

# Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Hybrid Meeting – GoToMeeting & Windsor

## Regional Safe Routes to School Discussion

Gordon identified a regional Safe Routes to School program as a recommendation in the NFRMPO's draft TDM Action Plan and asked for feedback about what resources exist. NoCo members discussed the need for additional capacity, the possibility of a regional SRTS coordinator, and an SRTS study. A group of interested people will meet to discuss next steps. Fodge suggested using the EJScreen tool as a starting point for identifying areas in need.

## Bike & Walk Audit Follow-up

Barzak reviewed the results from the Severance Walk Audit held in August 2022. NoCo discussed holding two to three bike and walk audits each year going forward. These can be opportunities for engagement with the public to discuss needs and could be incorporated into grant applications. The group discussed quick win projects as a desired result from future audits, the possibility of winter audits, and having audits as a discussion item in early 2023. Willis noted the audits can happen in addition to NoCo, not just in lieu of NoCo meetings. The group supported building story maps and other engagement tools to tell the stories around the walk audits and their results.

## Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Discussion

Gordon noted the TAP call had not opened yet, but will open in the coming weeks. Nichols noted Fort Collins is looking into applying for TAP for a project to improve walkability along Laporte Avenue to address missing sidewalks, add separated bicycle facilities, and improve access to the nearby high school. The group discussed updating the regional trails map to identify needs and progress.

## Roundtable Updates

Gordon reviewed the Little Rock, Arkansas MPO visit from August, noting their thank you note and appreciation for help from NoCo. Gordon noted the Shift Your Ride Challenge is happening throughout September and October. Jones stated the completion of the Great Western Trail is underway as they reviewed bids and awarded a contract. The group expects the trail to be completed by the beginning of 2023. Barzak noted Severance is moving forward on improvements to Weld County Road 23, including safe crossings and connections to the nearby park and trail. Nichols noted International Bike and Walk to School Day is October 12. Wade suggested golf carts on trails as a future topic.

**Next agenda topics:** TBD | **Next meeting:** October 12, 2022