

**Executive Summary of the
North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization
Community Advisory Committee**

February 8, 2024

Attendees: Pauline Migliore, York, Elisabeth Cairnes, Brad Ragazzo, Nathalie Rachline, Reid Maynard

Staff: Alex Gordon, AnnaRose Cunningham, Jerome Rouser

2025 Active Transportation Plan Survey

Jerome reviewed the timeline for the Active Transportation Plan, which is anticipated to be adopted in early 2025, and the project website that was created. Jerome and the Committee went through questions in the survey. Pauline recommended having age ranges and allowing people to answer “prefer not to answer”. Elisabeth asked why Hispanic/Latinx was separated from the race/ethnicity question. Pauline recommended alphabetizing the races to not put White first. York recommended putting in an explanation for why the NFRMPO is asking demographic questions. The group discussed adding timelines and clarity to some other questions. Jerome stated outreach is ongoing, and will send a draft version of the survey to the Committee for their final review.

Safe Routes to School

Jerome reviewed the intention of a Safe Routes to School program. Nathalie recommended promoting efforts already underway. Jerome stated there is a Safe Routes to School Subcommittee that has been meeting. The Subcommittee developed a survey that was sent to staff of local communities to identify the needs: funding; lack of capacity; program awareness; and staff time. A project website will be developed. The Safe Routes to School Conference will be held in Fort Collins from October 22 to 24, 2024. Elisabeth suggested a session or event at night to allow the community to learn about Safe Routes.

Regional Projects


AnnaRose reviewed trail projects around the region, including the Centerra Trail, the Great Western Trail, the Poudre River Trail, and the Greeley Canal #3 Trail. AnnaRose also highlighted the Cycling Without Age program. AnnaRose reviewed upcoming initiatives, including SS4A grants, the SH14 Safety Study, the CDOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and the Active Transportation Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



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What is Safe Routes to School?



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Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a program that promotes walking and bicycling to school. SRTS programs advocate for:

- Infrastructure improvements
 - Protected crosswalks
- Safety education
- Tools and incentives to encourage walking and bicycling to school
 - Walking Schoolbuses

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Walking School Bus



Source: Bicycle Colorado

Protected Crosswalk



Source: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

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Safe Routes to School Subcommittee

The Safe Routes to School Subcommittee is a subcommittee of NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative:

- NoCo Bike & Ped is a group that meets monthly to discuss various topics and share information related to improving biking and walking in Northern Colorado.
- The Safe Routes to School Subcommittee is a group of city and county staff who are working to develop a regional SRTS program.



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Safe Routes to School Survey



The SRTS Subcommittee developed a survey to guide the development of a regional program. Based on the survey results, the biggest challenges to implementing SRTS programming are:

- Funding
- Lack of Capacity
- Program Awareness
- Staff Time

Based on survey results, a regional SRTS program could support local communities by:

- Providing Resources
- Funding
- Training

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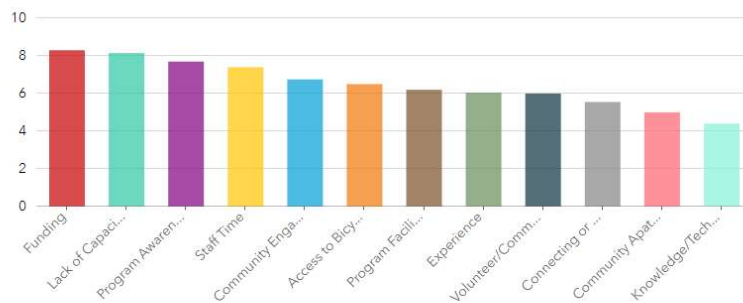
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Safe Routes to School Survey



What are the major challenges or obstacles that hinder the implementation of Safe Routes to...

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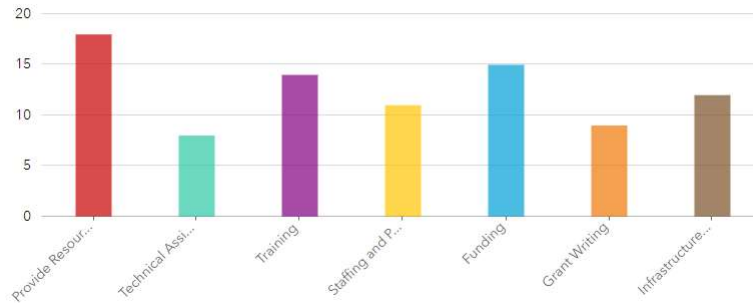
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Safe Routes to School Survey



How could a regional Safe Routes to School group support your community in developing, implementing, ...



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Next Steps



- Project Website
- Targeted Outreach
- Monthly Meetings

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2024 National Safe Routes to School Conference



- More information: [Conference Webpage](#)



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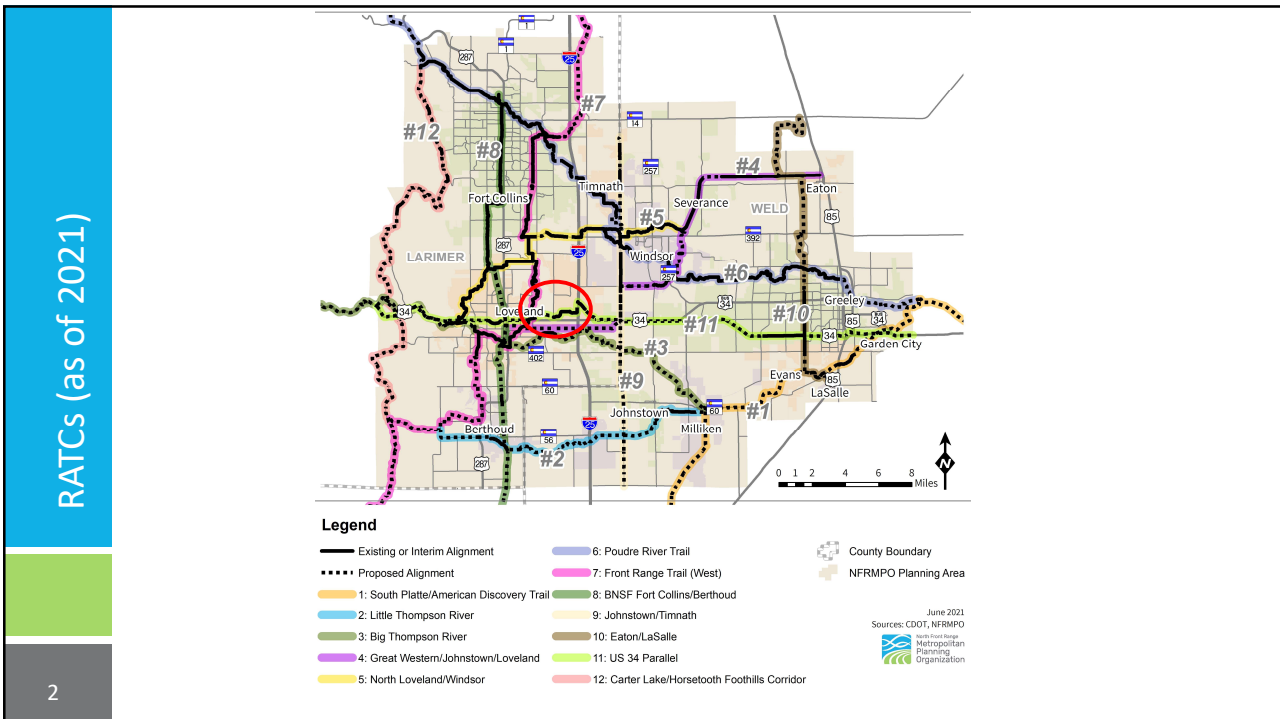
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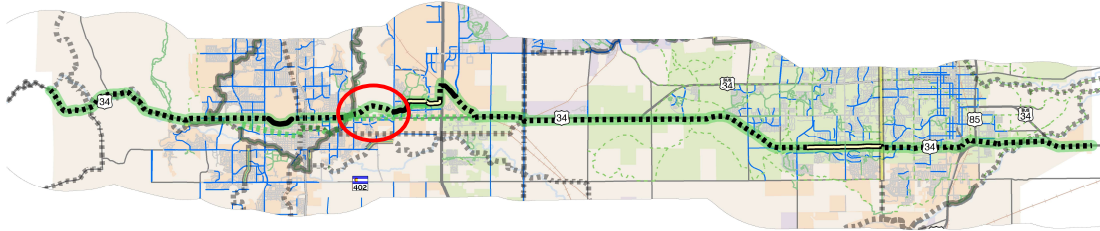


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Centerra Trail – US34 Parallel



- Awarded Federal funding through CDOT and State funding through the NFRMPO
- Construction 10/22 – 2/23
- Part of the US34 Parallel RATC
- Developer build connection to neighborhoods
- Future connection to Mobility Hub

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Loveland Trails



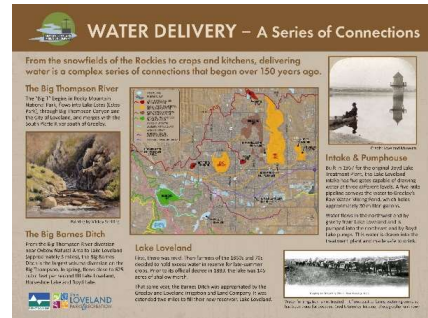
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Centerra Trail Scope

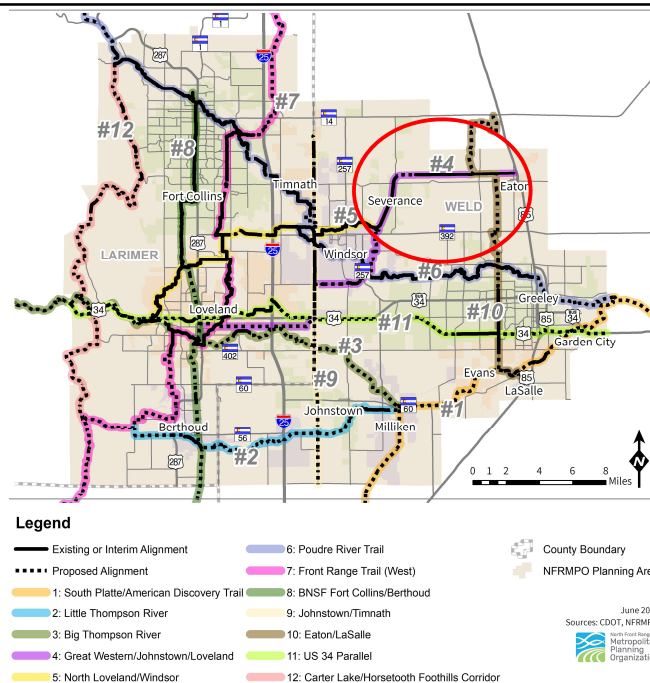


- 1.3 Miles
- 10' wide concrete trail
- RRFB crossing on Denver Ave
- City of Loveland worked with City of Greeley and Greeley Loveland Irrigation Company (GLIC) to design three interpretive signs along the trail
- Information covers GLIC history and water law, the water delivery system (ditches, Lake Loveland, pumphouses) and finally the Greeley Water Treatment Plant



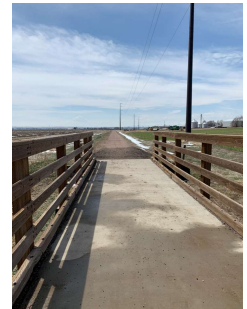
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RATCs (as of 2021)



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Great Western Trail



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Great Western Trail



- First awarded funding in 2015
- Awards from CDOT & NFRMPO for trail construction
- 7 miles of trail



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Additional GWT Projects



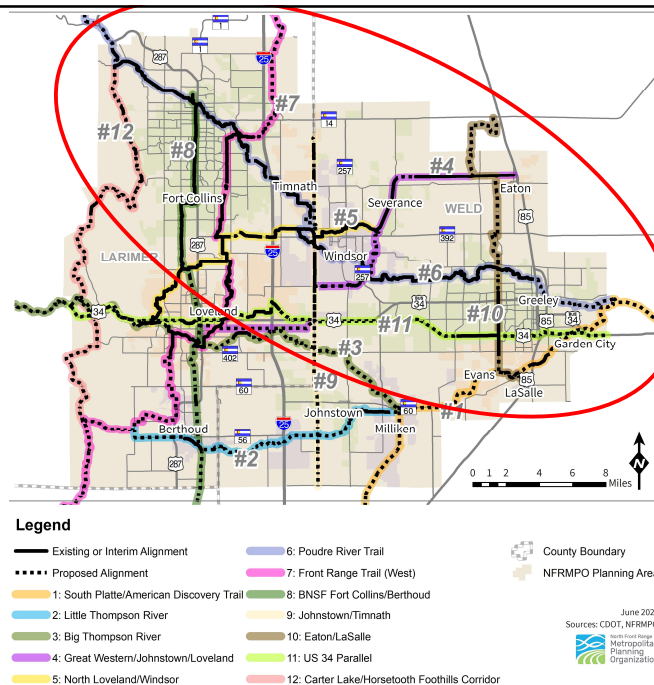
- Trail crossing at WCR 23 awarded MMOF funding in 2019
- Help provide SRTS to Severance HS
- Walk audit in 2022
- Identified further improvements to trail crossings
- Opening event 4/20/2024



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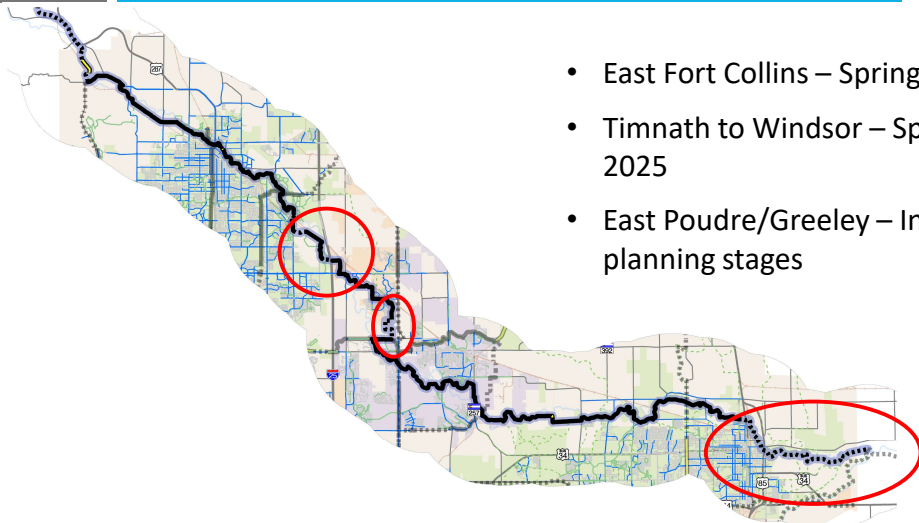


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Poudre River Trail






- East Fort Collins – Spring 2025
- Timnath to Windsor – Spring 2025
- East Poudre/Greeley – In planning stages

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Poudre River Trail












- 45 miles of trail between Belleview and Greeley
- Completion anticipated 2025
- Grant Collaboration
 - Trail Construction: MMOF & TA
 - Wayfinding: MMOF
- I-25 underpass completed by CDOT



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Poudre Corridor – Trail



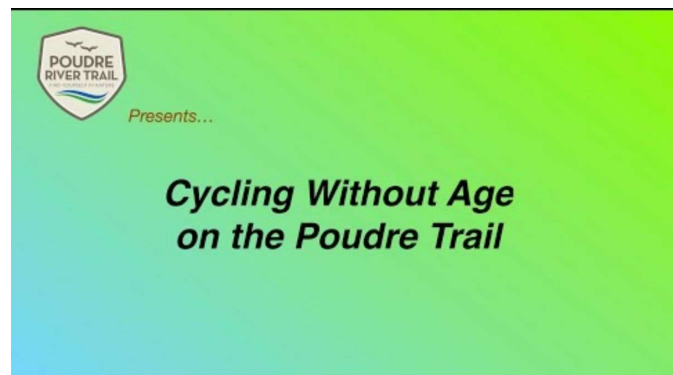
- NoCo Bike and Ped Wayfinding Walk Audit – 2021
- TA award by NFRMPO in late 2021 for wayfinding between Windsor and Greeley



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Cycling Without Age



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Greeley Canal #3 Trail

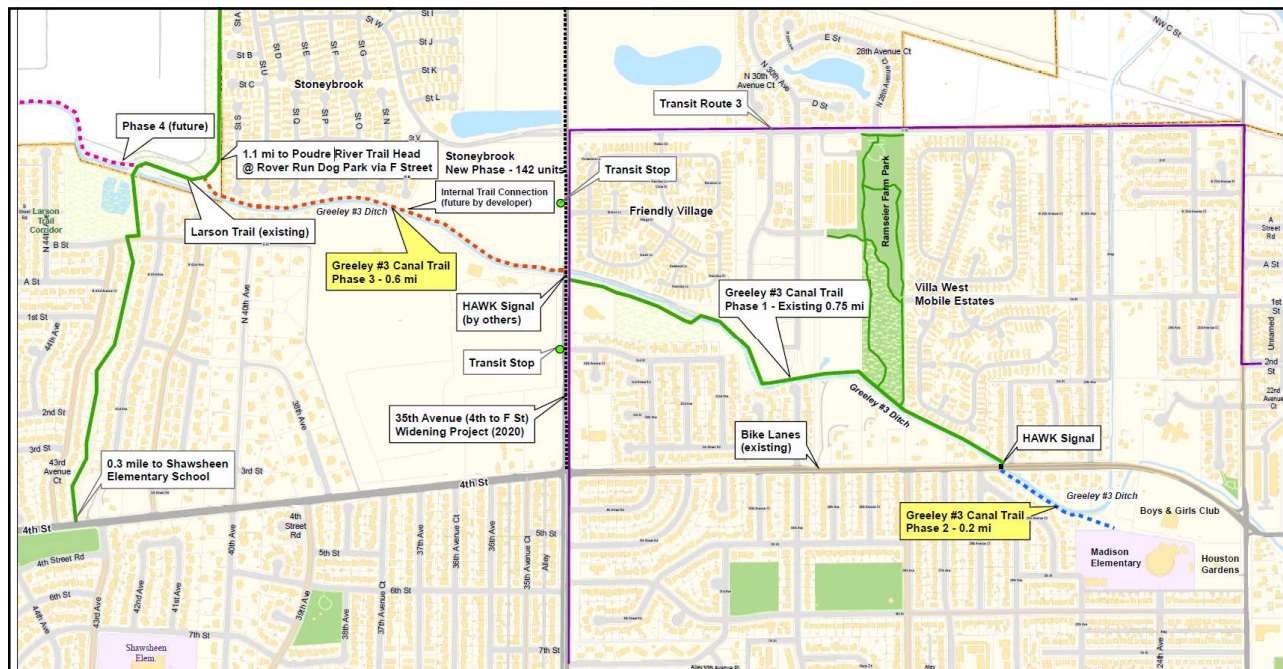


- In addition to connecting neighborhoods to these schools, Boys & Girls Club, and other trails, this project will improve access to three parks, and a nature center.
- Transit stops in the vicinity of the project also provide connectivity to other schools, shopping, parks, services, and employment areas for residents of all ages.
- Bike boardings on Route 3 of GET have increased from 483 in 2015 to 1356 in 2019.
- HAWK crossing at 4th Street
- Awarded MMOF funding in 2019



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Construction began in November 2022.



Trail construction completed in May 2023 to meet requirement of the ditch company.



HAWK signal delayed due to manufacturing timeline. Installed late November 2023.



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Upcoming Initiatives



- Safety
 - SS4A Grants throughout the region
 - CO14 Safety Study between LCR 5 (east of Fort Collins) through Ault
 - CDOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- Active Transportation
 - NFRMPO & CDOT Plan Updates
 - Potential June Walk Audit
- Transportation and Public Health
- Air Quality
- Website and Document Accessibility

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Goodbye Alex.



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Questions?



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