

# Regional Transportation Solutions Discussion with Johnstown Town Council

June 27, 2022

#### Mission Statement

A cohesive and collaborative strategy is needed to identify solutions for regional transportation needs

### Meeting Purpose

Assess and inspire your community's desire to collaborate and cooperate on regional transportation solutions

#### AGENDA

- I. Defining Regional Transportation
- 2. Regional travel snapshot
- 3. Current funding environment
- 4. Interactive polling and discussion

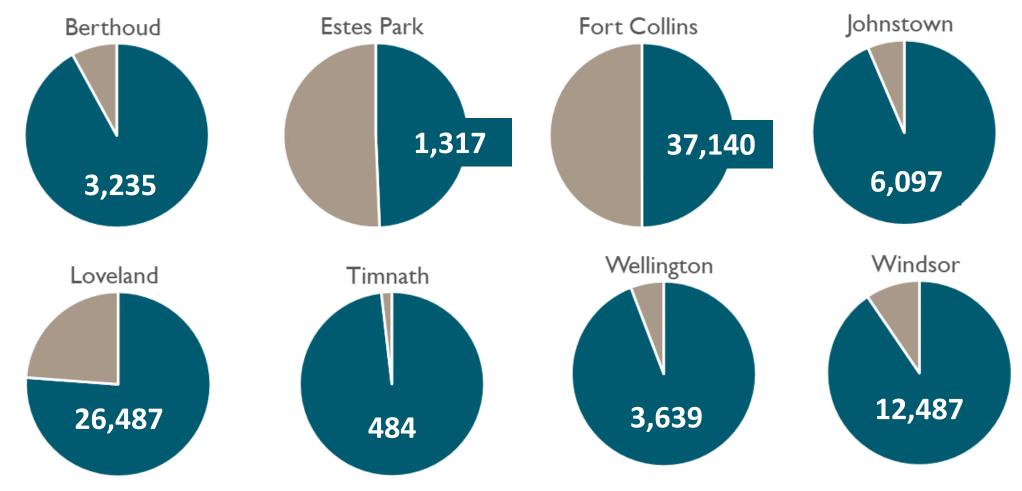
### **Regional Transportation Solutions**

Improving mobility for people, goods and services using any travel mode (driving, riding transit, bicycling, walking, etc.) between communities and across our region.

## **REGIONAL Travel Snapshot**

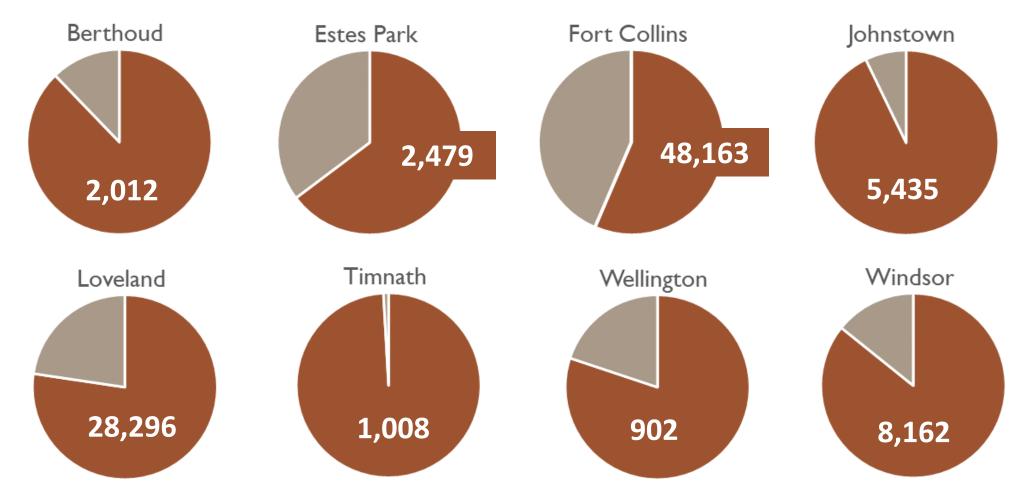
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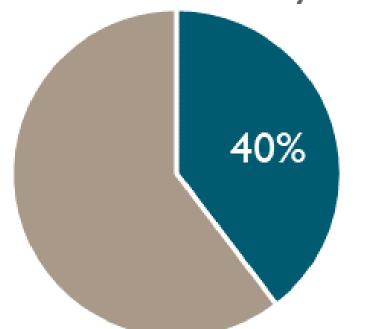
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### Countywide Travel Patterns

#### Larimer County

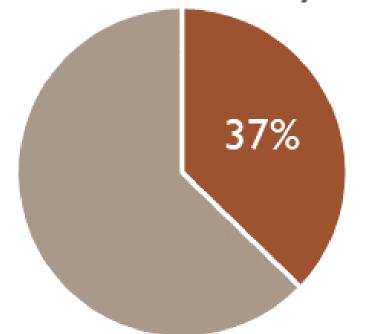


Percent of employed residents who commute elsewhere for work

	Count	Share
Larimer County	95,43 I	60.4%
Weld County	4,6	9.2%
Boulder County	10,641	6.7%
Denver County	8,232	5.2%
Adams County	5,483	3.5%
Arapahoe County	4,863	3.1%
Jefferson County	4,626	2.9%
El Paso County	2,781	I.8%
Douglas County	1,968	I.2%
Laramie County (WY)	1,088	0.7%
All Other Locations	8,368	5.3%
Total	158,092	100.0%

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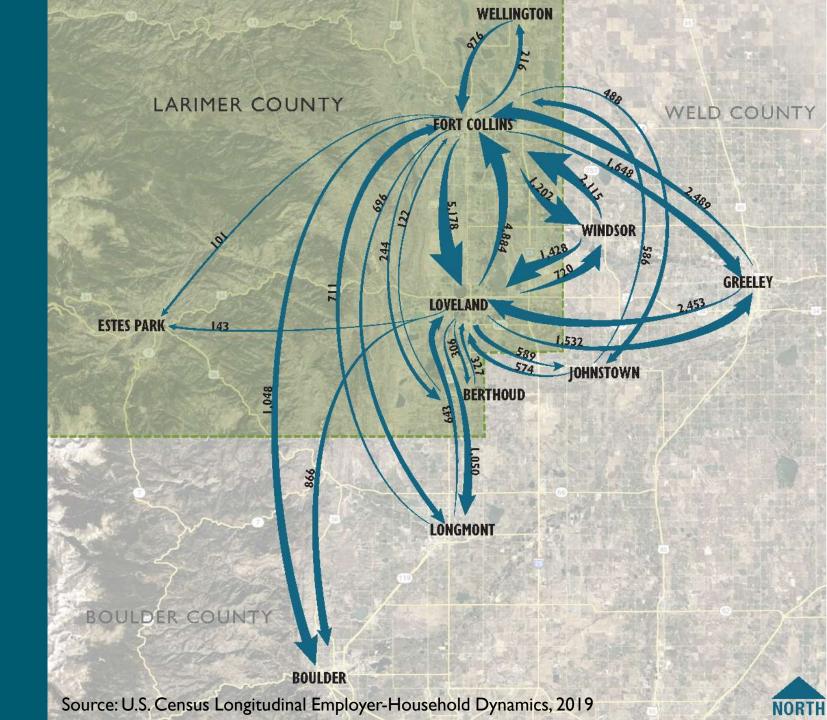


Percent of employees who arrive from elsewhere

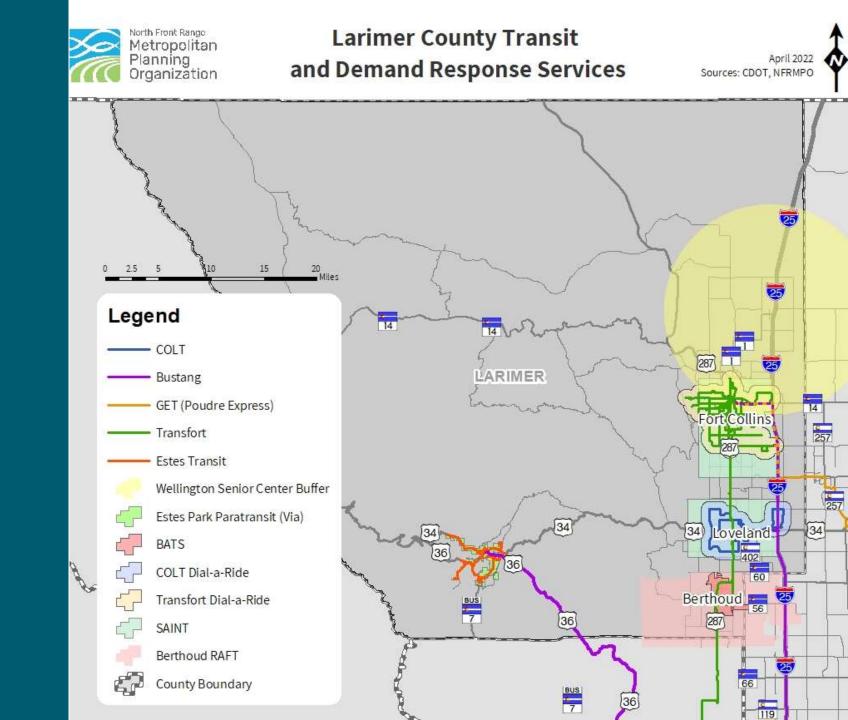
	Count	Share
Larimer County	95,43 I	62.8%
Weld County	23,845	I 5.7%
Boulder County	4,845	3.2%
Jefferson County	3,937	2.6%
Adams County	3,714	2.4%
Arapahoe County	3,429	2.3%
Denver County	3,234	2.1%
El Paso County	2,813	I.8%
Douglas County	1,751	I.2%
Laramie County (WY)	1,059	0.7%
All Other Locations	8,021	5.3%
Total	152,066	100.0%

## What does all that movement look like?

Daily commuting trips



#### Some of which occurs by public transportation



## Each community has a **unique transportation story** and priorities; all communities generate **regional travel**

### CURRENT Transportation Funding Environment

- \$5 Billion in transportation funding for Colorado
- Partial distribution via Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF)
  - Approximately \$50 million over 10 years
- Emphasis on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction
  - Regionally Significant projects subject to GHG mitigation requirements
- Uncertainty about new gas and registration fees

#### STATE FUNDING Senate Bill 21-260 (SB 260)

- \$1.2 Trillion legislation
- 10-year federal infrastructure investment strategy
- New and continuing grant opportunities
- Emphasis on projects with regional impact
- Expected trend in awarding multimodal projects, transit, trails, complete streets and resiliency projects; focus on equity

#### FEDERAL FUNDING Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

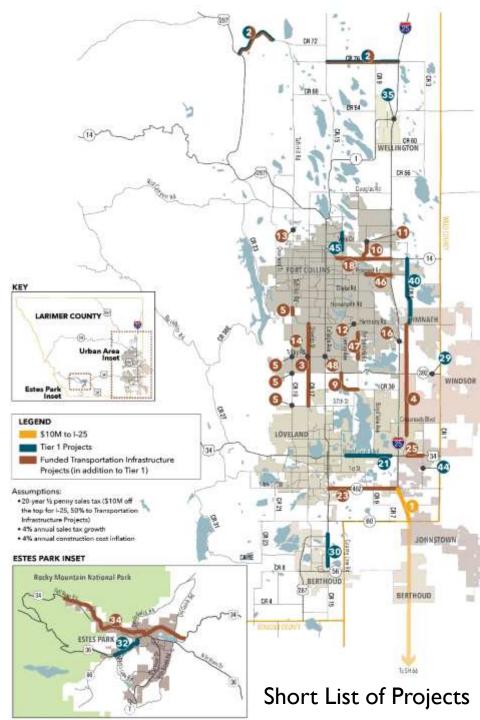
## **Public Perception:** Transportation is funded!

### NOTABLE Funding Gaps and Considerations

- Increasing construction costs
- Federal Infrastructure Bill is grant heavy; competitive, local match requirements
- Non "Regionally Significant" projects (as defined in SB 260 and CDOT Rulemaking)
- Shift in focus to multimodal and transit projects reduces ability to fund capacity projects
- Uncertainty about how greenhouse gas rulemaking will be applied

#### Local Funding Attempt

- Technical Advisory Committee and Regional Task Force formed in 2018
- Compiled regional transportation infrastructure projects (\$547M in needs)
- Evaluated and ranked infrastructure projects and developed strategy for project "short list"
- Identified eligibility criteria for transit
- Unsuccessful Half Penny sales tax ballot question in 2019



### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Identifying the right mix of projects that works for all communities and resonates with the public is challenging
- Message was not getting back to City Councils, community leaders
- Municipalities should have "skin in the game" Council involvement and monetary contribution to planning effort
- Bundling transportation with facilities was a mistake

## **Interactive Polling**

#### Go to <u>www.menti.com</u>

## What are the critical issues for your community that impact Mentimeter regional transportation? Please rank these issues:



## How important is regional transportation compared to other topics in your community?

A top priority
A moderate priority
A low priority
Not a priority

How important is it to address regional transportation needs compared to local transportation needs within your community?



What is your level of interest in coordinating and cooperating on regional transportation solutions with other communities in Larimer County?

A top priority
A moderate priority
A low priority
Not a priority

## What approaches are you interested in exploring to address regional transportation needs?

Not at all interested

Better understanding the public's perceptions about regional transportation needs

Align projects with broader community and regional goals such as air quality and land use

Educating the public about transportation needs and funding

Develop a new plan for regional transportation

Very interested

## What approaches are you interested in exploring to address regional transportation needs?

Not at all interested

Working with the business community to identify mutually beneficial projects

Working with marginalized communities to identify mutually beneficial projects/solutions

Pooling funds (e.g., additional SB 260 HUTF funds)

Providing grant writing support to smaller communities

Very interested

## What approaches are you interested in exploring to address regional transportation needs?

Not at all interested

Implementing regional transportation impact fee

Pursuing new transportation funding (e.g., sales tax, property tax)

Establishing a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to govern new funding

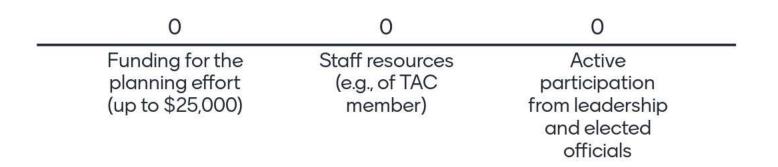
Collectively lobbying for transportation funding at the Sate or Federal level

Very interested

## Out of all the options presented in the previous questions, which three are most important to you?

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## What resources is your community willing to contribute? Select all that apply



#### Should there be consideration for expanding the "region" beyond Larimer County?



# If so, what is the geographic extent of the "region"?

### What are the "must haves" for your community to coordinate on regional transportation solutions?

#### DISCUSSION

### What are the "deal breakers" that would prevent your community from coordinating on regional transportation solutions?

#### DISCUSSION

## Thank you!