

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, January 11, 2017

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
- ❖ Daniel Morali, Larimer County Department of Health
- ❖ Jamie Gaskill-Fox, City of Fort Collins
- ❖ Janet Meisel-Burns, City of Loveland
- ❖ Katie Guthrie, City of Loveland
- ❖ Leslie A. Beckstrom, Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment
- ❖ Liz Young, FC Bikes, BAP, CSU student
- ❖ Nancy Nichols, City of Fort Collins Safe Routes to Schools
- ❖ Rachel Hultin, Bicycle Colorado
- ❖ Robert Ward, Poudre Heritage Alliance
- ❖ Ryan Dusil, North Front Range MPO
- ❖ Tom Jones, Great Western Trail
- ❖ Wade Willis, Town of Windsor

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The December 14, 2016 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Regional Trail Updates

Non-Motorized Counter Updates

Buckley stated Larimer County has agreed to start paying for Drakewell service for two non-motorized counters in 2018 and the service will remain free through 2017. Fodge introduced a project with Fort Collins to map the City's snow plow prioritization of bicycle routes into campus. The project helps CSU inform the public of "best chance" routes for bicyclists and encourages Fort Collins to get critical bicycle routes on the priority list. Jacobsen added the snow removal policy discussion is a way to accommodate the most vulnerable users.

4. Disaster Bike Trials

Hultin stated the annual Disaster Preparedness Event hosted at The Ranch in Loveland will take place on October 7, 2017. Hultin is hoping to add the Disaster Bike Trials to the event with the help of NOCO. The Trials consist of 3-4 person teams loading bikes with supplies and navigating a timed course to demonstrate how bikes can be used in disaster response. Bicyclists can also get trained, certified, and registered as American Red Cross disaster volunteers at the event. NOCO would help with outreach, advocacy and training. Nichols stated the Bicycle Emergency Response Team from Poudre Valley Hospital EMS does similar training and could be a potential partner. Gaskill-Fox mentioned many of those people are Fort Collins Bicycle Ambassadors. They have tried to put on a similar class and would like to add it is a Bicycle Ambassador Program training. Fodge stated CSU would be interested and could possibly offer space. Fodge added the Winter Bike Congress put on a similar event last year and it was a success. Fodge stated VanGo™ Vanpool Services has a disaster preparedness plan and this project could

evolve into something similar for regional planning purposes. Hultin stated the Bicycle Colorado Summit is February 6, 2017 in Denver and a discount code will be provided to the group.

5. I-25/Prospect Road Interchange Project Discussion

Nichols stated she would like the underpass to safely accommodate bicycles and pedestrians that will use the underpass to access the school to be constructed east of the interchange. Nichols would like to format group input into a letter to TAC. Jacobsen stated the letter and discussion need to happen ASAP because RFPs are due in March. Jacobsen suggested the group present a letter to TAC in January and invite a project representative to the February TAC meeting. Jacobsen encouraged approaching project engineers with the question of how to get people across the underpass rather than proposing solutions. Meisel-Burns asked if the facilities should be off-road due to high traffic volumes or if the underpass should be the main I-25 crossing for this area. Fodge and Ward stated the project is a 20-30 year generational project that can connect residential developments planned west of the interchange to the new school. Nichols will introduce the topic as public comment at the January TAC meeting. Fodge will write a letter that Willis will present to TAC as part of the January NOCO update. Buckley asked if NOCO would like to create policy recommendations on spacing of pedestrian crossings along I-25. Fodge recommended inviting to Suzette Mallette and a consultant to NOCO in March to discuss the project. Meisel-Burns discussed the locations of Big Thompson crossings under I-25.

6. NoCo Conference/Workshop Committee

Gaskill-Fox updated the group on the February workshop focused on bicycle safety and education for children and adults. Part one of the workshop gives attendees a toolkit to take back to their communities. Lunch will be provided by Quiznos at a cost of \$15 (the registration fee). Part two of the workshop is the full Fort Collins Bicycle-Friendly Driver class which can be tailored to suit each community. Flyers for the event were handed out at the meeting. The workshop will include a light breakfast and capacity will be set at 50. The Colorado Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) is doing the online registration. Gaskill-Fox added there will be American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Certification Maintenance (CM) and National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits. Willis encouraged people to reach out to other groups within their organizations. Willis stated further workshops will happen March 23, 2017 at The Ranch in Loveland with a transportation equity theme. The guest speaker will be Dick Jackson from UCLA. Other future workshops may include bicycle and walking infrastructure audit training in June in Loveland and a final 2017 workshop in September or October. Jacobsen asked if help is needed for the workshops. Willis stated February and March meetings are under control and planning for summer and fall 2017 workshops will continue at 9:00AM conference/workshop committee meetings the day of NOCO each month.

7. Non-Motorized Plan Update

Buckley stated the January Council meeting was cancelled due to weather so the Non-Motorized Plan (NMP) approval is set for the February 2, 2017 NFRMPO Planning Council meeting. The GIS information created for the NMP has been submitted to Google and Buckley is working with CDOT to get the data

into the Colorado Bike and Byways online map. Buckley explained the process of submitting data to Google for the group. The NMP draft is on the NFRMPO website

8. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Buckley stated the 20 Q1 TIP Amendments from Fort Collins will be presented at the January meeting. All 20 projects are transit related. Buckley described Coordinated Plan Update and FY2018-2019 UPWP Tasks Agenda Items. Dusil described the Regional Travel Demand Model TAZ Update Agenda Item.

9. Updates/Other Business

Fodge stated CSU signed a contract with Zipcar to sponsor Zagster Bike Share and rebrand them as “Zipbike”, adding eight stations and 75 bikes to double the city’s current system. 95% of costs will be covered by Zipcar. Fodge posed the idea of a Fort Collins Bike Share workshop in fall 2017. Fodge stated a detailed, campus-wide study of roadways and sidewalks identified various areas of need. Nichols stated Fort Collins did something similar a few years ago and prioritized the projects through a weighting system. Meisel-Burns stated Loveland will do the same thing next year and would like advice from CSU’s experience. Jacobsen stated CDOT is working with a consultant to upload non-motorized traffic counts to the OTIS system and users will be able to add data to the system themselves. Guthrie stated June will be Bike to Work Month in Loveland. Events will be organized by the Public Works Department along with various private partners and other city departments. Loveland is currently developing a calendar of events. Bicycle-related events sponsored by the Loveland Public Library will also take place each month with different themes. Fodge will send out information on a Kaiser Permanente grant targeting municipalities