

# MINUTES

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## BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### TYPE OF MEETING –REGULAR

December 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m.  
Remote Meeting via Zoom

#### FOR REFERENCE:

Chair:	Jordan Williams
Vice-Chair:	Dave Dixon
Staff Liaison:	Cortney Geary

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

### 2. ROLL CALL

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Jordan Williams, Chair, At Large Member**

Mike Weber, Land Conservation and Stewardship Board

Kevin Krause, Natural Resources Advisory Board

Mike Tupa, Parks and Recreation Board

Dave Dixon, Bike Fort Collins

Ed Peyronnin, Colorado State University

Campus Bicycle Advisory Committee

Jason Miller, Air Quality Advisory Board

Whitney Allison, At Large Member

Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority

Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bike Co-op

Katherine Chu, At Large Member

#### ABSENT:

Greg Wells, Senior Advisory Board

Rob Owens, Transportation Board

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**  
Cortney Geary

#### PUBLIC PRESENT:

Bill Nesper, League of

American Bicyclists

Stephen Beckley, Fort Collins Cycling Club

Larry Houle, Fort Collins Cycling Club

### 3. AGENDA REVIEW

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Chair Williams stated the Bike Friendly Community Platinum Designation item will be discussed prior to the Active Modes Plan Update.

#### 4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Stephen Beckley, Fort Collins Cycling Club, offered congratulations on the City retaining its Bike Friendly Community Platinum designation. He expressed disappointment with the Safe Kids Larimer County program's opposition to the safety stop legislation stating it lacked data to back the claim the law would endanger children.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2021

Webber made a motion, seconded by Krause, to approve the minutes of the November 2021 meeting as written. The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### a. BAC 2022 Work Plan

Chair Williams discussed the Work Plan and changes made between 2021 and 2022. He noted the Transportation Board has yet to approve its Work Plan and suggested it may be beneficial to wait until the next meeting to approve the Work Plan as Rob Owens from the Transportation Board could not be present and that Board did not have a December meeting. Other members agreed.

Anderson made a motion, seconded by Tupa, to postpone consideration of this item until the next regular meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously.

##### b. BAC 2022 Meeting Schedule

Chair Williams outlined the proposed schedule with the main changes being the February joint meeting with the Transportation Board and moving the December meeting to avoid the holidays.

Peyronnin made a motion, seconded by Dangerfield, to approve the 2022 meeting schedule. The motion was adopted unanimously.

##### c. Vice Chair

Chair Williams noted Dixon was nominated for the Vice Chair position at the last meeting but asked if any other members were interested.

Krause made a motion, seconded by Peyronnin, to nominate Dixon as Vice Chair. The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

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#### **a. Bike Friendly Community Platinum Designation – Cortney Geary, FC Moves**

Geary stated Fort Collins has been redesignated as a Platinum Bike Friendly Community for 2021-2025 and noted Fort Collins is only one of five communities in the nation at the platinum level. She discussed the Bicycle Friendly Community roadmap and goals and stated the City's Active Modes plan will help to outline a plan for the City attaining the diamond level designation.

Geary discussed the report card received by the City in its redesignation. She stated safety levels need to improve, including zero fatalities and a significant reduction in crashes, in order for the City to achieve diamond level certification. She outlined the results of the community survey conducted by the League of American Bicyclists.

Krause supported referencing spending per capita on bicycle facilities. Bill Nesper, League of American Bicyclists, suggested focusing on other peer municipalities with good examples of mode share numbers.

Dangerfield asked what metric the League uses to measure bike program staff to population numbers. Mr. Nesper replied all of the metrics are derived from averages within each award level. He thanked the City and staff for doing the work necessary to get the community to this level.

Geary noted the monthly BAC meetings are increasing Fort Collins' score on the score card in helping the City retain its platinum designation.

#### **b. Active Modes Plan Update – Courtney Geary, FC Moves**

Geary stated the Active Modes Plan will update and consolidate the 2011 Pedestrian Plan and 2014 Bicycle Plan as well as incorporate micro-mobility devices and have a strong tie to the parallel Vision Zero Action Plan. She stated the visioning has concluded and the process is currently in the existing conditions survey phase. She outlined the timeline leading up to adoption by Council in August.

Geary outlined the importance of network connectivity to improve corridor connections, create more direct routes, identifying and resolving missing links, expanding access to paved trails, and building out wayfinding and navigation support. She discussed the technical advisory committee and community advisory community and their roles in the process. Geary provided details on the survey online mapping results.

Miller and Chair Williams commended the outreach to historically-underrepresented Spanish speaking groups.

Peyronnin asked if additional overpasses and underpasses are being considered.

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Geary replied the mapping exercise provided a blank slate for respondents; therefore, she was unsure how aware respondents were of the City's prioritized underpass and overpass list. She stated the current priority for an underpass is the Power Trail and Harmony crossing, which is still about \$5 million short in funding. She stated this process will examine the prioritized list and potentially add to it or reprioritize it.

Dixon commented on the overlap of the goals, which he stated is positive.

Members commented on removing the numbers by the goals so as to not assume they are prioritized.

Miller asked about the community culture goal's objectives. Geary replied the Spanish-speaking respondents showed a lack of awareness about the resources available in Spanish; therefore, one of the important objectives is making education and encouragement programs accessible for the whole community. Other objectives include starting education when children are young.

Miller encouraged more programming for building cycling among adults.

Geary commented on balancing the safety needs of road users with dark sky goals. She provided additional details on the timeline for the Plan and stated she could present at the joint BAC and Transportation Board meeting in February.

### 8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Chair Williams discussed his response to the Safe Kids Larimer County program's opposition to the safety stop legislation and stated he hopes for future opportunities to make connections with the group.

Tupa reported on the recent Parks and Recreation Board report during which the extra Parks maintenance budget funds were discussed.

Peyronnin stated he sent an email regarding the repositioning of the bike trail at the Mason Trail and the underpass near the Natural Resources buildings. He stated that is on CSU property and is in a flood retention zone and CSU is amenable to having discussions about improving safety in the area.

Dixon announced a Bike the Lights Ride this Thursday.

Weber reported on the recent Land Conservation and Stewardship Board meeting during which the Hughes Stadium property purchase funding and conservation easements were discussed.

Anderson reported on the success of the Bikes For Tykes event and on the Fort Collins Bike Co-op reinstating its new volunteer orientation nights.

Tupa asked how electric bikes are classified for trails as he has seen some Class 2

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bikes that do not require the rider to peddle.

Dixon noted the E-bike industry is evolving rapidly and stated there are now Class 2 E-bikes with throttles.

Krause stated his understanding was that whether there is a throttle or not, Class 2 E-bikes are speed limited to 20 miles per hour. Chair Williams concurred and noted the faster Class 3 E-bikes are not allowed on trails.

Krause reported on the recent Natural Resources Advisory Board meeting during which the Board received an update on the City's greenhouse gas emissions report. He noted transportation makes up a large share of emissions and noted the path to achieving the full level of reductions that is targeted is not completely known.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

### a. Transportation Board Report

None.

### b. Staff Liaison Report

Geary stated the new signal at Drake and Hampshire is active and she commended Nancy Nichols for getting the grant funding secured for the project through the CDOT Safe Routes to School program. She stated she has been invited to be part of a focus group being conducted by the National Institute for Transportation and Communities regarding research gaps for bicycle and pedestrian transportation.

Geary announced Melina Dempsey has accepted the position of Senior Transportation Planner and other positions within the service area have been posted for fulfillment. She stated the Dutch Knowledge Sharing Partnership is going to continue.

### c. Future Agenda Items

#### i. Joint meeting with Transportation Board – tentatively in February

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM by unanimous consent.