

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, June 12, 2024

GoToMeeting Hybrid Meeting

Great Western Trail

Jones discussed the history of Rails to Trails and noted there are 42 total rail-trails in Colorado. The Great Western Trail Authority (GWTa) was created in August of 2006 through an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Towns of Eaton, Severance, and Windsor. The GWTa was tasked with constructing and maintaining the trail. Jones stated the GWTa is looking to add additional trailheads along the corridor. The group discussed how the GWTa operates and other potential rails to trails projects in Northern Colorado.

SRTS Subcommittee Update

Wilson noted the Poudre River Trail sent in a session proposal that was not selected for the Safe Routes to School National Conference. The group noted many of the session proposals that were not selected could be used in future conferences. The SRTS Subcommittee noted the group will be shifting from planning a SRTS fundraising event to creating a flyer where people can donate if they are interested.

2025 Active Transportation Plan Update

Rouser noted the 2025 ATP is still scheduled to be adopted in Q1 of 2025. Rouser gave an update on the 2025 ATP Survey and discussed the main takeaways from the results thus far. The main takeaways include building more separated bicycle facilities, bicyclists and pedestrians feeling unsafe due to unsafe driving, and more frequent transit with adequate bicycle facilities. Rouser noted RATC visioning will begin soon and asked the group if they would prefer to have corridor-based meetings or jurisdiction meetings. The group preferred jurisdiction meetings. Rouser explained the RATC Corridor Profiles will include trail crossing needs, strategic local connections, proposed alignments, and corridor narratives and conditions.

Roundtable

Guthrie noted Everybody Bike Day is on June 26th. Wilkinson stated the Greeley Bikes group made a series of bike safety videos and encouraged the group to share these videos via social media once they are completed. Geary noted the City of Fort Collins is submitting a grant application for the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) for a project in North College to provide additional connections to the Poudre River Trail. Johnson noted the City of Greeley is submitting an ATIIP grant application for a bike/ped crossing of US85. Rouser requested anyone who is interested in hosting a walk audit to let him know. Wilson stated the Poudre Trail Days is July 13th.