

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, February 8, 2022

GoToMeeting Hybrid Meeting

Open Space Sales Tax Discussion

Willis provided an overview of the process that led to the voter's approval of Windsor's Open Space Sales Tax. The process began with the adoption of the Open Space Strategic Plan which outlined the town's vision for Open Spaces. The Windsor Town Board recommended using a survey to check public interest before agreeing to put the proposed sales tax on the ballot for the November 2022 election. Willis noted that community advocates were essential in gathering support for the tax. Willis recommended that communities who want to adopt something similar to the Open Space Sales Tax should utilize both community advocates and have good planning documents. He also noted the importance of a consistent education campaign to ensure the public knows what the tax would do and how it will affect their lives.

Active Transportation and the NFRMPO's Regional Travel Demand Model

Bornhoft outlined how active transportation fits in the NFRMPO's Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM). Bornhoft noted how the current RTDM generates bicycle and pedestrian trips and stated that Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress will be included in the new RTDM that will be used for the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Bornhoft provided an overview of the current Regional Active Transportation Corridor (RATC) funding and the assumptions made during that process. Bornhoft asked the group if \$1 million per mile is a good estimate when determining how much it will cost to construct a trail. NoCo members noted that \$1.2-1.4 million per mile is a better estimate and that trail size has a major impact on price.

2023 Schedule of Proposed Events

Gordon asked the group if they have any ideas for future NoCo Bike & Ped events. Suggestions include inviting Bicycle Colorado to a NoCo meeting to discuss their role and future inclusion in NoCo events. Other suggestions include an event to celebrate the completion of the Great Western Trail between Windsor and Eaton, Walk Audits in Greeley, and Safe Routes to School events. Nichols recommended the group observe a Safe Routes to School event at a school to help provide context and understanding of what activities can be done with a Safe Routes program. Dixon noted there is a CDOT grant that could be used for Safe Routes to School. Another suggested event is the celebration of the Poudre River Trail once it is complete. Weibe provided an update on Poudre Trail construction and noted that there is grant money available that can be used for a celebration event. Gordon asked if there are any updates on the Poudre Trail wayfinding project, and there are no updates, but the group could do a walk audit of the Poudre Trail in Timnath to help discover where wayfinding signs are needed.

Roundtable

Rouser requested that NoCo members think about people who should be invited to the Safe Routes to School subcommittee once that group begins to meet.