

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room

250 11th St. Windsor, CO 80550

1. Introductions

- ❖ Aaron Buckley, CSU
- ❖ Betsy Jacobsen, CDOT
- ❖ Bob Hinderaker, Poudre River Trail Corridor
- ❖ Erica Hine, Bicycle Colorado
- ❖ Jamie Gaskill, City of Fort Collins
- ❖ Justin Scharton, City of Greeley Natural Areas
- ❖ Katie Guthrie, City of Loveland
- ❖ Kelly Haworth, LCDHE
- ❖ Kelly Zuniga, City of Loveland
- ❖ Leslie Beckstrom, WCDPHE
- ❖ Liz Heid, Town of Eaton / Great Western Trail Authority
- ❖ Liz Young Winne, LCDHE
- ❖ Marilyn Hilgenberg, City of Loveland
- ❖ Matt Ruder, City of Loveland
- ❖ Mitch Nelson, Town of Severance
- ❖ Molly McKinley, Bicycle Colorado
- ❖ Nancy Nichols, City of Fort Collins
- ❖ Ryan Dusil, NFRMPO
- ❖ Stacy Sebeczek, Zagster
- ❖ Wade Willis, Town of Windsor
- ❖ Zac Wiebe, Larimer County Natural Resources

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dusil stated the February 13, 2019 minutes were updated to reflect clarification from Jacobsen on the availability of Strava Metro data. Jacobsen stated the Strava Metro data is no longer available, but CDOT hopes to renew the contract, potentially by Fall 2019. With this amendment, the February 13, 2019 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Pace Bike Share: System Expansion Opportunities

Stacy Sebeczek highlighted how bike share has been successful in Fort Collins and asked the group what problems they believe bike share can address, where bike share can fill missing network gaps, what the process is for identification and prioritization, and who can be the local/regional champions. The group saw recreation as a major driver in most communities and inquired about startup cost for a station, ongoing costs, and price per ride. The group suggested it may be useful to have a discussion with the Poudre River Trail Board of Directors to explore feasibility between Windsor, Weld County, and Greeley. Sebeczek will provide more information to the group on how systems have been successful in smaller communities.

4. Facilitated Discussion Recap: Summary and Next Steps

Wade Willis stated the facilitated discussion in April was productive in capturing thoughts of group members, but no next steps were generated. He suggested a second facilitation meeting be held with a team of facilitators from the Weld County Department of Health and Environment, with an emphasis on consensus building using information gathered from the first facilitation meeting. The group clarified the goal is to determine what

organizational structure changes, if any, will best help the group achieve its Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives, as well as what role the group plays in the region. Buckley and Zuniga suggested group members research examples of other similar successful groups operating under various models to inform that discussion.

5. 2019 Walkability Action Institute (WAI)

Ryan Dusil stated a team representing the NFRMPO and the Collaborative attended the 2019 WAI, a four-day workshop in Decatur, Georgia from April 22-25. The team worked with national walkability experts to develop an Action Plan to implement walkability strategies in Northern Colorado. The team consisted of:

- Katie Guthrie – Transportation Planner, AICP - City of Loveland Public Works
- Matt Ruder – Civil Engineer II - City of Loveland Public Works, Aaron Buckley – Transportation Demand Management Professional - Colorado State University Parking & Transportation Services
- Leslie Beckstrom – Healthy Eating and Active Living Coordinator, MS, RD - Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment
- Ryan Dusil – Transportation Planner II – NFRMPO
- Will Karspeck – Mayor – Town of Berthoud.

The group must submit their Action Plan to NACDD by May 31. The team will engage many partners to implement the Action Plan, including the NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative, disability and mobility advocates, NFRMPO Staff, the NFRMPO TAC, the NFRMPO Planning Council, and others. Currently, the Action Plan consists of the following goals:

- Increase funding and investment in active transportation planning and projects
- Incorporate health and equity into the transportation planning process
- Build capacity to assess needs and opportunities through the development of a Walk Audit Bank train-the-trainer-style program

Will Karspeck stated he has ideas for pilot projects and walk audits in Berthoud if the NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative is interested in helping. The group will plan to do this in lieu of a regularly scheduled meeting in the next few months.

6. NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Dusil encouraged NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative members to attend the May 15, 2019 TAC meeting. NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative has a name tent and a spot at the table as an outside partner. The representative cannot vote but can be active in the conversations.

7. Roundtable Updates

Dusil stated Sarah Martin has left the NFRMPO and started in a new position as a Planner with the Brendle Group in Fort Collins, but she enjoyed working with the NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative over the past two years.

Gaskill stated the Fort Collins Bike Club is leading a ride on Sunday, June 2 to kickoff Bike Month in the Fort Collins. The City is gearing up for its summer Open Streets event on Sunday, June 16 and Bike to Work Day on Wednesday, June 26. The City will also be holding a five-year anniversary celebration for the City's MAX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service on Saturday, May 11.

Gaskill stated folks can now borrow Bike Ambassadors as Bike Buddies for learning to ride, Bicycle Friendly Driver training, and other services or events. Bike Ambassadors will be performing Bicycle Friendly Driver training in Loveland for Bike Month in June.

Young Winne stated the Multimodal Index (MMI) will be completed by the end of June and the subcommittee can potentially present to the Collaborative on it in the Fall.

Hine stated the Colorado legislative session ended on May 5, but a bill was passed that will strengthen penalties for careless and distracted drivers, giving more protection to vulnerable users such as first responders, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Hinderaker stated all 21 miles of the Poudre Trail in Weld County are open and there are a few counters operating along the trail.

Nichols stated today is National Bike to School Day and most NFRMPO communities have schools participating. The Town of Windsor launched a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, and 1,000 students have already received education.

Hilgenberg stated the City of Loveland has worked with a consultant to develop sign standards and has implemented signage across most of the Recreation Trail with ongoing work. The process involves replacing over 400 signs, improving striping and other safety features, and new ADA features along 24 miles of trail.

Hilgenberg stated the soft-surface trail connection to Coyote Ridge will be completed this summer. The City is hosting several activities for National Trails Day on Saturday, June 1.

Guthrie stated June is Bike Month in Loveland. A few of the events include six guided rides to breweries, historical sites, and other family-oriented destinations. The Loveland Museum of Art will have an art exhibit for Bike to Work Day on Friday, June 14. The City has 16 morning stations and nine afternoon stations for Bike to Work Day.

Guthrie stated the City is also kicking off “Connect Loveland,” an effort to update the transit, roadway, and bicycle and pedestrian master plans. Stakeholder engagement meetings will kick off in June.

Scharton stated the City of Greeley now has a Natural Areas and Trails Department. The City is interested in collaborating on trail signage with other jurisdictions, especially on the Poudre Trail. The City is also working to acquire land for a Poudre Trail trailhead at the eastern edge of Island Grove Regional Park.

Heid stated recent land disputes have halted progress on construction of the Great Western Trail from Severance to Eaton.

Nelson stated the Town of Severance is working on constructing a trailhead for the Great Western Trail in or near downtown.

Wiebe stated Governor Polis is planning a road trip this summer as part of the Colorado the Beautiful Initiative and partners will be pushing for a stop in Northern Colorado to highlight both recently completed and planned trails in the Fort Collins-Loveland area.

Haworth stated the City of Fort Collins incorporated health equity across the components of its recently adopted City Plan. Larimer County Comprehensive Plan open houses are underway and Haworth will send the information to Dusil to disseminate. The Larimer County Built Environment Team will be talking with state experts about health impact assessments in mid-July. There is also a post-doctoral student analyzing sidewalks gaps within Poudre School District.

Beckstrom stated development of the Wildcat Trail has stalled due to issues with bald eagle roosting areas and wildlife corridors and partners are looking for assistance from anyone with experience in these areas.

Beckstrom stated Roche Constructors, Inc. is giving away 200 bicycles at two elementary schools to students with satisfactory attendance records. Partners are requesting assistance fitting helmets and bicycles. Beckstrom will send information to Dusil to disseminate to the Collaborative.

Buckley stated it is finals week at CSU so campus will clear out soon.

Willis stated the Town of Windsor kicked off an update to its Transportation Master Plan last week and the process begins with data collection. The Town had events for Bike to School Day today and there will be summer bike camps this year.

Willis stated there may be an opportunity to hold a future meeting in Berthoud as a walking audit, including individuals with limited mobility as well as organizations who work in the field of mobility.