

**MEETING MINUTES OF
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**July 8, 2013
6:00 pm
Community Room
215 N. Mason St
Fort Collins, CO 80521**

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair: Sylvia Cranmer	970-493-5277
Staff Liaison: Tessa Greegor	970-416-2471

BOARD/CITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Parks and Recreation Board: Ragan Adams
Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op: Tim Anderson
Colorado State University: Joy Childress
Downtown Development Authority: Todd Dangerfield
Land Conservation & Stewardship Board: Kathryn Grimes
Natural Resources Advisory Board: Joe Halseth
Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance: Libby Harrow
Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition: Kim Sharpe

AT LARGE PRESENT

Dee Colombini
Dan Gould
Michael Hinterberg

ABSENT

Economic Advisory Commission: Jim Clark
Bike Fort Collins: Sylvia Cranmer
Senior Advisory Board: Ellen Lirley
Air Quality Board: Michael Lynn
Poudre School District: MacKenzie Mushel
Transportation Board: Garry Steen

CITY OF FORT COLLINS PRESENT

Tessa Greegor, Bicycle Program Manager
Paul Sizemore, FC Moves Program Manager
Pete Wray, Senior Transportation Planner
Amy Lewin, Transportation Planner

CITIZENS PRESENT

Kellen Wittkop, Minute Taker
Chris Johnson, Technical Co-Chair for LOC

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm with a quorum present by Kathryn Grimes.

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June minutes were approved on a motion by Libby Harrow, seconded by Dan Gould, with all in favor.

FOLLOW UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

Members mentioned how various emails have been sent around about the Idaho stop law detailing different research topics. Tim Anderson sent a useful editorial article to the BAC. Tessa Greeger mentioned that at the August BAC meeting there will be additional information and recommendations shared by staff based on several case studies and research findings. Kathryn Grimes noted that it is important for members to be informed and gather opinions and research. Tim Anderson reiterated that he heard questions from several people about the issue of how this law would be implemented at the state/county/ city level.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

LINCOLN CORRIDOR PLAN

Amy Lewin and Pete Ray, co-project managers, presented on the Lincoln Corridor Plan. The plan includes neighbourhoods, breweries, river, and culture/history. The budgeting for outcome offers included one for a larger plan for Lincoln triangle area and a second for the overall design of Lincoln. So, they combined the two into one great plan. They are building off previous efforts, refining, and moving things forward

Showing a map of the plan, Ms Lewin noted that the area of influence and core study area is not in a vacuum. There are a lot of surrounding neighbourhoods, and they must take into account a lot of the surrounding planning that has been done in Lincoln/surrounding area.

Expected Outcomes of the plan include: extensive outreach and community preferences; cohesive identity and vision for Lincoln; a multi-modal street design; prioritized list of improvements; moving forward things that have already been planned; and funding opportunities to make sure ideas are implemented.

Ms Lewin detailed the process and schedule of the plan. There are 3 main phases: the first is the vision phase (March-July 2013), the second is the alternatives phase (July-September

2013), and the third is the preferred plan phase (October 2013-March 2014 – they will take the preferred plan to City Council for adoption in mid-March 2014).

Pete Wray stated that they just extended the online survey for another week (deadline is now July 16). The online survey parallels visioning work sessions from June 18. There was a good turnout for the live interactive sessions (4 timeslots, live polling). At these sessions, they asked for memorable street corridors and ideas on various aspects of the street and design elements. Also, consultants and stakeholders were tasked to come up with a list of memorable street corridors within close context to Lincoln (minor arterial street with two lanes, bike lanes, and other amenities). The initial list included 40 memorable corridors. From there, they used Great Streets criteria and analysis to make 5 categories: unique character, engage the eye, physical comfort, places for people to walk and bike, a defined street. They selected 5 corridors (Fort Collins at Mountain Ave, California, Ohio, and 2 from Europe) and sought more feedback on these specific corridors.

The community engagement for this project includes neighbourhood, business, and stakeholder meetings. It combines two projects: the new vision for Lincoln and the broader context for related areas. Updates/recommendations will be sent to City Council a memo, a work session, and a hearing.

Mr Wray detailed the knowns/expectations of the project. The Lincoln Corridor includes a 2 lane arterial, max 115' ROW, variable and constrained at Buckingham, Oxbow Levee, and bike/pedestrian facilities. The goal is to create a unique street with individual character and amenities to support many modes of transit. Mr Wray noted they would like to see an active street environment with a major employer locating in the area, existing businesses, and the opportunities for infill and redevelopment. In terms of the ROW, the narrowest part is the river bridge (24' with edge and minimal sidewalk to rails of the bridge) with other areas anywhere from 60-90-115. The next steps comprise the online survey and summary of existing/future conditions assessment.

Next, Mr Wray opened the presentation to questions/discussions and ideas/visionary items.

Dee Colombini asked if there are plans to widen the bridge to create more room for bikes. Mr Wray replied that it is not a structural issue right now, but most people recognize that it is a pinch point. Possible plans include a realignment of Poudre River Bridge by Linden Street. The City is working to re-do the Mulberry Poudre River Bridge, and the existing long bike bridge is going to be taken off and realigned in a separate area. Kim Sharpe suggested that if bridge can't be widened then there should be designated/clear lane markings.

Questions were asked regarding zoning in certain areas of the corridor. Mr Wray noted that most of the area in question has potential for a variety of uses. Some actions taken by the City include putting in asphalt sidewalks down Lincoln on the west side of Lemay and partial sidewalks on Lincoln.

Todd Dangerfield shared information from a design input session with the DDA. There is a highway through Golden that crosses Clear Creek. Golden retrofitted the bridge on each side and widened it up to 12' for pedestrian walking and seating with an interactive river experience. Kathryn Grimes noted that the Brooklyn bridge added wings for pedestrians and bikes.

Discussion about the natural area incorporated in the Woodward Governor Plan was brought up. Pete Wray noted that there are two primary points of access from Woodward plan. Todd Dangerfield shared that the natural area is 30 acres from the total 100 acres and involves realignment of the trail off the river front so that the trail might take a further inland route. He also noted that there will be a significant amount of truck traffic in Lincoln for Woodward which will have to be incorporated in design.

Tim Anderson suggested the idea of cycling courses and possibly puzzle-piecing together the courses in this area. Kathryn Grimes advised that some considerations for the plan include: light (lighting), noise, the speed limit (will it change? sections that vary?), safe bike paths, and green space between industrial areas.

Dan Gould discussed beer tourism triangle of the area which seems like a design problem. He suggested a counter-clockwise circulation staying on the north side (which makes for all right turns and not having to cross Lincoln). This circulation would provide an incentive for bikers to head out Linden and take Buckingham for access. Mr Wray stated that there is support and dissent about a more interactive brewery district. Overall, the goal is to support all forms of mobility, provide safety, and fit within the larger context of the area as an extension of downtown. So far, they have 200 survey responses.

PAVED TRAIL MASTER PLAN

Amy Lewin also presented on the Paved Trail Master Plan. City Council requested that staff undertake a trail study and develop a long-range plan for paved trails with action items to update trail design standards.

As Ms Lewin will be returning to the BAC next month, she recommends getting a copy of the draft plan in advance of meeting.

The plan will detail the need for plan, history, funding, Parks and Recreation policy plans, Plan Fort Collins and Transportation master plan, best management practices, inventory, design standards, user info, summary, recommendations, and action items.

Next steps include finishing drafting the Trail Plan. This plan will look at future trails, funding options and action items. It will be presented to various City boards for their input and taken to City Council for possible adoption October 1.

During the question portion of the presentation, Kathryn Grimes asked if there will be another onsite bike survey. Ms Lewin responded that yes, there will be another survey. Fort Collins participated in a national effort to collect data on trail users (took counts, interviews). People are needed to help with this survey, and volunteer can sign up online. The survey will be consistent with the national standard and customized to the city's needs.

Kim Sharpe suggested adding a question about helmets to the survey. Ms Lewin reported that counts noted whether or not cyclists were wearing helmets (about 60% of bikers on trails were observed wearing helmets).

Dan Gould asked Ms Lewin to comment on the Power Trail Crossing on Harmony. Ms Lewin referred to the Harmony Enhanced Travel Corridor Plan which incorporates the

crossing, but she is not aware of a dedicated funding source. Paul Sizemore shared that the plan was adopted by City Council, and there are questions about BOB/son of BOB funding.

USA PRO CHALLENGE

Chris Johnson who works at Larimer County Fairgrounds as part of LOC presented on the USA Pro Challenge. His group bid to bring USA Pro Challenge to Colorado, and they are now 6 weeks. In total, they have been working on it for 3 years. The event is in Colorado Saturday August 24, the last stage with elevation, and is on NBC 2-4 pm. The Challenge includes Teams of 8 (around 140 cyclists – same as racing in Tour de France).

Typically, a city bids to host as a start or a finish and then is paired with another compatible city. The cities of Fort Collins, Loveland, Windsor, and Estes Park bid for a full route together. They have a great start, funding sources, and finishing points. For the first time ever they received the bid of a full route of a 120 mile course. The course starts at the Ranch, circuits around Windsor, down Loveland, up to Estes Park with a sprint, back down Highway 34, over the dams, into Fort Collins on Overland, across town on Mulberry, loop around Library Park, and end on College and Mountain.

A part of their bid included a video with all four city managers on bikes asking for the bid. It can be viewed at Nococycling.com which also includes other online resources. Then, a team of 50 people rode down from the Ranch to the USA Pro Office in Denver with the ceremonial bid document. It was a collaborative and organic effort.

Mr Johnson stated that they expect to see 50,000 people on the ground in Fort Collins and 100,000 people overall. They need volunteers, and those interested in volunteering can sign up online at nococycling.com, USA Pro Challenge website, etc.

Ancillary events include a kid's circuit race at the Ranch ground with a podium on the finish in Fort Collins. The Recreator has been great partner. From 12-1 p, there will be a women's cycling race on College Ave put together by Fort Folly/a local racer. On Aug 11 there is the Larimer County Pro Challenge Experience consisting of 3 courses that start/finish at New Belgium. All of LOC proceeds will go to Northern Colorado Rebuild Network which works on rebuilding relationships with rural areas and cyclists. The USA Pro Challenge will provide a great opportunity for inter-governmental cooperation, creating regional infrastructure for cycling, etc. They are also doing adaptive recreation outreach. The Bike Library kiosk will be a prime location during this event.

Kathryn Grimes inquired about security at the event. Mr Johnson replied that recent national events are not changing how they will do anything because of the strong incident command process.

Ragan Adams mentioned that there will be a lot of waiting during this event and suggested that during the portions of the waiting there could be an opportunity to get out educational materials about what spectators are seeing and show off Larimer County.

Joy Childress asked about spreading the message within the new students at CSU as the event will take place on CSU move-in day. Mr Johnson replied that they have a big partnership within university that will be announced within the next couple of weeks, and that the

Coloradoan is committed to mass coverage of the event. Since the dams will be closed overnight, they recommend anyone that wants to walk overnight to park at Hughes Stadium.

Mr Johnson also noted that the BNSF has been notified, and they are very involved with the event.

Tessa Greegor and Chris Johnson are going to brainstorm about how to get other bike groups mobilized and involved.

BIKE WEEK RECAP

Tessa Greegor presented to the BAC some highlights and statistics from the 26th Annual Bike to Work Day. Highlights included:

- A horse at Fort Collins Food Co-op
- Smokey the Bear
- Oak Plaza photo booth
- Mayor of Fort Collins was out and about during the event
- Ms Greegor noted the very unique feel of the event – people hanging out and enjoying the day together at different stations
- 22 new businesses
- 1006 new cyclists
- Highest volume stations:
 - New Belgium
 - CSU Oval
 - Whole Foods
 - Oak Street
 - Spring Creek/Mason Trail
 - Gardens at Spring Creek
- Overall results
 - Increase in breakfast station sponsors, stations, sign-ins
 - Same number of afternoon station sponsors, stations; decrease in station sign-ins
 - Increase in total event sponsors, sign-ins, and individual participants

Ms Greegor asked the BAC for their feedback about the event. Members gave several points of feedback including:

Michael Hinterberg inquired about the accidents and/or incidents at the event. Ms Greegor stated that a few were reported on the train tracks located by stations. Mr Hinterberg noted that while visiting a breakfast station he witnessed a car-on-car accident and praised the event for minimizing accidents/incidents with such a high volume of bicyclists and creating an overall safe event.

Joy Childress noted that she saw more people wearing helmets than any other year. Dee Colombini stated that it was helpful that CSU was giving away helmets, and Ms Childress recounted how she saw many younger individuals who were very excited about receiving helmets.

Todd Dangerfield suggested improving the accuracy of the count of people who are not actually at stations in order to tabulate a better count of overall people participating. Ms Greeger reported that about 600 pre-registered individuals utilized the online registration tool, and that a possibility for the future is to take a general count instead of using sign-in sheets.

Ms Childress suggested having fun stickers at each station that participants only receive if they sign in at the station as a way to increase participation at stations.

Kathryn Grimes suggested incorporating some type of health element with the food at the event such as offering organic, local, sustainable, and overall healthier food. In addition, Ms Colombini noted that there was generally not a lot of food at the afternoon stations. Ms Greeger mentioned a possible expansion of afternoon stations outside of brewery location and encouraging people to bike home from work as well.

Ms Grimes stated that overall it was a great event and good effort.

To wrap up her presentation, Ms Greeger asked about the change of not providing printing maps of stations. Kim Sharpe added that people did ask about maps and that they are needed because individuals were not happy about the lack of maps. Mr Dangerfield stated the online map was difficult to decipher.

REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

Tessa Greeger shared that the Association of Pedestrian and Bike Professionals is hosting a seminar in Boulder in September. The seminar is an opportunity to learn about planning, bike transit design, etc. Participants can sign up for 3 different tracks. As a part of the event, Fort Collins is hosting a mobile tour from 8:00 – 5:00 pm on Monday September 9th. The tour will showcase infrastructure, the bike library, and other elements around the city. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Tessa.

Next, Ms Greeger also shared that she is going to a workshop in Minneapolis in early August for the Open Streets Initiative project which teaches people how to organize open street events (70-80 initiatives around the country where cities close specific streets to cars so it is a car-free event and a celebration of the street and public space). She is looking into possible dates and locations to host an open street event in Fort Collins.

Amy Lewin reported an update about bike sharing in Fort Collins. Currently, research and analysis of bike sharing and the bike library are being compiled in order to compile options for moving forward. The goal for the research and outreach is to come up with vision where the best elements of the bike library are continued while enhancing overall transit system with bike sharing (MAX stations, etc.). Recently, Fort Collins and won grant from the EPA (one of five cities) for technical assistance in planning bike share. A part of the grant included a workshop in April. EPA representatives produced a memo giving a summary of what they heard/observed, potential next steps, and a tentative schedule. One of the things they suggested was to come up with a task force. The task force has completed initial meetings and has a core sub-group which is going to be doing more between monthly full group meetings. Next on the schedule is a visit with Boulder to learn how that city developed their

system and receive any advice. Ms Lewin will be coming to the BAC August meeting with a more details about that meeting. She would love more involvement.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Kim Sharpe spoke about how BPEC is involved in most of the activities mentioned about the USA Pro Challenge. During the race, BPEC Bike Ambassadors will be coordinating the “Kids Zone” in downtown Fort Collins, and there is quite a bit of overlap with the event.

Joe Halseth, who is also a member of West Nile Advisory Panel, discussed the updates he receives from the Health Department. Case tracks have increased exponentially, and Colorado reported the first human case last week. Vector indexes are very low if non-existent, but Mr. Halseth suggested to be aware and protect yourself.

Tim Anderson reported no success for the Bike Co-op at finding another location. They are looking at being within a 1 mile radius of Mountain and College because they serve a lot of people in that area. However, he stated that they are going to have to expand that radius and need help. The Bike Co-op’s needs include 4000-5000 square feet and a sustainable space.

Kathryn Grimes shared that the Land Conservation & Stewardship Board didn’t meet last month. They are happy about the piece of land at the new Woodward location where there will be trails. The Transpiration Advisory Committee continued to look and analyze bus stops.

Joy Childress discussed how CSU has taken steps to hire an Alternate Transportation Manager. With the possible new stadium and challenges that come with that, they need someone that is going to be focusing on non-car transportation. Also, she is looking in to putting more fix it stations over campus (7 now, ordered 2 more).

Todd Dangerfield reported that the DDA is going to be working with DBA and USA Pro Challenge to utilize the Elks parking lot as staging or medical area since it is vacant.

NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURN

Tim Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, and Libby Harrow seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.