

City Council Work Session Agenda Summary

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Title:

LinkNoCo Project Update and Discussion

Background:

At the request of the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) Planning Council, the development of a North Front Range Premium Transit Analysis was made in February 2020 to identify and prioritize regional transit corridors for investment. NFRMPO staff and HDR, the selected consultant, began the project by reviewing the corridors and recommendations included in the adopted 2045 Regional Transit Element. This analysis included analyzing the corridors for cost-effectiveness, potential ridership, and community support, and narrowed the priorities to three corridors.

In addition to MPO and HDR staff, two key committees have also helped guide the project thus far. The Guidance Committee is made up of transit and planning staff, engineers, community members, and other stakeholders analyzing the project at the ground level. The other is the LinkNoCo Governance and Finance Policy Advisory Committee (GFPAC), made up of elected officials, the Chambers of Commerce, and other high-level policymakers, guiding the project's focus on corridors, governance, and implementation. Together, these groups have provided feedback along the way and will review recommendations prior to their discussion at the NFRMPO's Planning Council meeting later this summer/early fall.

Prior to moving forward to adoption of the plan by the NFRMPO Planning Council, and at the request of Councilmember Olson at the April 5th, 2022 City Council meeting, Public Works and NFRMPO staff will provide an overview on the project. Additionally, will ask for feedback on the process, corridors and governance possibilities to ensure the final recommendation reflects our community. More information about the project is available at nfrmpo.org/transit/linknoco.

Strategic Work Program Item or Applicable Council Priority and Goal:

Greeley on the Go, Supports US34 Interchange and Mobility Hub Infra grant application

Decision Options:

NFRMPO staff is looking for feedback on the process, corridors, and governance possibilities.

Attachments:

Presentation