

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, April 12, 2022

GoToMeeting Hybrid Meeting

2023 NFRMPO Call for Projects

Cunningham noted the next Call for Projects will open August 4th, with the applications due October 6th. The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Scoring Committee will be November 8th, 2023. All four federal funding programs will be awarding during this call. Multimodal Transportation Options Fund (MMOF) will not be awarded during this call due to uncertainties surrounding the MMOF funding formula. This call will be for FY2026 and FY 2027 funds. There will be approximately \$23 million available from all four federal funding programs. Cunningham asked NoCo members to provide feedback on TA project limits. Cunningham outlined the eligible bike/ped activities for each funding program. Cunningham noted the TA program requirements. To be eligible for TA funding, projects must impact a Regional Active Transportation Corridor (RATC), address at least one 2050 RTP Performance Measure, and be consistent with the corridor vision outlined in the 2021 Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The group discussed how safety should be considered in project scoring. Cunningham noted that NoCo Bike & Ped does have an advisory seat on TAC and could have a non-voting member on the Scoring Committee for the non-TA funding programs.

Project Updates

NoCo members provided project updates for bike/ped projects that are in the NFRMPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These projects have received federal funding through a previous Call for Projects.

Choose Your Ride, Shift Your Ride: E-bikes for People with Low Income

Ruhlen noted that the City of Fort Collins has had a few programs that aim to provide e-bike access to low-income individuals. In 2021, the City received a grant from the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) which provided 35 e-bikes for low-income individuals. The City also received a CDOT innovation grant to fund a program that distributes SPIN passes to 75 city employees and 75 low-income individuals. This program will end this summer. The City received another CEO grant which will provide either e-bikes or a multi-year SPIN pass to eligible participants. For this program, accessories will be tailored to each individual's needs. This program will also have an intensive education component.

Roundtable

Rouser requested NoCo members to inform him if their communities would like to have a walk audit. Rouser noted the Safe Routes to School subcommittee will likely have their first meeting in May. Gordon noted the NFRMPO is planning for a Shift Your Ride summer challenge. The next planning meeting for that challenge will be May 4th. Gordon requested NoCo members to let him know if they would like to participate in the Shift Your Ride planning efforts and to let him know of any events that can be included in the Shift Your Ride calendar. Wilson noted the Poudre River Trail Trailathlon is on Earth Day and to check out the poudretrail.org for more information. Geary stated Fort Collins will be hosting a ThinkBike Workshop on April 18, 19, and 20th and there will be a free screening of the film Together We Cycle on April 20th with a discussion following the film. Geary noted the NACTO Designing Cities conference is in Denver from May 15th to May 18th.