

# Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, February 10, 2021

GoToMeeting Virtual Meeting

## Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Proposed Amendments

The group discussed proposed changes to the MUTCD and how to submit comments. Initial comments included support for:

- Loosening restrictions on colors and patterns that can be used for crosswalks, curb extensions, and other streetscape features
- Removing standards for trail or bike signage design and placement on facilities that are within a certain distance of a state highway
- Strengthening signage standards and guidance for at-grade crossings between trails (paved and unpaved) and roadways
- Removing “Share the Road” signage from MUTCD due to unclear messaging
- Clarifying the preferred design CDOT is using versus what the MUTCD is showing for “motorists must give 3 feet clearance” signs
- Reducing restrictions on pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) placement
- Allowing bicycle wayfinding signage to include travel time information (i.e. “3 minutes to downtown”)
- Removing the language that, “Bicycle routes are designated under the presumption that extensive pre-trip planning is done by the bicyclist.”

Group members agreed to develop a memo describing how proposed changes unduly inhibit bikeability or walkability by offering specific scenarios and alternative language. The group will compile comments in a shared document and discuss how to submit the comments in April or May.

## Regional Wayfinding Signage

Group members discussed the needs for regional wayfinding signage across communities. The group agreed individuals should talk within their organizations to identify community needs. General consensus was that prescribing a specific design across communities is not a desirable outcome; rather, guidance on general design elements, placement, and other principles that are consistent across communities would be appropriate. For future meetings, the group is urged to consider desired updates and additions to Appendix J: Wayfinding Template from the NFRMPO’s [2016 Non-Motorized Plan](#). This appendix was based on guidance included in the [Fort Collins Bicycle Wayfinding Network Master Plan](#).

## Upcoming Agenda Items

- NFRMPO One Call/One Click Center Project (RideNoCo)
- Colorado Front Range Trail updates: Loveland to Berthoud
- Regional Wayfinding Signage Plan
- MUTCD Comments
- Employer-Based Trip Reduction Program (ETRP)
- Fort Collins Hampshire Bikeway Project
- Innovative bike/ped ideas and highlights from local plans
- Equestrian regulations and challenges on trails