

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, May 11, 2016
1st Floor Conference Room, Windsor Town Hall
301 Walnut Street Windsor, CO 80550

1. Introductions:

In attendance:

Leslie Beckstrom, Weld County	Mark Heidt, Town of Brighton
Jeffrey Boring, Larimer County	Betsy Jacobsen, CDOT
Sarah Boyd, City of Greeley	Chris Johnson, Bike Fort Collins
Aaron Buckley, NFRMPO	Tom Jones, Great Western Trail
Aaron Fodge, CSU	Janet Meisel-Burns, City of Loveland
Irene Fortune, Citizen	Wade Willis, Town of Windsor
Tessa Greigor, City of Fort Collins	

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of April 13, 2016 meeting were approved.

3. Regional Trail Updates:

Buckley provided an update on the installation of the permanent JAMAR bicycle and pedestrian counters on the Poudre River Trail at the River Bluffs Open Space in Larimer County and the Rover Run Dog Park in Greeley. The daily average for the River Bluffs counter is 227 users and 435 users at the Rover Run site. Buckley stated Andy Nagel videoed the installation of the permanent units as well as the training for the portable units. The group requested a monthly count report sent with the meeting agenda, which Buckley will provide.

4. Poudre River Trail I-25 Underpass

Malette provided a presentation of planned improvements and requested funding along the North Colorado I-25 Corridor. Local officials have formed the North I-25 Coalition to create a unified voice and gain traction for highway improvements.

Locally assessed valuation in Larimer County has increased and the bump in revenue has been put into a road and bridge improvement fund. For every dollar, \$0.39 goes back to the local communities. The I-25 Coalition secured a commit from communities to put the money into an I-25 improvement fund. A mill levy proposal would raise \$10M. Additionally, there will also be a toll lane added for 14 miles of the road to generate additional revenue to pay for road improvements.

Phase 1 improvements:

- One additional travel lane in each direction
- Widens two bridges – Great Western Railroad and Big Thompson

- Replaces two bridges – Poudre River Bridge and the Union Pacific Bridge
- The applications requested two bridge replacements and two bridge widenings

The I-25 Coalition will find out in September if grant funding was approved, the overall project cost is approximately \$237M.

The Poudre River Trail can opt to build the trail under the I-25 Poudre River Bridge for a cost of \$1.1M for the bridge and \$20,000 for the trail itself. Larimer County, Timnath, and Fort Collins are seeking a GOCO Grant to for the project. The work would be scheduled to begin in two years. Fodge asked if any other underpasses would be pursued, like the Box Elder which is a part of the Front Range Trail. Suzette replied they are not.

Boring provided an update on the remaining unfinished segments of the Poudre River Trail which are a part of Governor Hickenlooper's 16 in 16 list. There is a 1 mile gap west of I-25, the trail under the I-25 Poudre River Trail Bridge, and another 3 miles east of I-25 with a main landowner as the hold out. This makes a total of 4.5 miles to construct, Larimer County is anticipating about \$2-\$3M for construction and another \$3-\$4M in land acquisitions. Planning on 2019 for possible completion.

5. NFRMPO Non-Motorized Plan Steering Committee

Buckley would like to create a steering committee for the NFRMPO Non-Motorized Plan. He is looking for people who specifically represent other sectors for the walking community and requested suggestions of participants. Suggestions include, CanDo coalitions, Senior Advisory Boards, and school officials. The MPO is aiming for a completion of the plan in December 2016.

Fodge recommended including an update to Google Maps. Feedback from the group was updating of the maps should be a critical component of the update. The plan should identify where region counts should be occurring. Seek HOA representation, especially for smaller communities. Johnson suggested a transportation equity coalition. Buckley asked what date would work best to hold the steering committee, the group agreed that 3rd Thursdays of the month at 9:00 a.m. and asked if Windsor could host.

6. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Buckley provided an update of agenda items for next week's meeting.

7. Updates/Other Business

Willis requested volunteers to assist with attending TAC meeting with Jeffrey Boring leaving for Estes Valley Land Trust.

Next Agenda, discuss grant applications that are being developed among group members.