Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, January 12, 2022 GoToMeeting Virtual Meeting

Leadership Team

Barzak explained the Leadership Team responsibilities and opened an invitation for anyone who would like to join. Gordon will follow up on this item.

Call for Projects Updates

Gordon reviewed the projects that will be taken to TAC for further discussion after the CMAQ & STBG Scoring Committee meeting on January 5, 2022. Gordon also stated waitlisted project sponsors will also need to present their projects at the February 3, 2022 Planning Council meeting.

2022 Regional Active Transportation Corridor Updates

NoCo members reviewed each RATC for updates, progress, and potential concerns. Gordon will reach out to Johnstown, Milliken, and Berthoud about progress through their communities. Heidt recommended a regional focus on connections outside of the NFRMPO region because transportation needs do not stop at government boundaries.

Corridor 1

• Gordon will reach out to Weld County Department of Health & Environment for progress on Wildcat Trail. Greeley and Evans are working with Colorado Parks and Wildlife on taking over the Brower State Wildlife Area east of Evans. The connection to the Poudre Trail east of Island Grove Regional Park is in the early planning stages, but no formal plans have been set yet.

Corridor 2

• CDOT is moving forward on the mobility hub connection at I-25, which should allow crossing of the freeway. Eagle View Natural Area Management Plan is moving forward.

Corridor 3

• A 1-mile segment is recommended for funding in southeast Loveland as part of the NFRMPO's Transportation Alternative (TA) Call for Projects. A crossing of I-25 is being built, and Loveland is working on land needed to make the connection on the west side of the freeway. Big Barnes Ditch is the farthest west the trail has been built so far. CDOT is planning a traffic signal at US34 and Glade Road.

Corridor 4

• The Great Western Trail expects to complete a 1.5 mile segment of the trail east of Severance in 2022. Corridor is included in Connect Loveland. NoCo members discussed the portion of the trail south of Severance and decided to keep alignment on/near rail right-of-way. The WCR74 Corridor Plan is underway and is looking at sidewalks, trails, and crossings near the trail. Zuniga will check with Loveland Parks and Recreation about inclusion in their Master Plan.

Corridor 5

• No updates.

Corridor 6

• Windsor, Timnath, Larimer County, and Greeley have applied for funding through the NFRMPO TA Call for Projects for wayfinding along this corridor. The I-25 crossing is being built. The Poudre Trail Authority is working on connections east of Island Grove Regional Park.

Corridor 7

• CSU and Larimer County are discussing the trail south of Wellington. Land is owned by CSU and City of Thornton. The Prospect Road bridge over I-25 can act as a safe crossing with protected bike lanes. Fort Collins had concerns about connecting neighborhoods north of SH14 to the new middle/high school on Prospect Road. Crossing Harmony Road remains a priority for Fort Collins and they continue to apply for funds to build the connection. Local connections south of Harmony Road are underway with underpasses and overpasses for the railroad and Timberline Road. This will also connect with the Eagle View Natural Area project mentioned in Corridor 3.

Corridor 8

• CSU is working on strategic connections to the Mason Trail, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and the Phemister Trail. The corridor is included in Connect Loveland. The corridor is also being considered for Front Range Passenger Rail.

Corridor 9

• This is a State priority.

Corridor 10

• Need to reach out to Greeley for updates on this trail. The trail will take advantage of the Great Western Trail corridor.

Corridor 11

• There should be a discussion with the US34 Coalition about bike/ped improvements, potentially similar to the US36 corridor. The group also discussed the need to look for connections west of Loveland toward Estes Park.

Corridor 12

• The focus of this corridor is wayfinding, wide shoulders, and bike lanes where possible. CSU is working on improvements at its Foothills Campus that will parallel this corridor. The corridor could connect with the crossing at US34 and Glade Road.

Funding

The group discussed updates to the Revitalizing Main Streets program based on the workshop CDOT held. Gordon does not have any MMOF updates for now.

Upcoming Agenda Items

- Training/education/Bike&Walk Audits
- What kind of programming for this year? (Shift Your Ride Campaign)