

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, November 8, 2023

GoToMeeting Hybrid Meeting

Transportation Alternatives (TA) Scoring Committee

Cunningham explained the scoring process for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) fund. There were two projects submitted: The Garfield Bike Route project by Loveland and the Mason Trail Crossings project by Fort Collins. Donaldson provided an overview of the Garfield Bike Route project. Donaldson noted the project will construct 1.5 miles of separated bike lanes along Garfield Avenue with added safety elements at key intersections. Geary stated the Mason Trail Crossings project would improve three at-grade crossings on Prospect Road, Harmony Road, and Frontage Road and improve the intersection of the Mason Trail and the Spring Creek Trail. The Garfield Avenue project had an average score of 89.67 and the Mason Trail Crossings project had an average score of 71. Cunningham noted there are two options: fully fund the Garfield Avenue project or partially fund both the Garfield Avenue project and the Mason Trail Crossing project. The group recommended fully funding the Garfield Avenue project and waitlisting the Mason Trail Crossing project.

Barriers to Safer and More Reliable Biking or Walking

Rouser asked the group to discuss the barriers to safer and more reliable biking or walking in the region. The group discussed safety concerns, including arterial road speeds and road crossings and how to safely cross I-25. The group noted the need for more education surrounding active transportation, including how to safely ride and what kinds of bikes are allowed on trails. The group discussed how active transportation and shared use micromobility can be used to finish transit trips and complete the first and last mile connections. The group discussed the need for secure bike parking and strategic local connections to increase trail usage.

History of the Poudre River Trail Project

Fodge outlined the proposal to document the history of the Poudre River Trail. The proposal includes a written history of the Poudre River Trail, oral histories, and a storymap to visualize the growth of the Poudre River Trail over time. The proposed scope of work for the project is 1000 hours of CSU graduate student research. Fodge noted the total cost of the project is around \$40,000. Fodge outlined the current funding sources and other potential funding sources.

Roundtable Updates

Rouser noted the Safe Routes to School survey closes on November 17th and the Safe Routes to School Subcommittee will meet on November 29th to discuss the findings and next steps. Geary stated Fort Collins will receive a Bloomberg Asphalt Art Initiative grant for the intersection of Canyon Avenue, Magnolia Street, and Sherwood Street.