

# MINUTES

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## BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### TYPE OF MEETING –REGULAR

January 27, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Conference Room A, 281 North College Ave, Fort Collins, CO

#### FOR REFERENCE:

Chair:	Aaron Buckley
Vice-Chair:	Marcia Patton-Mallory
Staff Liaison:	Tessa Greegor

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### 2. ROLL CALL

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Aaron Buckley, Chair, Fort Collins Bike Co-op**

Jerry Gavaldon, Transportation Board

Marcia Patton-Mallory, At Large Member

Jason Miller, Air Quality Advisory Board

Sylvia Cranmer, Colorado State University

Kelly McDonnell, Bike Fort Collins

Mike Webber, Land Conservation and Stewardship Board

Chris Hunt, Poudre School District

Kevin Krause, Natural Resources Advisory Board

Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda Mansfield

Michael Einstein (Bird Representative)

#### PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

#### ABSENT:

Becky Cramer, At Large Member

Mike Tupa, Parks and Recreation Board

### 3. AGENDA REVIEW

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There were no changes to the published agenda.

#### 4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 2019

Gavaldon made a motion, seconded by Cranmer, to adopt the December 2019 minutes as amended to change the spelling of Marcia Patton-Mallory's name. The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

##### a. Bird E-Scooter Pilot Program Update – Amanda Mansfield & Michael Einstein

Mansfield discussed the process that led to E-scooter regulations and the request for proposal process that led to Bird being the selected vendor. She detailed the roles of various City departments and staff in the program to remove scooters from improper locations and write citations for regulation violations. She stated there have been no reports of serious accidents or vandalism to this point.

Michael Einstein, Bird, discussed the list of key stakeholders and the Bird Access program which aims to address equity. He also discussed how GPS data is utilized and can help aid in bicycle infrastructure.

Mansfield discussed ridership data provided by Bird and stated she is working with the company to make that data publicly available. She noted there are less than the total of 500 scooters in operation currently due to the weather and stated Bird 2 will be forthcoming in the spring. Bird 2 will have enhanced safety features and the ability to read GPS more quickly which will enable quicker scooter response to geofencing.

Mr. Einstein discussed Bird's efforts at ensuring environmental benefits of its service.

Mansfield discussed the interaction of the E-scooter program with the bike share program.

Gavaldon discussed a 9 News report on E-scooters and expressed disappointment the ridership data has not been available to the public from the beginning.

Mansfield replied E-scooter companies in general are concerned about other companies seeing their data. Gavaldon argued the data belongs to the city.

Patton-Mallory asked if any demographic data is collected on riders. Mr. Einstein replied that is not currently being collected, but there is a possibility of including that

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in future surveys.

Cranmer asked about mode shift in other cities that have been using the program longer. Mr. Einstein replied Portland data showed 74% of E-scooter riders had never used the city's bike share program and 42% never interact with bicycles at all. He stated all of Bird's surveys across the U.S. show about 1/3 of riders indicate their most recent trip replaced either a personal vehicle, an Uber or Lyft vehicle ride, transit, or taxi.

Cranmer asked about the average trip length. Mansfield replied it is 0.4 miles in Fort Collins.

Gavaldon suggested some of the assumptions related to a reduction in vehicle miles travelled may not be accurate as those miles may have been otherwise taken on public transit.

Gavaldon asked if E-scooters are allowed to be brought on buses. Mansfield replied foldable scooters are allowed, but Bird scooters are not foldable.

Miller requested information from future data regarding how to address reductions in bike share usage and expressed concern about that program needing to be subsequently subsidized.

Patton-Mallory asked how the program will work with large events such as New West Fest in terms of scooter distribution. Mr. Einstein replied Bird does work with large-scale special events in all markets and utilizes temporary geofencing and push notification announcements for special events.

Mansfield discussed a press event that will occur the last week of April.

Mr. Einstein discussed Bird's hybrid model of gig economy chargers and a full in-house service center team.

#### **b. E-Bike Paved Trail Pilot Program – Action Item – Tessa Gregor**

Gregor stated staff is seeking a recommendation from the Committee as to the next steps for the E-bike paved trail pilot program. She stated the staff recommendation, which was not unanimous among the staff team, is to recommend allowing class 1 and class 2 E-bikes on paved trails following the completion of the pilot program at the end of April.

Gregor reviewed the process that led to the pilot program and discussed the recommendations of Boards and Commissions to this point. She stated staff is currently slated to go before Council with a recommendation on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Gregor reviewed E-bike ridership data and stated there is a slight uptick in E-bike use and bike shops are predicting additional steady growth.

Gavaldon asked if E-bikes are replacing regular bikes. Gregor replied she does

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not have that exact number but there was a study done on North American E-bike users and she can follow up with that information.

Dangerfield asked if Pace has an option to provide E-bike rentals. Greeger replied they are testing them in certain markets, and she will provide that data.

Greeger stated staff has not heard about crashes involving E-bikes on the paved trails, though one person did report a crash involving an E-bike on the survey. She discussed speed observations and other survey results.

Sizemore noted Nancy Nichols, Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator, could not be present at this meeting, but is not in favor of allowing E-bikes on paved trails.

Members discussed negative interactions with illegal electric bikes.

Cranmer asked why E-scooters and E-skateboards are not allowed on the trail. Greeger replied that was outside the scope of this pilot as it was originally discussed as a result of changing state definitions of E-bikes.

Members discussed potential forthcoming modes and issues.

Miller made a motion, seconded by Boardmember, to support the staff recommendation to allow class 1 and 2 E-bikes on all paved trails.

Patton-Mallory commented on the fact that those with disabilities can already ride E-bikes on paved trails and expressed reservations about the number of electric devices that will be available and wanting to use paved trails in the future. She also expressed concern about the use of E-bikes on certain narrower trails, such as Spring Creek Trail.

Greeger stated she believes most jurisdictions in Colorado are allowing Class 1 and 2 E-bikes on paved trails.

The vote on the motion was as follows: Yeas: Miller, Gavaldon, Hunt, Dangerfield, McDonnell, and Buckley. Nays: Cranmer, Patton-Mallory, and Krause. Abstain: Webber

THE MOTION CARRIED.

#### **c. Committee Elections – All**

Gavaldon made a motion, seconded by Hunt, to retain Buckley as Chair and Patton-Mallory as Vice Chair. Buckley and Patton-Mallory accepted. The motion was adopted unanimously.

## **8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Chair Buckley reported the Bike Co-op recently completed its annual summary and it

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intends to increase its open hours to help serve the public and work on its new website.

McDonnell reported Bike Fort Collins recently hired a new Community Relations Coordinator. She also reported on an update to signage on Highways 34 and 14 between Loveland and Estes Park and between Ted's Place and Stove Prairie Landing, as well as throughout Larimer County. The new signs will say '3 feet minimum to pass.' She stated Bike Fort Collins is taking input on where to place the signs which will hopefully be in place by summer.

Webber reported the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board received the E-bike presentation and had a lengthy discussion. He stated the Board may be providing a recommendation in February.

Cranmer reported the CSU Campus Bike Advisory Committee is sending a letter to President McConnell inviting her to get to know the group and bicycle on occasion. She stated she is giving a presentation to the Alternative Transportation Advisory Board in March requesting funding for the Rams Ride Right educational program.

Cranmer discussed issues with students bringing E-scooters into dorms for charging, which is a fire hazard.

Dangerfield reported on the Opera Galleria renovations and stated the DDA is about to put out a request for proposal for another designer for two more alleys, one behind the Opera Galleria and one between West Oak Street and West Olive Street behind Ace Hardware.

Hunt reported on a recent student death at a crosswalk near Lopez Elementary School. He stated it was a very unfortunate accident and the District is looking at the immediate crossings as well as non-adjacent crossings in the area.

Miller reported the Air Quality Advisory Board has recently reviewed the draft update to the Air Quality Plan which is currently available for public input. He stated the Board has narrowed its 2020 priorities to four, including transportation emissions and the benefits of small-footprint mobility.

Krause reported the Natural Resources Advisory Board has been discussing metro districts, plastics, pollution, oil and gas activities, the Harmony Corridor, building codes, and exterior lighting. He stated his Board has gone to meatless meetings from a sustainability perspective.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

### a. Transportation Board Report

Gavaldon reported the Transportation Board reviewed the Harmony Gateway Plan,

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expressed support for the staff recommendation on the E-bike pilot program, and expressed support for the Master Street Plan changes. He stated the Board also retained its officers.

#### **b. Staff Liaison Report**

Gregor reported staff is hosting a transportation projects fair on February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Lincoln Center. She stated the February meeting will need to be rescheduled due to the Boards and Commissions Super Issue meeting.

#### **c. Call for Agenda Items**

Hunt stated he would like to hear a presentation regarding presentations made on a national level.

Gavaldon requested an update on protected bike lanes and snow removal.

### 10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM by unanimous consent.