

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Regional Active Transportation Corridor (RATC) 7

Fodge and Weibe gave an update on RATC 7 between Timnath and Wellington. RATC 7 is part of the Front Range Trail which is a statewide trail that will go from the New Mexico to Wyoming border. Weibe noted the Front Range Trail's planned alignment follows portions of Boxelder Creek near CSU's Agricultural Research, Development, and Education Center south of the Town of Wellington. Fodge noted the proposed alignment goes through CSU and City of Thornton owned land, and both entities have shown willingness to provide trail easements. Cody Byrd, Town of Wellington, expressed the Town of Wellington's support of this corridor and the Town's commitment to work with regional partners to continue to develop the regional trail network. The group discussed the proposed alignment and asked questions regarding the trail's proposed crossing of I-25 near the I-25/SH14 interchange.

NoCo Bike & Ped Meeting Format

Rouser noted the group discussed the possibility of changing the NoCo Bike & Ped format due to a decline in in-person attendance. Geary noted it is difficult to justify the extra 30-45 minutes to travel to Windsor for the in-person meeting, and it would be easier to justify if the group met in-person less frequently. The group discussed concerns with not meeting in-person monthly and expressed the benefits of in-person meetings, including the benefits of side discussions. Rouser suggested the group could have one in-person meeting quarterly. That in-person meeting would have some interactive activity, and the other two meetings each quarter will be virtual. Rouser will schedule a meeting with the Leadership Team to brainstorm in-person meeting ideas and will discuss these ideas at the April NoCo Bike & Ped meeting.

Federal Funding Discussion

Rouser noted the NFRMPO's funding was not directly impacted by the temporary federal funding freeze, and the NFRMPO has yet to have any funding challenges. Rouser stated NFRMPO staff are waiting on additional guidance on how to proceed with conflicting federal and state equity requirements. The group discussed impacts on local federally funded projects. There were no major funding impacts with the exception of projects where the funds were allocated, but the contract has not been signed. Rouser noted there will likely be additional guidance from USDOT on those projects.

Safe Routes to School Subcommittee Update

Rouser noted the Safe Routes to School Subcommittee's focus is outreach to local community staff, school districts, and the public. The goal is to educate these groups on the benefits of Safe Routes to School and help provide them with resources. Rouser showcased the Safe Routes to School Resources webpage. Rouser noted the City of Greeley has recently kicked off a Safe Routes to School program, and the Town of Timnath is working with the City of Fort Collins and Bike Fort Collins to bring Safe Routes to School programming to Timnath.