

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Eco-Counter Discussion

Kara Martin, Eco Counter, gave an overview of Eco-Counter's products and purpose, including counter hardware, software, and technical assistance. Martin outlined Eco-Counter's new permanent and mobile bike and pedestrian counters. Martin noted the new counters can classify among three user types: pedestrians, bicycles, and e-scooters as well as track the users' speed. Martin gave examples of regional count programs across the United States and Canada. Martin gave an overview of Eco-Counter's data software and its capabilities. The group inquired about the new counters and discussed existing Eco-Counter in the region. The group is interested in continuing discussions on a regional count program.

RATC Visioning Update

Rouser provided an update on RATC visioning process. Rouser noted the main updates to the RATCs include minor alignment changes and updated road crossing needs. Rouser stated there are communities who are looking to extend existing RATCs and there is a possibility of a new north/south corridor. Rouser stated he will be meeting with the City of Fort Collins, the Town of Wellington, and Larimer County to discuss the possibility of extending RATC 8 north of its current northern terminus to the MPO boundary. The City of Greeley staff met with the Town of Windsor staff and Weld County to discuss extending RATC 5 east of its eastern terminus in Windsor to continue into Greeley via the Greeley #2 canal. City of Greeley staff also noted they will be reaching out to the towns of Johnstown and Milliken to discuss a potential new corridor connecting the towns to West Greeley. Rouser noted he will keep the group updated on any major RATC changes if these proposed changes are agreed upon.

2024 Year End Review

The group discussed accomplishments in 2024. Accomplishments include the Safe Routes to School Subcommittee and the creation of the Regional Micromobility Subcommittee. The SRTS subcommittee has been working on advancing SRTS in the region. The subcommittee helped recruit attendees for the SRTS National Conference in Fort Collins. The group discussed goals for 2025. These goals include revamping the NFRMPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program, planning more in-person, off site meetings including walk/bike audits, advancing wayfinding in the region, and expanding NoCo Bike and Ped participation from smaller communities to ensure their points of view are included in the groups' efforts.

Roundtable

Rouser stated there is a new funding opportunity for bike/ped projects through the Non-Attainment Area Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME).

Moses noted Bike Fort Collins received a \$5,000 grant to expand SRTS programming to Timnath Elementary.

Wilkinson stated the City of Greeley Public Works is leading an effort to begin a SRTS program in Greeley. Sections of the Poudre Trail will be closed due to construction until March.