

Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Record

September 10, 2018

Members Present

Irene Fortune
Bruce Croissant
Jim Paulmeno
Dave Martinez
Councilor Kathi Wright
Kimberly Baker
Darin Barrett
Greg Netzner (Alt)

Members Absent

Sal Gomez

City Staff Present

Brenda Browning
Jeff Bailey
Mark Jackson

Candice Folkers
Katie Guthrie

Citizens Present

Randy Grauberger

Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair Irene Fortune

Minutes for the August 6, 2018 Meeting Record - approved

Introductions

Public Comment - None

Regular Agenda Items

NFR Presentation – Randy Grauberger, WSP

Presentation attached.

Randy comments the MPO will need to take the next step. Adds that the passenger rail cars will be much lighter than a freight car and Great Western is interested because a passenger rail partner would join with them to upgrade the tracks. Jeff Bailey mentions the MPO Board will most likely be split on the idea, however support is growing. Mark Jackson states that although the MPO is currently focusing on the I-25 improvements, this should be kept in the forefront of their discussions.

Action Items

- Letter of endorsement for Transit unanimously approved.
- Chair and Vice-Chair nominations:
Dave Martinez nominated to serve as Chair. Unanimously approved.
Irene Fortune nominated to serve as Vice-Chair. Unanimously approved.

Council Report:

Councilor Kathi Wright asks for Council report to be moved up in the agenda. Approved.

Reports that Council discussed the proposed 2019 Budget and the Wilson Avenue sidewalk. Council did not vote for the Wilson Ave sidewalk plan as other dangerous areas were also mentioned. Mark Jackson added that the sidewalk plan was to come before Council again and the Bike and Ped, Transit and Transportation Master Plans will be brought before Council at a later date as well.

4:55 p.m. Meeting adjourned for Tour of Traffic Operations Center and Transit Operations/Dispatch Center

5:29 p.m. Meeting reconvened

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Board Member Reports:

Darin Barrett:

Visited the new County building and asks if there will be a bus stop there. Candice Folkers reports there will be a stop there and that exact placement is being discussed. There is a stop to the north and another on 1st Street now. Darin also asks about the 37th Street project. Will there be a bridge? Jeff Bailey reports it will most likely be postponed. The roundabout @ Monroe and 37th will be constructed first with the bridge coming at a later time. Funds are a concern. Darin asks the status of the 15th Street/Boyd roundabout. Jeff responds the plans have not been approved for that project.

Bruce Croissant: None

Greg Netzer: None

Kimberly Baker:

Kimberly inquires about the COLT route changes and the passes. Candice explains the times haven't changed so they are still being accepted. Adds that the feedback has been very positive.

Irene Fortune:

Wants it to be known that Chris Carlson is a talented grant writer. Jeff Bailey agrees. Irene also states she attended the ribbon cutting for the new trail. It runs from Sunset Vista to the south side of Fort Collins. She observes a lot of traffic on this section of trail.

Jim Paulmeno:

Asks if horses are allowed on this trail? Katie Guthrie responds that they are not permitted on the section that is within the City limits, but other sections may have other regulations.

Dave Martinez: None

Katie Guthrie adds that the Northern Colorado Leaders Bicycle Ride is coming up and invites all Board members to participate if they wish.

Mark Jackson reminds everyone the next meeting will be held at the Public Works Administration Building. Topics include a CEF Discussion, an overview of the Initiatives for Innovation and a brief overview of the Transportation Ballot Initiatives. The November meeting will include the Transportation Master Plans, "Connect Loveland", a Pedestrian Gaps analysis and a Shared Active Transportation presentation.

Mark also thanks Irene Fortune for serving as the Board Chair.

Adjourn at 6:14

CITY OF LOVELAND
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

September 12, 2017

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

The Transportation Advisory Board endorses the proposed improvements to the COLT bus routes. The board also endorses the proposal to increase the hours of operation of the bus system. The board further wishes to express its appreciation to the City Manager and elected officials that were involved in the hiring of Public Works Director, Mark Jackson and Transit Manager Candice Folkers. In short order, upon occupying their positions they have made positive impacts upon the operation of the Public Works Department.

The board predicts that the proposed improvements to COLT operations will reap benefits for business and for the citizens of Loveland. Increasing the hours that buses run is expected to increase ridership. A second, equally important reason that TAB supports the proposal is because transit, along with sidewalks and bike-ways, can make the difference between communities with increasing cultural, economic and social vitality. That's because talking with, or even over-hearing conversations between other riders, gives people a chance to hear a wider variety of personal experiences, ideas and viewpoints than when we communicate within our circle of friends and colleagues.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on COLT.

Best regards,

Irene Fortune
Chair
Transportation Advisory Board



North Front Range Regional Commuter Rail Concept Discussion

Loveland Transportation Advisory Board



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Background

- North I-25 EIS Commuter Rail Update
- SW Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission
- Possible Independent N. Fr. Range Regional Commuter Rail Service?
- Utilize Existing Light Density Freight RR Lines (Great Western Railway and UP) in the Region
- Connect Key Activity Centers
- Tie-in to Future Front Range Passenger Rail Network

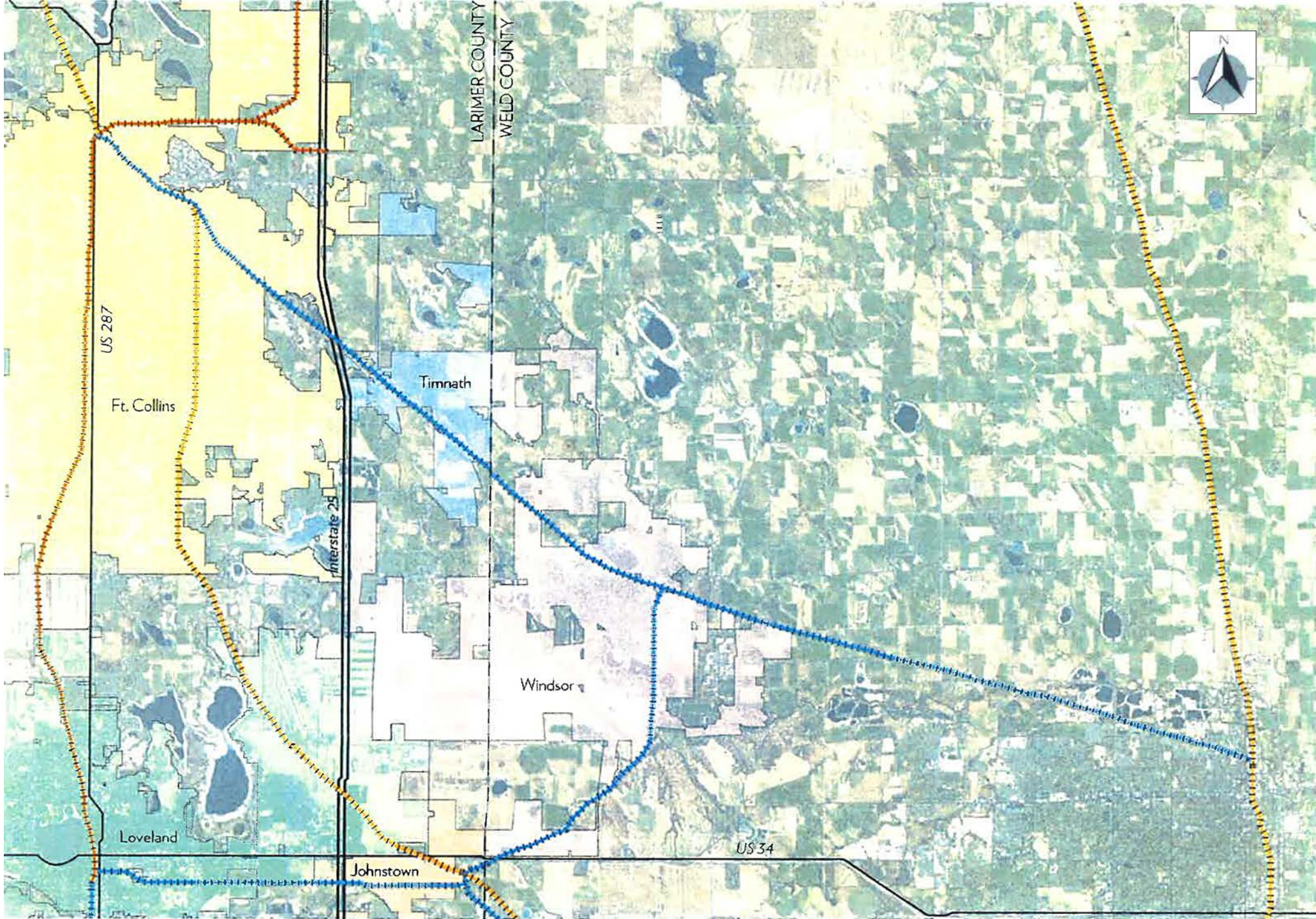
North Front Range Rail Network

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North Front Range Rail Map Composite

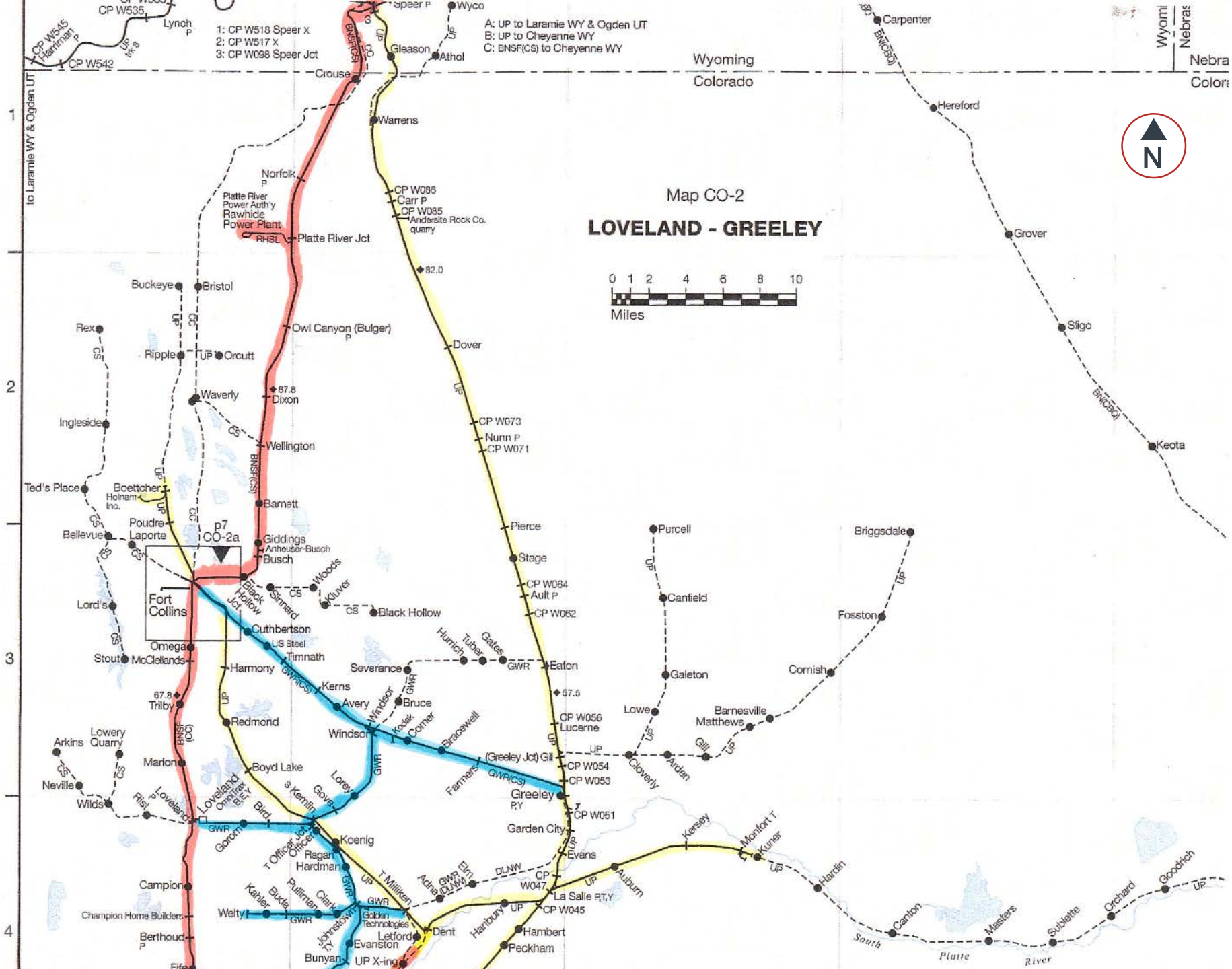
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North Section

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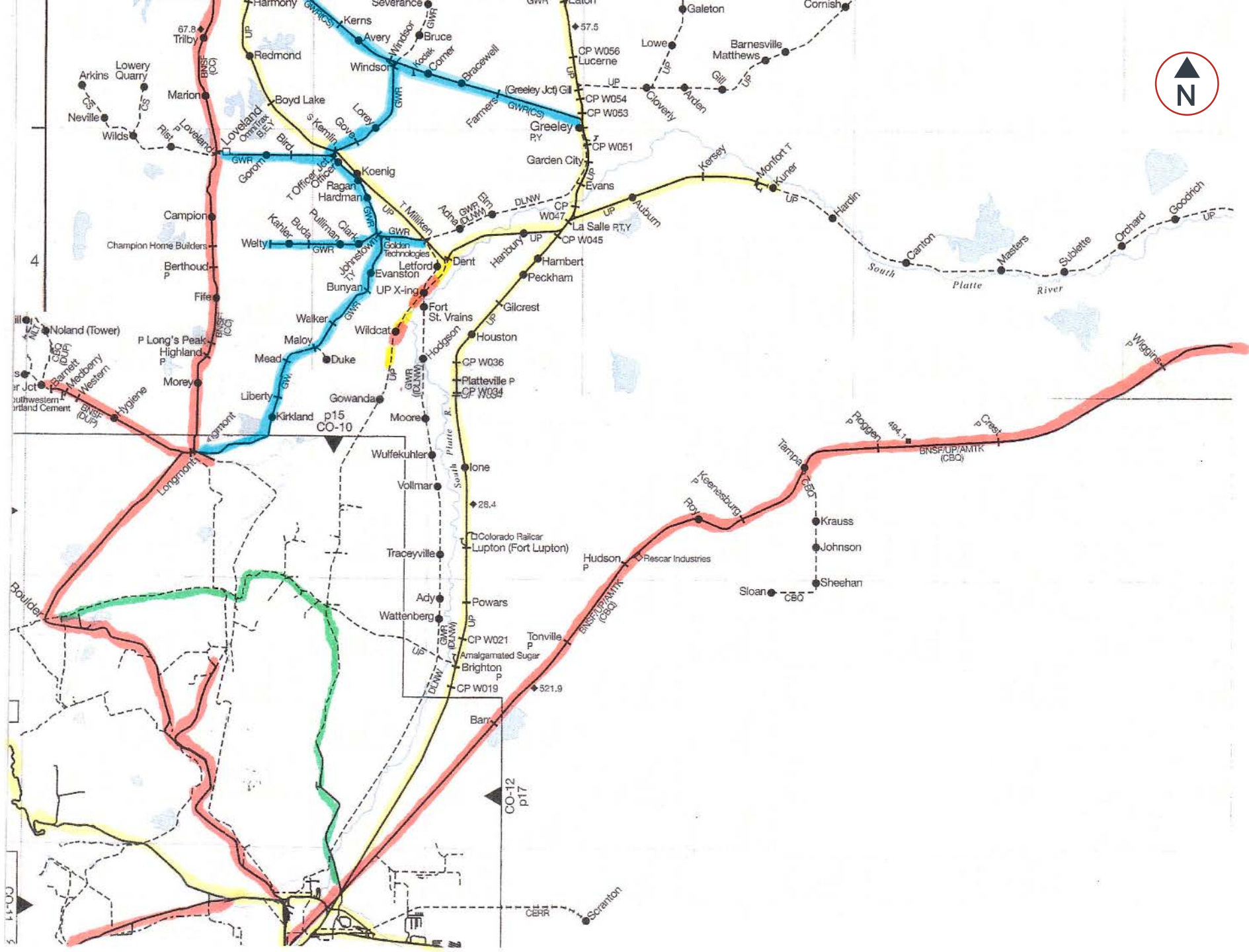
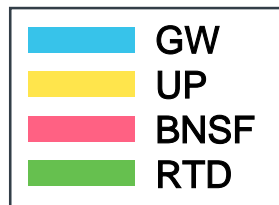
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South Section*



Stakeholders

- North Front Range MPO
- Fort Collins
- Greeley
- Loveland
- Windsor
- Timnath
- Northern Colorado Regional Airport
- CDOT
- OmniTRAX (Great Western Railway)
- Larimer and Weld Counties
- Others?
 - *BNSF/UP*
 - *Chambers of Commerce*

Potential Elements of a Future Feasibility Study

- Research 'Similar' Commuter Rail Projects in US
- Is Rail Appropriate Technology?
- Right of Way Analysis
- Stakeholder Involvement
- Projected Ridership Analysis
- Governance
- Project Funding Sources
- Operating Plan Scenarios
- Cost Estimates
 - *Rail Related Capital Improvements*
 - *Stations*
 - *Operating Costs*

Questions??

Thank you!

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