

## Chapter 5: Action Steps

The Action Steps identified in this Chapter should be prioritized over the next four years (one plan cycle) to improve active transportation in the NFRMPO region. Action Steps are broken into the following categories: Safety, Monitoring, Land Use and Urban Form, Local Assistance, and Funding. With each Action Step, responsible agencies/partners are identified. Additional recommendations, suggestions, and other guidance are spread across corresponding sections of the ATP.

### Safety

**Support efforts to expand educational programs such as the Bicycle Friendly Driver course (City of Fort Collins and Bicycle Colorado) to other local agencies.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

**Work with local agencies to conduct locally specific analysis of bike/ped crashes, near miss, and other emerging safety issues.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff

**Monitor the implementation of actions to prevent harmful crashes involving pedestrians identified in the USDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and get involved where appropriate.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

**Encourage local agencies to work with law enforcement to enforce laws related to walking and bicycling safety with a focus on aggressive behavior from drivers, speeding, and code violations.**

Responsibility: NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

**Support local Safe Routes to School programs and provide assistance as needed.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

**Develop a regionwide Safe Routes to School Strategy and Regional School Site Analysis to determine which schools/areas are in most need of SRTS resources.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

**Seek out opportunities for multidisciplinary coordination among regional partners including planning, engineering, public health, school district, and law enforcement agencies to address walking and bicycling safety and identify future regional approaches to safety.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff

### Monitoring

**Share collected count data with the CDOT statewide database, as well as the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's (RTC) nationwide database.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, Local Agency Staff

**Continue purchasing permanent counters to be installed, managed, and maintained by local agencies.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff

**Explore options to create a regional, public-facing dashboard of count data.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff

**Assign a Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) to all roads within the NFRMPO region and incorporate Bicycle LTS into project scoring and prioritization.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative, TAC and Council

**Incorporate future active transportation facilities into the NFRMPO's RTDM network to improve forecasting and allow active transportation-specific scenario planning using Bicycle LTS.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, Local Agency Staff

**Encourage and support more local participation in the [PlacesForBikes City Rating](#) system and League of American Bicyclists' [Bike Friendly America](#) program.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

**Improve regional active transportation facility dataset to distinguish striped, buffered, and protected bike lanes; Identify designated bicycle routes that meet a standard definition; and identify the varying qualities of soft-surface trails (surface type and width)**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

**Generate a public-facing, interactive, mobile-friendly map of the regional low stress bike network. Explore opportunities to incorporate the map into existing apps or web maps.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, TAC, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative, other Local Agency Staff

**Explore opportunities to acquire location-based app data on bicycle travel patterns, such as Strava Metro or Streetlight datasets.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff

**Explore opportunities to purchase a “data bike” to collect quantitative pavement condition data**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

### Land Use and Urban Form

**Continue offering technical assistance in the review of local development plan proposals.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff

**Review and update existing development requirements to ensure bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and access is accommodated in new areas.**

Responsibility: Local Agency Staff

**Evaluate opportunities in underutilized areas that lack connectivity through connector trails, etc.**

Responsibility: Local Agency Staff

### Local Assistance

**Work with local planning partners and other community leaders to evaluate access to active transportation infrastructure and identify potential solutions.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

**Develop an Active Transportation Assistance Program to:**

- Support community and organizational commitments and pledges to improve active transportation, including membership and advancement within the:
  - The AARP [Age-Friendly Network of States and Communities](#)
  - The League of American Bicyclists' [Bicycle Friendly America Program](#)
  - [Main Street America](#) and creating a Main Street Program

- Conduct infrastructure audits (walking, biking, transit) to identify areas for improvement and train local leaders to conduct audits on their own;
- Assist with identification of grant opportunities and submitting grant applications for active transportation infrastructure and program improvements;
- Assist with review of existing local codes and policies, identification of best practices updates or adjustments to those codes and policies, and development of local complete street policies;
- Host periodic training sessions (in-person, webinars, web training videos) to address areas of interest identified by planning partners;
- Improve and maintain ongoing feedback mediums such as online mapping and feedback tools (Community Remarks, Esri Crowdsourc Reporter, etc.); and
- Explore opportunities to host and/or promote regional classes and trainings to improve individual confidence and comfort walking and biking, with a focus on virtual formats and a recording archive.

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

## Funding

### **With each NFRMPO Call for Projects, identify opportunities to:**

- Encourage applications representing a more diverse range of project types that are highly consistent with the intent of each funding program;
- Emphasize the important of projects that support mode shift away from single-occupant vehicle (SOV) travel; and
- Better align funding decisions with NFRMPO target achievement.

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, TAC, Planning Council, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

**Improve communication between groups with parallel missions (NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative, Weld County Mobility Committee [WCMC], Larimer County Mobility Committee [LCMC], etc.) to identify opportunities to combine funding sources and prioritize projects with multi-faceted benefits (bikeability, ADA compliance, independent living, etc.)**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, Committee Leadership

**Continue to regularly update the Regional Active Transportation Corridor (RATC) 10-Year Project Pipeline with cost estimates to position the NFRMPO region more competitively to pursue and respond to various funding opportunities.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative, TAC

**Seek out funding opportunities for regional active transportation education, trainings and events.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative

### Wayfinding

**Continue leading the effort to identify wayfinding signage needs and connecting to All RATCs through a shareable and editable online interactive mapping platform, such as Community Remarks or ArcGIS Crowdsource Reporter. Individual mapping should be supplemented with in-person workshops along the network to field test and refine the initial recommendations.**

Responsibility: NFRMPO Staff, NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative