# Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, December 14, 2016 Windsor Recreation Center, Aspen Room 250 11th St. Windsor, CO 80550

#### 1. Introductions

In attendance:

- ❖ Aaron Buckley, North Front Range MPO
- ❖ Aaron Fodge, CSU
- Annemarie Heinrich, Larimer County Health Department
- Betsy Jacobsen, CDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian/Scenic Byways
- Chris Kehmeier, Colorado Department of Natural Resources
- ❖ Jamie Gaskill-Fox, City of Fort Collins
- Janet Meisel-Burns, City of Loveland
- \* Katie Guthrie, City of Loveland
- Kelly Haworth, Larimer County Dept. of Health and Environment
- Kurt Friesen, City of Fort Collins
- Leslie A. Beckstrom, Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment
- Liz Young, FC Bikes, BAP, CSU student

- Matthew Blakely, Town of Timnath
- Nancy Nichols, City of Fort Collins Safe Routes to Schools
- Nick Dellaca, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Robert Ward, Poudre Heritage Alliance
- Ryan Dusil, North Front Range MPO
- Samantha Wittrock, Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment
- Sarah Boyd, City of Greeley
- Suzanne Bassinger, City of Fort Collins
- Tessa Greegor, City of Fort Collins
- Tom Glass, Colorado 16 in 16
- Tom Jones, Great Western Trail
- ❖ Wade Willis, Town of Windsor
- Zac Wiebe, Larimer County DNR

# 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of November 9, 2016 meeting were approved.

### 3. Regional Trail Updates

#### **Bicycle Counter Updates**

NFRMPO counter data is now being collected manually because the free automatic data upload trial has expired. Fodge stated the bicycle and pedestrian underpass is complete at Centre and Prospect in Fort Collins. Fodge stated CDOT is examining the purchase of STRAVA data which highlights self-recorded spatial bicycle and pedestrian data. For additional information or to offer support contact Ken Brubaker. Willis shared count data in Windsor used to validate data from temporary counts.

### 4. Colorado Front Range Trail

Chris Kehmeier and Tom Glass of the governor's "16 for 16 Project" discussed plans to update map of trails from Fort Collins to Pueblo. They will be seeking private partners to obtain trail funding. They asked for advocacy groups in region. Chris stated the Governor's goal for Colorado the Beautiful is to connect every citizen to trails and open space within 10 minutes. The state will develop a statewide GIS map of existing and planned trails. Loveland discussed connections to Berthoud and Fort Collins. Fodge reviewed the status of all segments in Fort Collins. The state is considering a new logo for the Front Range trail system. Fodge asked to investigate property value changes along trail as a way to gain support for projects. Fodge asked if Governor could ride trail in NOCO region and Glass expressed interest in setting up a ride.

Kurt Friesen stated he is working with CDOT for design build teams to compete for a proposal to build the I-25 extension. The trail will follow the bridge on I-25 in 2018 – 2020 dependent on build out. Timnath has one disconnect south of Harmony and a developer is trying to complete the segment. Alignment in Timath has a short-term route near roads with a long-term goal of river corridor or nearby neighborhood/local streets. Larimer County has been in touch with landowners over many years. Easement from River Bluffs to north is secure (Willis) and trail is not scheduled to be built in short-term because alignment may change crossing ditch and possibly river.

# 5. Non-Motorized Plan Update

Buckley stated the plan is open for public comment. Seeking plan approval at the January Council meeting.

#### 6. NoCo Conference Committee

Willis stated the local Bike & Walk conference due to a Bicycle Colorado timing conflict. NOCO is proposing as set of workshops across the region held quarterly. Ideas include FC Bikes in February (education theme), Bike Fort Collins (transportation equity theme), bicycle friendly driver training, a walk audit, wayfinding at smaller municipality, a photo voice project (similar to walking audit but target specific area of concern in a community), school siting of bike connections to schools, and a pop up bike boulevard temporary project.

# 7. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Buckley updated that TAC will have lunch provided. Fodge will attend the meeting.

# 8. Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Coalition (BPEC)

Gaskill-Fox asked if BPEC should be a subcommittee of the NOCO Bike Ped Collaborative. BPEC was founded in 2012 to bring education to the forefront, with a focus in Fort Collins. The Bike Ambassador program was spawned from this effort. Pedestrians have not been a big emphasis to date. Also tied to Healthy Kids coalition. Greegor did not see a substantial financial commitment necessary to bring into NoCo. CMAQ funding is going away to support effort. NOCO involvement would help give BPEC more of a regional focus. Fodge stated BPEC connected health care practitioners and coordinated education. NoCo could be a place to request additional funds for education region wide. Gaskill-Fox emphasized workshop as chance to discuss education. Loveland supported this workshop as a mechanism to influence upcoming planning efforts and thought half-day was manageable. Willis recommended having a workshop for NoCo members with a subcommittee, possibly at the February 8, NoCo meeting, to ensure BPEC can be done successfully within our group.

### 9. Updates/Other Business

Buckley explained efforts to apply for the 2017 Walkability Action Institute were stopped due to the tight deadline. Efforts to apply for the 2018 Institute will begin in July 2017 to leave more time to apply. Bicycle Colorado will host a conference in February. Wittrock explained her work on the Milliken to Firestone Wildcat Trail. Funding was received for the design of a segment from Milliken south which is 5.1 miles in length funded through GOCO. Loveland confirmed their GOCO grant for design and installation. Buckley suggested coordinating a presentation on winter snow removal. Fodge offered an existing PowerPoint presentation that could be modified.