

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC) WORK PLAN 2022

PURPOSE: The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) is a subcommittee of the Transportation Board. The BAC reviews, recommends, and proactively identifies capital improvements, educational initiatives, and Active Modes plan priorities for current and future implementation.

MISSION: Promote bicycling, e-bikes, and other active modes as viable forms of transportation within the City of Fort Collins and Northern Colorado.

2022 OBJECTIVES: While operating within the standard city procedures as mandated by Fort Collins City Council, the BAC will pursue the following objectives:

- 1) Support efforts encouraging bicycling and e-bike usage to create permanent modal shifts
- 2) Support efforts to increase bicycling and other active modes among historically underrepresented groups (see Equity guiding principle on page 2)
- 3) Support efforts to implement bicycle-friendly infrastructure such as low-stress routes, trails, etc.
- 4) Support efforts to enhance the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians, and other road users
- 5) Support local bicycle advocacy when appropriate by remaining proactive in bike-related issues

ANNUAL OBJECTIVES (ON-GOING):

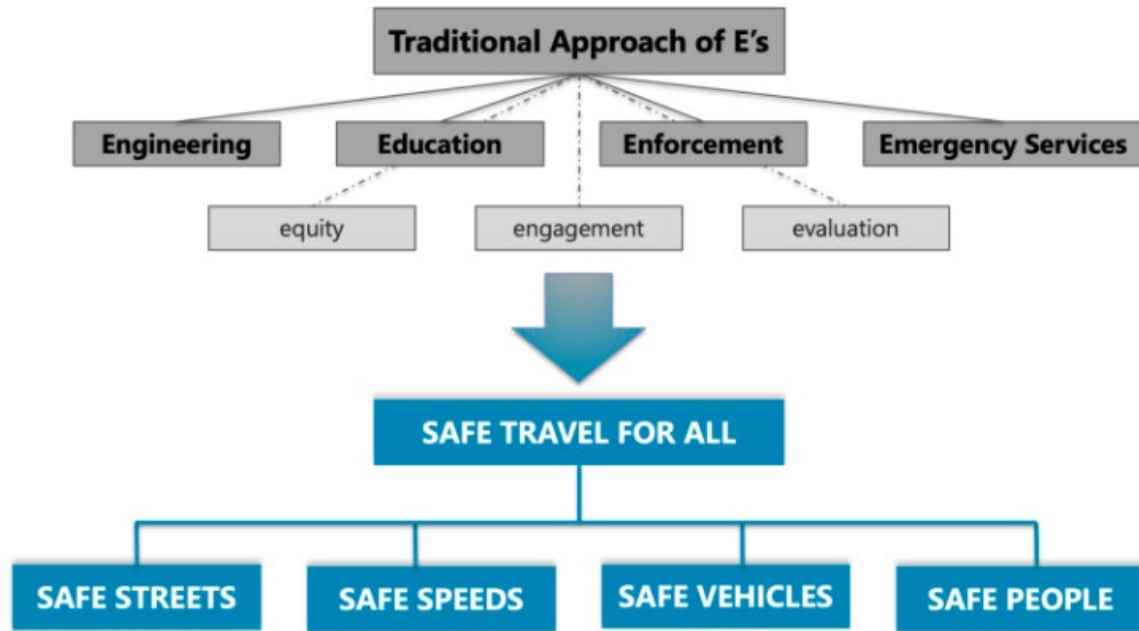
- I. Support the Transportation board and other City committees
 - a. Provide a bicycle-oriented and active transportation-specific perspective on transportation board plans and deliberations
 - b. Communicate issues as appropriate back to respective organizations of individual committee members.
 - c. Bring member-related concerns to the BAC for preliminary review before being taken to the Transportation Board if needed.
- II. Conduct annual review of BAC Work Plan, Objectives, and operational procedures
 - a. Timing and content shall coincide with Transportation Board Annual Work Plan
- III. Provide feedback, identify priorities, and support priorities for the Active Modes Plan, Vision Zero Action Plan, Climate Action Plan, FC Moves, and other departments as appropriate
 - a. BAC should be consulted on projects/programs that may impact the safety and movement of people on bikes within and between the City of Fort Collins and neighboring jurisdictions.
 - b. Provide feedback and make recommendations regarding active modes and transportation-related budget offers.

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BAC GUIDING PRINCIPLES: The economic, environmental and community benefits of bicycling deserve continuing recognition. Bicycling produces no air or noise pollution, decreases traffic congestion, helps alleviate vehicular parking demand, saves energy, uses land and road space efficiently, provides mobility, saves individuals money, improves health and fitness, and, most of all, is fun. Therefore, the essential elements of a bicycle friendly community will continue to include:

1. **Equity (Diversity/Inclusion)** - Examine, on an ongoing basis, the cultural, geographic and income barriers to cycling in underserved communities and foster cultural competence and representation within the BAC to better address their unique circumstances. Historically underrepresented groups include but not are limited to non-white (minority), Hispanic/Latinx, indigenous, non-English speaking, and differently-abled residents, households at or below the Federal Poverty Level, households without a vehicle, youth (under 18), and older adults (over 65).
2. **Engineering** - Identify innovative solutions for improving design and/or maintenance of important bicycle travel routes to assure a safer, efficient and enjoyable bicycling environment.
3. **Education and Safety** – Support the efforts of public, private and non-profit groups in the community to promote bicycle safety education about the “rules of the road” and “Share the Road” messages for both motorists and bicyclists of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.
4. **Encouragement** – Continue to develop and support innovative programs, campaigns and events to encourage increased bicycle travel.
5. **Evaluation and Planning** - Utilize performance measures which the City staff develops for bicycle programs and facilities to assess achievement of economic, environmental, and community benefits. Plan for a future in which bicycling is an easy, safe, convenient mode of transportation.
6. **Economic Development** – Use bicycle facilities, a robust bicycling culture, bicycle sporting events and enjoyable recreational biking to attract employers, new residents, businesses and visitors; and to facilitate bicycling as an affordable transportation option.
7. **Environment** - Encourage bicycling as a sustainable form of transportation which is better for the environment than driving a motor vehicle. Also support efforts to encourage multi-modal transportation connectivity, infrastructure, programs and services.
8. **Enforcement** – Support efforts to ensure safe roads for all users, and support efforts toward educating law enforcement on the laws and applying them equitably to ensure public safety. As educational efforts focusing on safety evolve, a “safe systems” approach that advances these traditional essential elements can be utilized (see graphic on next page).

Pivoting to a Safe Systems Approach



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