MEETING MINUTES of the
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 11th, 2009
6:00p.m.
Guaranty Bank
2900 S. College
Fort Collins, CO 80525

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair: Dan Gould  970-482-1074
Vice Chair: Chris Gaughan  970-223-1146
Staff Liaison: Dave “DK” Kemp   970-416-2411
Administrative Support: Emily Francis

BOARD/CITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS PRESENT
Downtown Development Authority: Kathy Cardona
Fort Collins Bicycle Co-Op: Doug Cutter
Parks and Recreation Board: Micheal Chalona and Greg Miller
Colorado State University: David Hansen
Poudre School District: John Holcomb
Transportation Board: Bill Jenkins
Air Quality Board: Greg McMaster
Land Conservation and Stewardship Board: Chris Gaughan

AT LARGE MEMBERS PRESENT
Cathy Mathis

ABSENT
Bike Fort Collins: Jeff Morrell
Economic Advisory Committee: Rick Price
Senior Advisory Board: Marcia Richards
Natural Resources Advisory Board: Clint Skutchan
AT LARGE MEMBERS: Dan Gould, Kim Sharpe

Administrative Support: Emily Francis

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE
Dave “DK” Kemp
1. CALL TO ORDER
   Vice-Chair Gaughan called meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. AGENDA REVIEW
   The Agenda was accepted, but with modification. Mountain Vista presentation was postponed to June.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT
   Christa Carlman of Rolling Spokes attended to learn more about topics being discussed at the BAC.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 2009)
   Approved

5. ACTION ITEMS
   a. Mark Jackson (Community Scorecard) - City of Fort Collins Transportation Group Director presented the Community Scorecard and its significance to the BAC. The scorecard serves as a collection of performance data and information that provides the community with an overview of how well the City is doing in meeting its goals. The scorecard also serves as the foundation of the City’s Budgeting for outcomes process. Mr. Jackson also explained that the City’s Transportation Group has experienced a recent, dramatic budget reduction in Gas Tax, Development Fees, and County Road & Bridge revenue which has produced a 4.6 million dollar shortfall for 2009. Funding issues will also be present in upcoming years as well. Service cuts are to be expected. The budget shortfall will have repercussions for bicycling in the community mainly in the way of street and bike lane sweeping. Mr. Jackson also explained that the funding situation is rapidly changing.

   b. Dean Klingner – I-25 / 392 Interchange – The interchange has been designed with bicycle transportation in mind; however, the bike lanes on the overpass are planned to be 6ft. wide as opposed to standard 8 ft. lanes. The two foot reduction accounts for a significant cost savings in terms of the overall width of the overpass. The overpass would also entail an adjacent 6.5ft. sidewalk as well. The overpass is a complicated design, but has been modified to better serve bicycle traffic in the way of safety considerations. Dropping the speed to 45 mph from 55 is a potential option that was discussed. The design also incorporates a continuous right turn lane element that would direct automobiles to go around bicyclists where intersections are present along the overpass. Please see slide 9 of the presentation for more details. Many questions/options were asked by BAC members pertaining to the sidewalk and bike lanes. Could the bike lanes be curb-separated from the travel lanes? Is there a way to combine both the sidewalk and the bike lane? How would the transitions work if bike lanes were curb/grade separated? What are the levels of current pedestrian/bicycle traffic? One of the BAC members posed a philosophical stance with respect to the North I-25 Corridor plan and asked why are we continuing to plan for more car travel lanes when in fact, we should be planning for less car travel and more bicycle and transit commuting.

   c. Mountain Vista Update – This presentation was postponed until June.

   d. DK- CMAQ/BFO Offers Update – DK presented an update on the CMAQ and the City BFO offers. Comments back were minimal and members present at the meeting seemed to be ok with the projects’ scopes of work. Doug Cutter suggested I re-look at the staffing levels of the bike library relative to the number of bikes in the library. As well, the Bike Co-op’s name on the proposal was incorrect. It should be Fort Collins Bicycle Collective, not the Fort Collins Bicycle Cooperative.

7. Board Member Reports – No formal reports were made.

8. Other Business
   ~ Potential upcoming agenda topics – Mason Corridor Update, Mountain Vista Update, Alleyway masterplan update.
~ The agenda should include more action items.

~ Mobility Management – Who does this at the City? – DK to come back next month with more information.

~ Soapstone Prairie Grand Opening is June 6th and 7th. This event should be promoted.

~ Send out details on June 13th Fossil Creek Family Bicycle Fair

~ A conversation ensued about how funding works in Natural Areas Program relative to other departments in the City. BAC member Bill Jenkins proposed that Natural Resources staff should speak to the Transportation Board and explain the funding processes.

9. Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm