the Board of Directors have requested that a further discussion on evaluation criteria would be helpful and for NAAPME staff to provide examples of similar programs that could help with this discussion.
- MAY 2023: Enterprise Program Discussion: A proposed funding program proposal was brought forward for review by the Board of Directors. Initial evaluation criteria was presented as possible options for evaluating the specific proposal during the discussion.
- JUNE 2022: NAAPME 10-Year Plan: The NAAPME 10-Year Plan, adopted by the Board of Directors in June 2022, outlined funding focus areas that meet the business purpose of the Enterprise and specifically notes that all funding needs to be allocated to areas within the ozone nonattainment area.

### PROPOSED MOTION(S):

Informational Only

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Presentation - Evaluating Proposals and Funding Programs (cont'd.) - November 2023

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please contact <u>Darius Pakbaz</u> (720.241.8097) for further information.





# Evaluating Proposals and Funding Programs (cont'd.)

Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Program Administrator



### **Evaluating Proposals and Funding Programs**







Bus Rapid Transit Assistance Program		
Transit Facilities and Connectivity between Modes (First/Last Mile)		
Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities		

Construction Equipment and Vehicle Retrofitting Assistance

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## Evaluating Proposals and Funding Programs Staff Proposal - Eligibility

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- Projects must be located in or benefit a nonattainment or maintenance area.
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- How the project meets the business purpose of the enterprise and its three funding focus areas and/or the objectives outlined with the specific enterprise funding program.
  - Eligible CMAQ Activities and alignment with funding focus areas;
  - Activities eligible in the program area OR in the notice of funding opportunity.
- Improves the safety of the traveling public, especially vulnerable users.
- Documented outreach to engage with disproportionately impacted communities and how the project would help address identified needs and/or issues.
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- Demonstrated likelihood of successful project delivery.
- Project is part of an MPO Regional Transportation Plan (in MPO areas) and/or the CDOT 10-Year Plan (rural areas).
   Consideration for approved local transportation improvement plans by a local government entity.
- Demonstrates improvement or expands transportation choice in the region/community.
- Quality of the Application:
  - Completeness;
  - On-Time Submittal.



### **Evaluating Proposals and Funding Programs**

- Next Steps Future Board of Directors Meeting(s)
  - Presentation of Final Proposal for Overall Enterprise Funding Proposal Evaluation, with updates based on Board of Directors feedback.
    - Adoption into 10-Year Plan
  - Determination of allocation for programs, based on need (annual and for 10-Years)
    - Updating 10-Year Spending Plan for Board Approval
- Questions?



DATE: November 30, 2023

FROM: Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Program Administrator

TO: NAAPME Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Program Administrator Update

#### **OVERVIEW:**

This workshop provides an update to the Board on the current status of the Enterprise's fiscal year 2023-24 budget and expenditures. Additionally, the Program Administrator will provide the Board an update on future discussion items and other notable items related to the Enterprise.

#### PROPOSAL(S) / RECOMMENDATION(S):

No recommendations at this time.

#### **ACTIONS BY OTHERS:**

N/A

#### PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS / ACTIONS:

N/A

#### PROPOSED MOTION(S):

Informational Only

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Presentation - Program Administrator Update - 11/30/2023 Attachment B - NAAPME Budget to Actual Report - October 2023

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please contact <u>Darius Pakbaz</u> (720.241.8097) for further information.





### Revenue and Budget Update

Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Program Administrator



### Revenue and Budget Update

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NAAPME Budget to Actual Report

October 2023

Report available as Attachment B.



### **Enterprise Program Update**

Darius Pakbaz, NAAPME Program Administrator



### Enterprise Program Update

#### Future Board of Directors Meeting Business

No NAAPME Board Meeting is scheduled for December 2023

- January 25, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting
  - Continued Discussion on Program Eligibility and Criteria Proposals
  - Approval of funds/proposal for Language Translation and Accessibility Needs
  - Quarterly Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2023-24
- February 22, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting
  - Adoption of Fiscal Year 2024-25 NAAPME Budget
  - Review and adoption of recommendations for Rideshare and Retail Delivery Fee adjustments for fiscal year 2024-25
  - Quarterly Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2023-24



### **Board Meeting Schedule**

Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting Dates (held virtually and at 3:00 - 4:30 PM, unless otherwise noted):

- No NAAPME Board Meeting in December 2023
- January 25, 2024 Virtual through the Zoom Platform



### Adjournment

Kristin Stephens, NAAPME Chair



### Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME)

### 2023 Annual Report

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 43-4-1303 (10)(a)(IV)
Reporting Period Encompasses January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

#### **Background**

The Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME, or the Enterprise) was established within the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to support projects that mitigate the environmental and health impacts of increased air pollution from motor vehicles in nonattainment areas of Colorado. Created by Colorado Senate Bill 21-260 (SB 21-260), "Sustainability of the Transportation System," the Enterprise imposes an Air Pollution Retail Delivery Fee and an Air Pollution per Ride Fee to fund programs and projects that fulfill its business purpose.

The primary business purpose of the NAAPME is to "mitigate the environmental and health impacts of increased air pollution from motor vehicle emissions in nonattainment areas that results from the rapid and continuing growth in retail deliveries made by motor vehicles and in prearranged rides provided by transportation network companies by providing funding for eligible projects that reduce traffic, including demand management projects that encourage alternatives to driving alone or that directly reduce air pollution, such as retrofitting of construction equipment, construction of roadside vegetation barriers, and planting trees along medians."

Nonattainment areas in Colorado are designated areas from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that do not meet ambient air pollution standards. Ozone is the only identified pollutant in which parts of Colorado are currently in nonattainment for these standards. Currently Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, a portion of Larimer, and Weld Counties are in the designated ozone nonattainment area within the state.

Projects funded by the Enterprise look towards reducing the impact of air pollution from ozone in the current nonattainment areas of Colorado. The Enterprise has identified three focus areas in which projects can support this objective, as outlined in its <u>10-Year Plan</u>:

#### • Sustainably reduce traffic congestion

Projects that provide alternatives to single occupancy travel including transit services, active transportation alternatives, and carpool alternatives, as well as roadway operations improvements that sustainably reduce congestion, such as traffic incident management. Examples Include:

- Expanding interregional transit services (e.g., Bustang);
- Development and expansion of bus rapid transit services;
- Mobility Hubs: destinations for transit services that connect interregional and local services, including first and last miles services, electric vehicle charging, and bike parking;
- New and expanded sidewalks and bike paths; and
- New and expanded vanpool, carpool, and other services for commuter travel.



- Reduce the environmental and health impacts of transportation Reducing impacts from the construction and ongoing operation of transportation projects. Examples include:
  - Reduce the impact of large highway construction projects;
  - Retrofitting construction equipment for highway projects;
  - o Air quality monitoring for larger highway construction projects; and
  - Roadside vegetation barriers.
- Improve neighborhood connectivity for communities adjacent to highways
  Fund mitigation measures that help reconnect communities and provide multimodal
  options to move along and across large urban corridors. Examples include:
  - More sidewalks and bike paths along major corridors and local roads;
  - Safer bike and pedestrian connectivity along busy urban streets; and
  - Projects that reduce traffic speeds along busy urban streets.

#### Calendar Year 2023 Summary

Throughout calendar year 2023, the Enterprise and its Board of Directors worked to build on the foundation of its ten-year Plan, expanding on those concepts and learning more about needs with stakeholders throughout the ozone nonattainment area. Throughout the year, the Board of Directors met nine times, with discussions ranging from decisions regarding funding programs for the Enterprise to administrative and budgetary actions.

#### January 2023

The Board of Directors meeting was held on January 26th, with informational presentations and discussion on two topics:

- Presentation on the Central 70 Tolling Equity Program by the Colorado Transportation Investment Office.
- A presentation from the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) on regional transit corridors, helping provide context with the specific transit needs in the north front range part of the nonattainment area.

#### February 2023

The Board of Directors meeting was held on February 23rd, and the Board approved recommendations for new levels for the Air Pollution per Ride fee and the Air Pollution Mitigation Retail Delivery fee, as well as final adoption of the enterprise Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (see the "Enterprise Budget" section for details).

#### May 2023

The Board of Directors meeting was held on May 25th (both in-person at CDOT Headquarters and online), with informational presentations and discussion on the following topics:

 Presentation on "Air Quality Issues and Perspectives" from the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC).



- The Board began initial discussions on potential funding programs for the enterprise, with additional emphasis on Sidewalks & Bike Paths and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).
- A discussion held on the needs in regards to translation services for alternative language options for enterprise documents as well as potential compliance with accessibility standards.

#### June 2023

The Board of Directors meeting was held on June 29th, with informational presentations and discussion on the following topics:

- Appointment of Suzanna Alvarado as new Board Secretary.
- Required annual "Open Meetings Training" with the Colorado Attorney General's office.
- Determine meeting cadence for FY2024.

#### **July 2023**

The Board of Directors meeting was held on July 27th. In continuation of the initial discussion that occurred at the May Board of Directors meeting, the Board continued to discuss how enterprise funds are programed to fit the business purpose and needs outlined in the ten-year plan, with an emphasis on determining

#### August 2023

The Board of Directors meeting was held on August 24th, and the Board approved a Budget Amendment for FY2024. Additionally, the Board moved into an executive session pursuant to Section 24-6-402 (3) (a) (II) of the Colorado Revised Statutes for the purpose of receiving legal advice from counsel.

#### September 2023

The Board of Directors meeting was held on September 28th (in-person at CDOT Headquarters and online), with informational presentations and discussion on the following topics:

- Presentation on Bus Rapid Transit from CDOT Region 1 and the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG).
- Continuation of the "Enterprise Program Funding" discussion, with additional emphasis on eligibility, evaluation criteria, and other CDOT funding programs.

#### October 2023

The Board of Directors meeting was held on October 26th, with informational presentations and discussion on the following topics:

- NAAPME and CDOT Accounting & Finance staff presented a NAAPME FY 2024-25 Budget for initial consideration.
- The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) presented its "EnviroScreen" tool to help determine Disproportionately Impacted Communities (DICs) throughout Colorado and the ozone nonattainment area.
- NAAPME Staff continued its "Enterprise Program Funding" discussion, with additional emphasis on final details before presenting a proposal to the Board.



#### November 2023

The Board of Directors meeting was held on November 30th, with informational presentations and discussion on the following topics:

- NAAPME Staff presented a draft 2023 Annual Report for Board approval.
- The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) presented on "Transit in the North Front Range."
- NAAPME Staff presented a Public Accountability Dashboard (required by SB21-260) for initial consideration by the Board.
- NAAPME Staff continued its "Enterprise Program Funding" discussion, incorporating comments from the previous Board of Directors meeting.

#### **Enterprise Budget**

#### Fiscal Year 2022-23

Colorado's State fiscal Year 2022-23 concluded on June 30, 2023, the first full fiscal year the Nonattainment Enterprise was in operation. Most expenditures for this fiscal year were administrative to continue to support the establishment of the Enterprise and identify funding programs in line with the objectives outlined in statute and the Enterprise's 10-Year Plan. The Enterprise paid off the loan from the Colorado Department of Transportation to cover establishment expenses with fee revenue collected during the fiscal year. Enterprise expenses totaled \$103,662, with \$75,557 used for debt service towards the loan approved by the Colorado Transportation Commission for startup expenses, and \$28,368 used for Enterprise administration and salary compensation. The Enterprise allocated \$200,000 to the Board contingency fund for the fiscal year, which was not used. These funds, in addition to the remaining portion of the loan proceeds (\$14,539) and unused administrative expenses. (\$199,282) were added to the roll-forward of funds allocated to Enterprise funded programs (\$8,738,897).

#### Fiscal Year 2023-24

The Board of Directors adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget in February 2023, apportioning \$9.2 million dollars in expected revenue for the fiscal year. The Enterprise anticipates having \$15.9 million available to invest in fiscal year 2023-24. As the Board continues to develop the Enterprise's program of projects, it is anticipated that funds will start being allocated to specific programs that fit within its business purpose. Table 1 presents the estimated breakdown by revenue allocation category for the fiscal year.



Table 1 - Fiscal Year 2023-24 Final Allocation Plan

Revenue Allocation Category	Estimated Rollforward from FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-24 Final Allocation Plan	FY 2023-24 Total Available Budget		
Program Funds	\$6,821,090	\$8,753,972	\$15,575,062		
Administration & Agency Ops.	\$104,640	\$192,798	\$297,438		
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Contingency Reserve	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000		
Totals	\$6,925,730	\$9,146,770	\$16,072,500		

Early in calendar year 2024, staff will provide a budget amendment to the approved fiscal year 2023-24 budget that will reconcile the discrepancies from estimated revenue collection and remaining funds from fiscal year 2022-23 to actuals from that year, and then post a revised version of the approved budget.

Fee Levels for the Air Pollution Per Ride Fee and Air Pollution Mitigation Retail Delivery Fee In accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes § 43-4-1303(7)(c)(I) & (II), the Board is able to adjust the fee levels for both the Air Pollution per Ride fee and the Air Pollution Mitigation Retail Delivery fee. The NAAPME Board adopted new fee levels for fiscal year 2023-24, based on recommendations from the Colorado Department of Revenue and Enterprise, specifically:

- Increased Air Pollution per Ride fee for Non-Carshare and Gasoline Powered Vehicles from 22 ½ Cents to 23 ¼ Cents;
- Increased Air Pollution per Ride fee for Carshare/ZEV Rideshare rides from 11 ¼ Cents to 12 Cents; and
- Increased Air Pollution Mitigation Retail Delivery fee from 7/10 of one cent to 73/100 of one cent.

The revised fee levels were reported to the Colorado Department of Revenue ahead of the statutory deadline of March 15th.

#### **Financial Status Report**

The Air Pollution per Ride fee and the Air Pollution Mitigation Retail Delivery fee established by statute are ongoing revenue streams for the Enterprise. The Colorado General Assembly passed and Governor Polis signed SB23-143 - Retail Delivery Fees, exempting smaller qualified businesses from collection of the retail delivery fee, in addition to other provisions. Along with the fee adjustments approved by the Board in February 2023 (detailed in the "Enterprise Budget" section of this report), the Board reviewed and approved an updated revenue estimate for fiscal year 2023-24 through fiscal year 2027-28. Table 2 details the estimated revenue collection by fee for these years, replacing original estimates from previously.



Table 2 - Estimated Future Revenue Collection by Fiscal Year and Source

Revenue Sources	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Fiscal Year 2026-27	Fiscal Year 2027-28
Air Pollution Mitigation Retail Delivery Fee	\$2,308,478	\$2,550,107	\$2,812,952	\$3,102,741
Air Pollution Mitigation Per Ride Fee	\$8,338,066	\$10,170,251	\$12,364,329	\$15,004,277
Totals	\$10,646,544	\$12,720,358	\$15,177,281	\$18,107,018

Additionally, fee collection during fiscal year 2022-23 outpaced original estimates. Collections were 21% higher than anticipated, with an additional \$1,525,082 of revenue collected from both fees. The additional fee collection will be incorporated into programmatic funds, as outlined in the Enterprise's 10-Year Plan. Table 3 details the collection of both fees per quarter as compared to the estimate.

Table 3 - Original Revenue Collection Estimate vs. Actual - Fiscal Year 2022-23

Revenue Sources	FY23 Quarter 1	FY23 Quarter 2	FY23 Quarter 3	FY23 Quarter 4	FY23 Total
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Air Pollution Mitigation Per Ride Fee	\$0	\$1,556,049	\$1,569,570	\$3,345,214	\$6,470,834
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Difference	(\$1,452,495)	\$304,919	\$333,902	\$2,338,755	\$1,525,082

#### **Upcoming Activities**

The Board of Directors and Enterprise staff continue to identify areas of opportunity that it can support and meet its business purpose and the funding focus areas identified in its 10-Year Plan. With the information provided to the Board of Directors through each of this year's board meetings, it is anticipated that an overall eligibility and evaluation criteria for specific project selection will be adopted by the Board and incorporated into the 10-Year Plan. Additionally, the Enterprise anticipates establishing specific funding programs, along with funding over the next ten years, to begin to distribute funds to eligible projects through an established evaluation process.

In addition to adopting the fiscal year 2024-25 budget, the Enterprise plans to address requirements outlined in <a href="HB21-1110">HB21-1110</a> - Colorado Laws For Persons With Disabilities, ensuring that all reports and documentation from the Enterprise is accessible to all citizens within the nonattainment area and other interested parties. This effort will include language accessibility for major documents as well. The Board will also hold elections for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors in April 2024 for the next two-year term.



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While this is not an exhaustive list of all the potential activities for calendar year 2024, it is expected to be an exciting and busy year for the Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise, which looks forward to beginning helping communities throughout Colorado's Northern and Central Front Range.



#### **Attachment B**

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