

# MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



## BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### TYPE OF MEETING –REGULAR

May 23, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Traffic Operations Center – 626 Linden Street

#### 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 6:00 PM.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

##### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Dave Dixon, Vice Chair, Bike Fort Collins

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

David Kovach, Senior Advisory Board

##### ABSENT:

Jason Miller, Air Quality Advisory Board

Rob Owens, Transportation Board

Jonathan Crozier, Poudre School District

Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority

Katherine Chu, At Large Member

Kevin Krause, Natural Resources Advisory Board

##### CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Tyler Stamey, Traffic Engineer

Rachel Ruhlen, Transportation Planner

##### PUBLIC PRESENT:

Steve Beckley

Larry Houle

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#### 3. AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Williams stated there were no changes to the published agenda but noted the focus will be on the tour and associated questions and comments.

#### 4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Beckley commended the Bike Fort Collins ride around town events and commented on the variation between the timing of bike signal lights around town.

Houle commended the focus on biking in the community.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 2022

Peyronnin made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the minutes of the April 2022 meeting as written. The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

##### a. 2021 Roadway Safety Report – Tyler Stamey

Tyler Stamey, Traffic Engineer, discussed the crash data collected by the City and noted a crash constitutes anything that would be reported to Police regardless of vehicle type. He commented on the crash data anomalies resulting from the pandemic and discussed the various crash types. He noted bicycles account for 3% of the overall number of crashes and 18% of serious injury crashes. Vulnerable users, which include motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, disproportionately account for serious injury and fatal crashes.

Chair Williams asked if there is data related to E-scooters and other toy vehicles. Stamey replied they are potentially being categorized as pedestrians right now; however, he was unsure. He noted the state crash reporting form changed in 2020 and all municipalities had to have it adopted by this year. He commented on work with Police Services to properly complete the forms.

Stamey went on to further detail the types of bicycle crashes. An **unidentified** member asked if there has been a reduction in crashes with the implementation of more roundabouts. Stamey replied he would need to do a comparison of before and after data for those intersections in terms of bikes, but there is definitely a reduction in vehicle crashes and a reduction in severity of those crashes.

Members and Stamey discussed the options of bicyclists when entering a roundabout. Stamey further detailed crash situations and types and discussed ways in which crashes can be avoided.

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Chair Williams asked how Fort Collins compares to comparable communities in terms of accident statistics. Stamey replied Fort Collins is about in the middle of the pack with regard to Colorado communities. He noted the primary comparison is fatal crashes.

An **unidentified** member asked if there has been any anecdotal data related to the new safety stop law. Stamey replied he has not yet garnered any data on that but that he believes it was essentially the way things were functioning prior to the new law.

#### **b. Tour of Traffic Operations Center**

Stamey provided members a tour of the Traffic Operations Center. He discussed signal timing and how congestion and delay are evaluated and improved. He commented on the desire to keep vehicle traffic on arterials and off neighborhood streets.

Dixon stated bike commute times would be a good metric to track. Members discussed ways to incentive and prioritize bike ridership including improved signal timing and providing more direct routes.

An **unidentified** member asked if there is a standard for bike lane widths. Steve Gilchrist, Traffic Technical Project Manager, replied there are standards for new roads and many existing roads have been retrofitted, such as Lemay, and some of those are not incredibly sufficient in terms of width as those roads were never meant to include bike lanes. Members discussed the type of paint used for green bike markings throughout town.

Stamey discussed the various duties completed by the Traffic Operations department, including roadway snow removal.

Gilchrist described the traffic management center and how the city's traffic signal system operates. He discussed how bike detection differs from vehicle detection and commented on adaptive timing corridors. Additionally, he discussed the use of Bluetooth technology to determine travel times and how emergency vehicles trigger signals.

An **unidentified** member asked how instantly changing signal locations are determined. Gilchrist replied it depends on signal coordination. He commented on the signal timing differences between the AM and PM peak hours.

Members discussed issues with signal timing at specific intersections.

An **unidentified** member asked if there are still issues with accidents resulting from traffic stacking at Raising Cane's and Starbucks on College. Stamey replied Raising Cane's has been receptive to making site changes and there has been a substantial reduction in stacking at that location. He stated accidents are actually

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more prevalent a bit further north on College.

#### c. Comments and Feedback

### 8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

(\*\*Secretary's Note: The remainder of the agenda was postponed to the next meeting.)

### 9. OTHER BUSINESS

#### a. Transportation Board Report

#### b. Staff Liaison Report

#### c. Future Agenda Items

- Manual Bike/Ped Count Analysis

### 10. ADJOURNMENT

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