

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Voting Structure and Eligibility for NoCo Collaborative

The group discussed revising the Collaborative's voting structure for project recommendations. Jones and Guthrie believe that the current voting structure is fine, especially since it has only been two years since the previous revision. Cunningham suggested voting be tied to meeting attendance, but others found this could be logistically challenging, and Wilkinson notes that requiring a certain amount of meeting attendance could reduce attendance further from smaller communities, or communities that already attend infrequently. Gaskill supports having larger communities have more voting power to more accurately represent the populations being served and the number of people affected in each community by voted projects. The consensus reached is to revise the voting structure to only allow member communities and counties (members) to vote and have valid scores for project selection and to remove non-members from voting and official scoring. Non-members can still score projects unofficially as a form of recommendation and give their input to voting members, allowing more non-member stakeholders in the region to provide input as well without influencing the vote. Because of the reduction in voting members from 19 to 15, the quorum will be reduced from 8 to 7. Jones and Vanderbrook are fine with not having a vote as long as their scoring and recommendations are taken into genuine consideration. The leadership team will draft a proposal with a simple yes/no vote on these changes for the next meeting.

Regional Trail Map

Geary wanted to assess group interest in a printed regional trails map for the communities in the region. Consensus is that a printed map is a regional resource worth pursuing, but many details regarding content, scope, style, regional identity, and more still need exploring. Kramer supports a printed map but comments that it should be kept simple due to lack of GIS staff, not wanting to take away staff time and resources from other projects, printed maps become outdated quickly, and for general ease of use. Geary suggested bringing tourism partners from the region (such as Visit Fort Collins and Visit Loveland) to a future meeting for their opinions. Guthrie and Cunningham suggested making a subcommittee for this topic for further discussion. Geary volunteered to lead the subcommittee.

E-Micromobility and E-Motos

Several members shared updates and challenges regarding education and enforcement of good behaviors regarding e-bikes and e-motos across the region. Enforcement has proven especially difficult due to lack of resources, ambiguous device classifications, and inconsistent regional, statewide, and even countrywide definitions and policies. Maristany mentions that CDOT is supportive of e-bikes as a valid and valuable form of active transportation/mobility, but more effort into education and safety are needed across the state. To pursue this effort, Maristany stated that CDOT is creating an e-bike safety campaign to become a hub for educational and safety resources for the public when using these devices. He also notes that recent legislation will require labeling of e-bikes with clearer classification and technical details and specifications, aiming to clarify distinctions between e-bikes and e-motos. Consensus is that clearer, stricter, and more consistent definitions must be made to properly enforce proper use of e-bikes and e-motos in the way they were

intended, and to help determine who is at fault and for what when they are not used as intended. If there is interest in creating a subcommittee for this topic, or if someone wants more information, they can email Lauren Nagle.

Next Steps/Roundtable

Cunningham is gauging interest for the next meeting (Sept. 9) featuring a 10-mile bike tour in Fort Collins, including a visit to the Power Trail underpass and other recent infrastructure projects. Participation in the entire 10-mile tour would not be required; partial participation would be an option for those who don't wish to participate or do not have a bike. Gaskill mentioned potentially getting Spin involved to see if they would lend bikes to those without one if they would like to participate. Cunningham, Kramer, and Burke are in support. No one else spoke for or against at this time.

Graalum announced the publication of the NFRMPO's vehicle crash dashboard, and that coordination of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) subcommittee is still ongoing. Members were encouraged to nudge contacts with school districts regarding participation and to email Graalum if they would like to be included.

Kramer mentioned that City of Loveland is finalized 7 miles of soft surface trails in Skyline and Dakota Ridge natural areas. Expected to be open around October.

Bornhoft mentioned CDOT will be presenting about upcoming TAC call at the next North Front Range TAC meeting (week of Monday, August 17). Will also cover SRTS call and a new grant program that will watch SRTS activities for engagement and data collection. Applications for this will be available in October

Wilkinson mentioned that Greeley Public Works is working through a Safe Streets for All grant with over a hundred project locations in Greeley. Design is nearly complete, ground work should begin in 2027.

Buendia mentioned that Berthoud just completed purchase of 25 acres along the Little Thompson River to connect to an existing trail. Working on 2027 budgeting and updating Trails Master Plan.