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BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TYPE OF MEETING –REGULAR

March 28, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

281 N. College Avenue/Remote Meeting via Zoom

FOR REFERENCE:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jordan Williams, Chair, At Large Member

Dave Dixon, Vice Chair, Bike Fort Collins

Rob Owens, Transportation Board

Mike Weber, Land Conservation and Stewardship Board

Ed Peyronnin, Colorado State University Campus Bicycle Advisory Committee

Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bike Co-op

Whitney Allison, At Large Member

David Hansen, Colorado State University

Jonathan Crozier, Poudre School District

Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority

Katherine Chu, At Large Member

David Kovach, Senior Advisory Board

Kevin Krause, Natural Resources Advisory Board

ABSENT:

Jason Miller, Air Quality Advisory Board

Mike Tupa, Parks and Recreation Board

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Nancy Nichols, FC Moves

Safe Routes to School

Brian Kurotsuchi, FC Moves

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PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

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3. AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Williams stated there were no changes to the published agenda.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16 & 28, 2022

Kovach made a motion, seconded by Dangerfield, to approve the minutes of the February 16 and 28, 2022 meetings as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. HB22-1028 – State ‘Safety Stop’ Memo to Transportation Board

Chair Williams stated the Safety Stop legislation has passed the Senate and is on its way to being signed by the Governor. He noted the law will take effect immediately upon the signing. He stated the Transportation Board voted to send on the BAC’s recommendation to Council and to formulate its own in addition, which was a 4-2 measure of support for the legislation. However, Council’s Legislative Review Committee remained in opposition to the bill due to the City’s home rule status. He commented on the BAC’s desire for safety stop to occur on a statewide level rather than piecemeal by municipality.

Peyronnin asked what the opposing views will mean in terms of implementation should the Governor sign the bill. Chair Williams stated he would need to defer to Bicycle Colorado regarding the policy implications of the law being in effect immediately after being signed; however, the statewide law would overrule home rule unless the City decides to adopt more specific regulations in the future.

Dixon confirmed that the age restriction amendment is in place. Chair Williams replied in the affirmative.

Dixon noted the law will not apply where there is already signalized bicycle infrastructure and that municipalities will be able to place signage at particularly concerning intersections.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Budgeting for Outcomes – Cortney Geary

Geary stated the City is now going back to a two-year budget cycle for 2023-2024. She discussed the Budgeting for Outcomes (BFO) process which is a priority-based budgeting system focused on community priorities. She outlined the budget timeline leading to adoption by Council in November and discussed

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the FC Moves budget offers. She specifically mentioned needing to find solutions to improve maintenance for protected bike lanes. She stated it is likely there will be one joint offer for that item between FC Moves and Streets. She also discussed a joint offer with Traffic Operations for work toward Vision Zero. Chair Williams asked if there has been an official declaration by Council to support a Vision Zero Action Plan. Geary replied in the affirmative noting Fort Collins was the first municipality to support CDOT's Vision Zero efforts in 2016.

Kovach asked what offers may have the most impact on seniors. Geary replied the Innovation Zone Plan could have an impact for seniors in terms of providing transit options for areas that are lacking and providing proper maintenance of protected bike lanes will also be beneficial.

Krause asked if there are any offers Geary views as 'shooting for the stars.' Geary replied the Shift Your Ride staff request may be challenging as there is always hesitancy to add full time positions.

Krause stated achieving Council's larger transportation and associated goals will require major budget commitments. Geary replied the Bike Community Capital Improvement Program is a fixed budget item. She stated she does not believe the Active Modes Plan will be far enough along by April 22nd when offers are due to include associated infrastructure offers for this budget cycle.

Krause asked if infrastructure projects are part of FC Moves offers. Geary replied Engineering and Parks Planning will also be submitting infrastructure offers.

Geary discussed the scaling of the Vision Zero Action Plan implementation request. She also noted there will be federal funding opportunities for infrastructure items in the Active Modes Plan. She noted offers related to creating a pot of money for match funding have generally not been successful; however, Council is generally supportive of providing one-time match funding for projects that require that for federal funding.

Members commented on the benefits of earmarking funds now for necessary infrastructure improvements that will be part of the Active Modes Plan. Geary suggested an Active Modes Plan implementation offer could be considered.

Chair Williams asked about the status of the Elizabeth BRT line. Geary replied an application for the project will be submitted to the multi-modal options fund, which is a mix of federal and state funding through the MPO.

Geary noted other departments are also submitting bike related offers, including an ongoing Parks Planning offer for recreational trails.

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b. Active Modes Plan Draft Bicycle Network Recommendations – Cortney Geary

Geary provided members with an online mapping tool and recommendations for the bicycle network.

Chair Williams asked which items were part of the 2014 recommendations and which items are new. Geary replied the only items in the existing and planned bikeway network that are planned are future trails identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Kovach commented on a dangerous intersection at Trilby and Taft Hill.

Chu commented on a dangerous intersection at Lemay and Whalers Way and discussed bike and pedestrian light crossings stating timing those signals properly could help to increase bike ridership.

Geary suggested members may want to tour the Traffic Operations center at some point.

Krause asked if there are trail opportunities that would be part of the Active Modes Plan. Geary replied the plan will not be recommending new paved trails but will be recommending connections.

Krause commented on trails being prioritized for recreation as opposed to being prioritized for how many car trips can be removed. He noted funding is key to making progress toward those bigger goals.

Anderson asked if Parks Planning is involved with the statewide power line trail program. Chair Williams replied funding would likely need to be sought for those projects.

Owens asked if the consultant published the criteria used to develop the recommendations. Geary replied that information has yet to be published on the website.

Chair Williams asked about the project boundaries. Geary replied the planning area is the city's growth management area.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Anderson reported on the North Fort Collins Business Association's recent meeting with Councilmember Ohlson and discussing North College transit improvements.

Owens reported on the recent Transportation Board meeting during which the safety stop legislation and the extension of MAX to North College were discussed.

Krause reported on the recent Natural Resources Advisory Board meeting during which Our Climate Future planning and community engagement were discussed.

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Dixon reported on the spring Safe Routes to School programming and discussed a Bike Fort Collins new scope of work with the Larimer County Department of Health and the Built Environment. He also commented on the possibility of a new asphalt mural partnership in the Buckingham neighborhood.

Dangerfield provided an update on the most recent two alley projects and announced the upcoming three alleys planned for redevelopment. He noted alleys will not be dismount zones as they remain as functional spaces in the vast majority of cases.

Weber reported on the recent Land Conservation and Stewardship Board meeting during which and intergovernmental agreement with Larimer County regarding purchasing and conservation of properties was discussed. Additionally, the Board discussed the budget process.

Crozier discussed the gradual return to normalcy after the pandemic for Poudre School District children.

Hansen stated CSU has received a CDOT grant to fund a TDM program. Additionally, CSU's transportation master plan is set to be updated. He noted CSU is concurrently working on a campus Active Modes Plan with the same consultant as the City.

Allison reported on a bike ride to Lory State Park and stated there is a missed opportunity in that the Park does not have an annual pass option for cyclists. She also discussed the various FoCo Fondo initiatives.

Kovach introduced himself and discussed his history with biking.

Chair Williams reported on the approval of the Bobcat Ridge conservation easement and the purchase of the Eagle Ranch property that will connect Horsetooth to Bobcat Ridge.

Dangerfield showed a video of the downtown area from winter Bike to Work Day. Members discussed possible changes to make the event more efficient in the downtown area in the future.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Transportation Board Report

(**Secretary's Note: see above for Owens' report.)

b. Staff Liaison Report

None.

c. Future Agenda Items

- **Manual Bike/Ped Count Analysis**

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10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM by unanimous consent.