

# MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



## BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### TYPE OF MEETING –REGULAR

April 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

281 N. College Avenue/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 6:03 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  
Kevin Krause, Natural Resources Advisory Board

##### ABSENT:

David Kovach, Senior Advisory Board  
Jason Miller, Air Quality Advisory Board  
Mike Tupa, Parks and Recreation Board

##### CITY STAFF PRESENT:

##### PUBLIC PRESENT:

Alex Gordon (NFRMPO)  
AnnaRose Cunningham (MFRMPO)

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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 – MARCH 2022

Chair Williams noted one change was made to the minutes to clarify the City can add regulations that would override the state safety stop legislation.

Dangerfield made a motion, seconded by Chu, to approve the minutes of the March 2022 meeting as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

##### a. North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization Update – Alex Gordon and AnnaRose Cunningham (NFRMPO)

AnnaRose Cunningham, North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO), stated the Organization is made up of 13 communities and two counties and consists of a planning council, which is elected officials from the communities, a technical advisory committee, which is staff from the communities, and two different mobility committees which include different mobility partners across the region. She noted the organization also does air quality planning in addition to transportation planning.

Ms. Cunningham discussed the regional active transportation corridors noting their development helps to connect local systems to the regional system both in the short term and long term. She stated the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan informs the work done by the Organization.

Alex Gordon, NFRMPO, stated the Regional Transportation Plan is updated every four years and includes all transportation modes. He stated an issue with regional travel demand modeling is that it is roadway heavy and capacity focused and he discussed attempts to shift away from that. He stated the Plan will look at planning context and will include transportation trends, emerging trends, and security and safety. It will also include sections on visioning and scenario planning and funding and financing.

Mr. Gordon discussed the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Action Plan, which is focused on what can be done now to address air quality. He discussed the possibility of forming a TDM organization that would focus on

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implementing TDM strategies, which would be a new organization for the region but not for the state. He also discussed the premium transit analysis project, Link NoCo, which focuses on three corridors, Highway 34 between Loveland and Greeley, connecting Loveland and Windsor, and connecting Fort Collins and Greeley along the Great Western Railroad.

Ms. Cunningham discussed the NFRMPO's role in awarding federal and state funding in the region and provided information on a few funding programs, including the multi-modal transportation and mitigations options fund, which is a state funding source focused more on biking and pedestrians. Chair Williams noted that CDOT also shared similar information about transportation funding options but added that it would be helpful to have graphical representations of the funding percentage actually dedicated to green energy and multi-modal options in addition to the cumulative numbers.

Mr. Gordon discussed the NoCo Bike and Ped Collaborative, which is not an official MPO committee, but includes a leadership team and is staffed by the MPO. He also provided additional details on the MPO's two mobility committees which bring together human service transportation and transit agencies.

Ms. Cunningham discussed the build up of safety planning and using data to better inform decisions. She commented on the new safety data working group and the development of a transportation hazard reporter tool.

Mr. Gordon stated the MPO must now consider greenhouse gas emissions in the projects it chooses as part of SB260, and if expected budget reductions are not met, other mitigation strategies and programs must be implemented to help meet the climate action plan adopted by the state. He also commented on work with FC Moves and other communities in the region on a regional shift your ride campaign.

Committee members discussed possible rail lines and service.

Chair Williams asked if the MPO will be able to utilize data from Fort Collins' Active Modes Plan for its Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Gordon replied in the affirmative.

Chair Williams asked about the outcomes of the new Community Advisory Committee. Ms. Cunningham replied it was launched last May and it has been helpful to discuss topics with people not involved in transportation. She stated it has been difficult to keep members.

#### **b. Bike Fort Collins Presentation – Dave Dixon**

Dave Dixon, Bike Fort Collins, discussed Bike Fort Collins' intent to maintain a fluid list of intersections and roadway facilities that represent opportunities for improving the bicycling experience. He stated this presentation will focus on the

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following: the section of Welch from Prospect to Spring Creek, the Stuart Street and Lemay Avenue intersection, and the intersection of Prospect Road and Stover Street.

Dixon detailed the Welch site and showed photos of the area. He stated most bike traffic is attempting to get from the Pitkin bikeway to the Spring Creek Trail and suggested improving the desired bike and pedestrian behavior and creating a two-way cycle path on the east side of Welch after crossing over.

Geary noted the 2014 Bicycle Master Plan included multiple spot improvements to add push buttons to existing half signals, though she was unsure whether this was one of them.

Dixon discussed the Stuart and Lemay intersection noting both westbound and eastbound directions lack safe bicycle facilities. He noted 60% of respondents to a Bike Fort Collins survey reported having some type of conflict or right-of-way confusion at this intersection. He showed a video of bicycling through the area. It was noted there are no markings signaling that bikes are supposed to join the vehicular lane.

Dixon stated widening Stuart to allow for adequate or dedicated bike facilities in both directions would be the ideal scenario; however, given cost and space constraints, another option would be to install bike boxes or sharrows.

Dixon discussed the offset intersection at Stover and Prospect noting a signalized pedestrian crossing exists; however, riders traveling southbound on Stover who want to cross and utilize the pedestrian crossing must cross over two lanes to get to the crossing and ride contra-flow on the sidewalk. He showed videos of bicycling through the area.

(\*\*Secretary's Note: There were technical issues with the internet during this meeting. At this point, the Committee heard Board Member and Staff Reports while waiting for the issues to get resolved. See below for those reports. The remainder of Dixon's presentation was emailed to members.)

## 8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Weber reported the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board discussed reappropriating some money from the previous year to the current year, discussed the budget offers, a fish structure near the ELC, the public engagement cycle in the Poudre zone and on Kestrel Fields Open Space, conservation and stewardship planning for the Poudre, and conservation easements on Natural Areas properties. He stated the Board also discussed poor geofencing for the Spin scooters in Old Town and questioned whether the safety stop applies to bike-only facilities. Chair Williams confirmed bikes must stop at bike-only stop signs.

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Dangerfield reported on outreach for the new alley projects. He requested Geary discuss the recent meeting with counterparts from the Netherlands.

Chu reported on her recent involvement with Send Town Bike Club and stated the New Belgium short track races are coming back in May. She asked about the status of the bike counter on Remington. Geary replied a planning technician has taken over maintenance of the bike counters and she would ask her to look into it.

Crozier reported PSD will be having its summer institute which provides for district-wide teacher collaboration this year for the first time since the pandemic.

Krause reported the Natural Resources Advisory Board received a regional transportation update from Dean Klinger and discussed the East Mulberry annexation.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

### a. Transportation Board Report

Owens reported the Transportation Board discussed the Transport and transit funding study regarding the funding of the 2019 Transit Master Plan through 2050. Additionally, the Board had an initial meeting with Tyler Stamey, the City's new Traffic Engineer, regarding traffic compliance. He also commented on San Diego's attempt to install advisory bike lanes with no public outreach and the subsequent reversal of that installation and stated the Board discussed safety concerns at the Stover and Stuart intersection.

### b. Staff Liaison Report

- **Budgeting for Outcomes**

Geary reported the budget offers for 2023-24 were due Friday and she presented the bike-related offers, not including the FC Moves continuing offers that fund core programs. She also included the budget amounts broken up by year and highlighted two changes to offers since the last discussion. She also mentioned an offer to improve snow removal in protected bike lanes has become a continuing enhancement offer with a lead by the Streets Department. Additionally, the Vision Zero Action Plan implementation is now included in Traffic Operations. She also outlined Engineering projects that have some type of bike element.

- **Pitkin Project Timeline Update**

Geary stated she does not yet have an updated timeline; however, the Pitkin project is delayed due to Utilities materials procurement issues. She discussed the public outreach that has occurred regarding the advisory bike lanes and the delays.

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- **Spin Dashboard**

Geary reported the Spin public data dashboard is currently live on the City's website.

- **Active Modes Plan Project Timeline Update**

Geary reported they have been having difficulties getting on the Council schedule and another work session is scheduled for October with adoption hopefully in November rather than September as planned.

- **Safe Routes to School Curriculum and Rotation**

Geary stated she would send out the new Safe Routes to School curriculum and will be in 15 schools this spring.

Geary discussed the recent meeting with counterparts in the Netherlands during which their parking zone policy was discussed. Dangerfield commented on the differences between that policy and Fort Collins parking.

**c. Future Agenda Items**

- **Tour of Traffic Operations Center**

Members discussed what they would like to learn from the Traffic Operations Center tour.

- **Manual Bike/Ped Count Analysis**

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM by unanimous consent.