

NoCo Bike Ped Structure Discussion Notes
August 14, 2019

NoCo's Internal Operations					
Voting/Decision Making Structure			NoCo Bike & Ped Membership and Roles		
How should voting be determined?	What are the benefits to having formal voting structure?	What are the challenges?	How should group membership and roles be determined?	What are the benefits to having a formal membership and role structure?	What are the challenges?
No voting needed - do census decision making	Planning Council now acknowledges we are a decision-making arm of MPO	Becomes competitive, not collaborative (currently leaving egos and agendas at the door)	Open membership is desired	Insert role on NoCo into your job description	Consistent representation is a challenge
All entities allowed 1 seat with 2-3 at large accessibility (i.e., wildlife district)	Subcommittee structure: Maintain flexibility; maintain diverse membership (non-govt)	Increased commitment level	Role → communication conduit between NoCo Bike & Ped and TAC/PC	Everyone is engaged on a more regular basis, less bringing people up to speed	What if org. designates someone who isn't as engaged or interested as current rep(s)?
Operate like Puget Sound Reg. Council, with both formal voting members and informal advocate non-voting members at same	A standing place on TAC agenda to report out (need to schedule and commit to attending TAC)	Additional time required	Role → provide technical knowledge and person expertise		Electing to be part of group instead of being appointed often means more interest in the outcomes
Subcommittee to TAC with 3 representatives from NoCo	Ability to abstain from vote as a NoCo Bike & Ped member	Casting an official vote on behalf of org. if participation on NoCo is voluntary	Typical voting board structure - 2/3's vote		
NoCo representative to TAC (Chair, vice and past; Larimer, Weld and non-govt; 3 volunteers)			Formal request to each entity to designate a representative		
Voting and non-voting members, but non-voting have chance to weigh in and discuss before vote			Provide a seat at table to: govt entities as well as bike/ped groups		

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Relationship with NFRMPO		
TAC and Planning Council Acknowledgment of NoCo		
What acknowledgement from the MPO is required for all members to be able to represent their organizations?	What are the benefits to having a more formal acknowledgement from the MPO?	What are the challenges?
Need organizational approval; not MPO	Would not get crosswise of the TAC, Planning Council or other elected officials	Organizational capacity may not exist (some may require this to be in job description)
I would feel comfortable representing Noco if my Planning Council representative appointed me	Communication is very important to making this work	Wary of institutionalization (as an opportunity for political squashing)
More formal recognition by TAC and PC	Formal entity leading the Non-motorized Plan	Will it be supported by TAC and PC
	A strong focus/voice on Bike & Ped and institutionalizes NoCo's role in processes	Depends on what representation and sectors are prioritized
	NoCo Bike & Ped with seat at TAC would allow the ability to potentially influence distribution of other funding sources	If appointed, we could lose some of the passion and enthusiasm present in the group
	MPO acknowledges values of NoCo Bike & Ped's collaboration and other key functions as defined by NoCo	Formal subcommittee could have broad representation
	MPO would be fiscal agent	Challenge of informal structure - representation is fluid
	Potentially more weight behind the NoCo's memos, letters of support (also a challenge if approval needed from TAC/PC)	MPO Council may not support bike & ped advocacy
	More communication and shared learning between NoCo and TAC → mutually beneficial	Maintaining the strengths created by current informal structure (flexibility, creativity)