

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, January 13, 2021

GoToMeeting Virtual Meeting

NoCo 2021 Operating Principles and Leadership Team

The group Operating Principles were updated to include norms for virtual and hybrid meetings. This document and others can be found at the bottom of the [NoCo webpage](#). The 2021 Leadership Team consists of Katie Guthrie (City of Loveland), Aaron Fodge (CSU), Abdul Barzak (Town of Severance), Tom Jones (Great Western Trail Authority), and Ryan Dusil (NFRMPO).

Transportation Planning Region Boundary Updates

Discussions regarding changes to boundaries for the NFRMPO and the surrounding Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs) has been halted for now. Parties involved agreed it is best to wait until the results of the 2020 Census have been released to see if any boundary changes will be made.

Front Range Trail Update: Wellington to Timnath

Wiebe and Fodge updated the group about ongoing discussions on the Front Range Trail segment between Wellington and Timnath. This segment is part of Regional Active Transportation Corridor (RATC) #9, as recognized various plans, beginning with the 2013 Regional Bicycle Plan. Between Wellington and Timnath, there is land along the Box Elder Creek corridor owned by CSU, the City of Thornton, and the Town of Wellington. Larimer County and CSU are initiating periodic meetings to discuss opportunities and barriers along the corridor and initial discussions indicate willingness among landowners to facilitate trail development.

The NFRMPO Active Transportation Plan (ATP) will reflect the latest alignment and other available information. NFRMPO staff will keep Fort Collins staff and others updated on discussions for the future Box Elder Creek trail underpass of I-25. While the feasibility and alignment of this crossing are currently uncertain, the project is identified in the region's 10-Year Strategic List of Projects.

As is appropriate, NoCo will facilitate similar discussions regarding RATC #1 (Little Thompson River) near I-25, RATC #1 near the Milliken Wildcat Mounds, RATC #3 (Big Thompson River) between downtown Loveland and I-25, RATC#6 in east Greeley, and RATC #9 (Front Range Trail West) between Loveland and Berthoud.

Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Updates

Initial outreach for the ATP has included two in-person community events (pre-COVID), 11 board / committee / commission meeting presentations, 55 survey responses, and 243 Community Remarks comments, responses, and votes. General and location-specific needs and positive themes emerged in the feedback. NFRMPO staff will work to address sampling biases through more targeted outreach in certain communities and will incorporate major themes. Next steps include continuing to scan local plans and studies, scheduling individual meetings with local staff, reengaging the steering committee, and circling back with other key stakeholders.

Upcoming Agenda Items

- NFRMPO Mobility Manager Introduction
- Innovative bike/ped ideas and highlights from local plans
- Equestrian regulations and challenges on trails
- Regional Active Transportation Corridor (RATC) segment updates