

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room

250 11th St. Windsor, CO 80550

1. Introductions

- ❖ Aaron Fodge, CSU
- ❖ Bob Hinderaker, Poudre River Trail Corridor
- ❖ Everett Bacon, Weld County
- ❖ Jamie Gaskill, City of Fort Collins
- ❖ Katie Guthrie, City of Loveland
- ❖ Kelly Smith, City of Loveland
- ❖ Leslie Beckstrom, Weld County
- ❖ Michael Saffel, Wagners CFT
- ❖ Mitch Nelson, Town of Severance
- ❖ Ryan Dusil, NFRMPO
- ❖ Sarah Martin, NFRMPO
- ❖ Suzanne Bassinger, City of Fort Collins
- ❖ Tessa Gregor, City of Fort Collins
- ❖ Tim Rohrbacher, Baldrige HOA – Severance
- ❖ Tom Jones, Great Western Trail Authority
- ❖ Will Karspeck, Town of Berthoud

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The September 12, 2018 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Northern Colorado Leaders Ride

Dusil summarized the details of the event, scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2018. All details are finalized for the ride.

4. E-Scooter Demonstration and Policy Discussion

Fodge demonstrated how the electric scooter (e-scooter) works, indicating it has a 19-mile range per charge, travels up to 15 miles per hour, has a headlight, taillight, bell, and narrow handlebars making it difficult to use hand signals. The scooters appeal to users looking for a low-effort alternative to driving for last-mile and midday trips. E-scooter companies charge \$6-\$12 per hour to ride the scooters with a valid driver's license.

CSU and the City of Fort Collins are working together to discuss the feasibility and safety considerations of allowing e-scooters, with a City Council work session scheduled in November. Fodge stated enforcing speed will be difficult, but technology will eventually allow the e-scooter speed to be governed digitally using a geofenced zones throughout the City characterized by maximum speeds, outright bans, and/or varying fines. State statute currently defines e-scooters as toys, prohibiting them on roads. Cities could get around this with local ordinances. The group raised questions about the long-term maintenance and misuse of the scooters. Fodge stated reckless riding can be enforced more easily than speed and maintenance concerns are yet to be vetted. A team of ambassadors can be paid to maintain and charge the scooters. Smith stated it would be helpful to monitor the progress, ordinances, and approaches that work or do not work in other communities and summarize this information for decision makers. Martin stated education of potential users is important. Jones suggested NoCo monitor the discussions between CSU and the City of Fort Collins. NoCo will continue to monitor the issue and keep it as a discussion item on future agendas.

5. 2018 Call for Projects Schedule

Dusil stated the Call for Projects schedule changed to allow potential applicants to make any changes to applications after the November election, given the implications for transportation funding. Potential applicants should [visit the NFRMPO website to view the Call for Projects Guidebook](#) and attend the October 17 TAC meeting for more information.

6. NFRMPO 2045 RTP Policy Development

Martin stated NFRMPO staff are developing policies for the *2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)*. These policies will relate to the Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Targets (GOPMT) and NoCo will be asked for feedback at a future meeting on any policies related to the non-motorized Performance Measures and Targets. Dusil added NFRMPO staff will work to incorporate NoCo's feedback on the GOPMT baseline and monitoring into the 2019 Congestion Mitigation Process.

7. Counter Data Trends

Dusil stated Eaton performed counts on a portion of the Great Western Trail east of the Eaton Recreation Center and saw an average of 45 users per day. Eaton is currently performing traffic counts on local streets with a Jamar tube counter from the NFRMPO. These counts will count motor vehicles by number of axles bicycle traffic.

Greegor stated many of their trail counter annual trends have remained steady, but the stagnant numbers may be offset by increased bike traffic on parallel routes where infrastructure and signage improvements were recently made. The City purchased cameras to validate their tube counters for the Mulberry Protected Bike Lane Project and have noticed issues with the accuracy of the tube counters. Greegor will provide more information at a future meeting.

Fodge stated CSU has completed a travel study for campus for morning and afternoon drive times. Partners can use the data to support their projects or studies.

Smith stated the Long View Trail counts are preliminary, but on weekend days there are an average of 200 cyclists and 50 pedestrians.

8. NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Dusil stated potential Call for Projects applicants are encouraged to attend an informational session and presentation at the October 17 TAC meeting at 1:00pm in the Windsor Recreation Center Pine Room.

9. Community Updates / Other Business

Guthrie stated Loveland selected a Fehr and Peers as the consultant for the update of the City's Transportation Master Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and Transit Plan.

Greegor stated the Fort Collins Transportation Board is recommending an e-bike pilot program for City Council approval in early 2019. The Bicycle Advisory Committee is recommending the City Council not adopt the “Stop-as-Yield” language from the State’s Bicycle Operation Approaching Intersection Bill. Dusil passed around an FAQ sheet on this law provided by Betsy Jacobsen of CDOT.

Nelson introduced Rohrbacher, HOA president for the Baldrige subdivision in Severance. Rohrbacher explained the HOA is looking to partner with the Town to add about ½ mile of multi-use trail to the existing trail system in the neighborhood and to connect to the Tailholt trail system and Great Western Trail. Nelson and Rohrbacher requested information from anyone who has worked with private property owners to design and develop local trails and draft liability agreements.

Hinderaker stated construction on a damaged portion of the Poudre Trail east of the Kodak Trailhead should be completed by mid-November. The Party at the Poudre went well.

Jones stated Great Western Trail construction is still on hold for historical clearance review. The Authority hopes to go to bid for construction in February or March 2019.

Beckstrom stated today is Walk to School Day and the 2018 Thriving Weld Summit will be held on November 7 in downtown Greeley. The Wildcat Trail Committee is looking for assistance from people who have experience navigating environmental review and clearances related to habitat preservation.

Gaskill stated 800 CDOT drivers received the Bicycle-Friendly Driver education course and Bicycle Colorado has been offering the course across the state as well.

Bassinger stated the City is making good progress on the Fossil Creek Trail connection. There has been a lot of concern about bike traffic crossing local streets and education has been required for safety. The City is beginning conceptual design of the Poudre Trail connection across I-25 and they are hoping to have the connection completed by 2022. Gaskill stated the City has used signage and pop-up events to help educate the public about crossing through neighborhoods.