

# Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, October 11, 2023

GoToMeeting Hybrid Meeting

## NFRMPO Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM)

Rouser introduced Sean McAtee with Cambridge Systematics. McAtee provided an overview of the Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM). McAtee described the bicycle facility types that are assigned to roadways in the model. These facility types include bike paths, bike lanes, bike routes/sharrow, and bikes allowed. The model also considers the Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) when generating bicycle trips. LTS determines how comfortable a bicyclist would feel on a roadway, with 1 indicating little stress for the rider and 4+ indicating the roadway is not suitable for bicycling. The model considers the level of detour a rider takes to avoid roadways with high LTS. McAtee discussed the recommended uses of the RTDM. The recommended uses are comparing alternative investments, identifying potential bicycle demand, evaluating potential impacts of a complete plan, and assessing big-picture potential reductions in vehicle miles traveled/emissions. McAtee does not recommend using the model to attempt to get specific numbers and to not use the model in isolation. McAtee noted the model results should always be evaluated using common sense and local knowledge. The group discussed what data is included in the RTDM and if the RTDM can include pedestrian elements.

## 2025 Active Transportation Plan Kickoff

Rouser discussed the 2025 Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Rouser discussed the three prior plans which are the 2013 Regional Bike Plan, the 2016 Non-Motorized Plan, and the 2021 Active Transportation Plan. Rouser noted the outreach strategy for the plan and the four phases. The four phases are Goals and Problem Statement, Existing Conditions/ Active Transportation Facilities Update, Regional Active Transportation Corridor Visioning, and Closing the Feedback Loop. Rouser discussed the proposed timeline for the 2025 ATP with final adoption in Early 2025. Rouse outlined the stakeholders and proposed outreach strategies. Rouser noted the ideas for the plan and asked for feedback from the group. The group discussed the proposed ideas and discussed other ideas, including a focus on transit and active transportation and Safe Routes to School. The group discussed what kind of regional guidance would be useful for communities and the barriers to safer and more reliable biking and walking throughout the region. Rouser discussed the next steps and requested those who are interested in serving on the steering committee to let him know.

## Roundtable Updates

Rouser noted the Poudre River Trail Walk Audit and the Eaton Walk Audit were both successful and discussed the main takeaways. Rouser stated he will send out the Safe Routes to School survey and plans on reconvening the Safe Routes to School Subcommittee in late November or early December. Rouser requested those who are interested in being on the NoCo Bike & Ped Leadership Team to let him know. Rouser noted the Transportation Alternatives (TA) scoring committee will be held at the November NoCo Bike & Ped meeting. Johnson noted Greeley will be holding a walk/bike audit on October 20<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Greeley. Johnson noted Greeley will begin work on the Safe Streets for All Plan and the Multimodal Mobility Development Plan.