

**MEETING MINUTES OF  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**October 14, 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

Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition: Kim Sharpe

Bike Fort Collins: Sylvia Cranmer

Downtown Development Authority: Todd Dangerfield

Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance: Libby Harrow

Natural Resources Advisory Board: Joe Halseth

Transportation Board: Garry Steen

Colorado State University: Joy Childress

Land Conservation & Stewardship Board: Kathryn Grimes

**AT LARGE PRESENT**

Dan Gould

Dee Colombini

Michael Hinterberg

**ABSENT**

Senior Advisory Board: Ellen Lirley

Air Quality Board: Michael Lynn

Poudre School District: MacKenzie Mushel

**CITY OF FORT COLLINS PRESENT**

Tessa Greegor, FC Bikes Program Manager

Paul Sizemore, FC Moves Program Manager

**CITIZENS PRESENT**

Leslie Perry, Minute Taker

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm with a quorum present by Chair Sylvia Cranmer.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

No changes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Citizen Dan Coogan, shared his thoughts on Stop As Yield (SAY). He stated he is an avid bicyclist and a supporter of SAY. He has lived in Idaho and has used SAY. He believes it is a benefit for cars, as it moves them along better.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The September minutes were approved on a motion by Dee Colombini, seconded by Libby Harrow, with all in favor.

**FOLLOW UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS**

Joe Halseth, Natural Resources Advisory Board, asked how the pedestrian counts went. Tessa Greegor, FC Bikes Program Manager, replied they would be presented at the next BAC meeting in November.

**ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER MEETING**

None.

**DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**STOP AS YIELD**

Sylvia Cranmer, Chair asked the group for their positions on Stop-As-Yield (SAY) from the corresponding entity they represent. Their positions were as follows:

Ragan Adams, representing Parks and Recreation Board, stated that Parks and Recreation (PR) felt that SAY was not a Parks and Recreation issue therefore they abstain.

Todd Dangerfield, representing the Downtown Development Authority, stated that staff sees it as a convenience issue not a safety issue. They are not for spending the time, political capital or energy on a convenience issue.

Michael Hinterberg, member at large, thought crafting and explaining the position versus a yes-no decision was important as well as consideration of the larger picture with a bike plan, gathering more data and balancing priorities.

Joy Childress, representing Colorado State University, said her group took a vote and seven were against it, one was for it and one was on the fence. Those against it were from a safety issue standpoint.

Kathryn Grimes, representing the Land Conservation & Stewardship Board, said her group took a vote and two were against it, three were for it and one was undecided.

Kim Sharpe, representing the Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition, said they were against it.

Dee Colombini, member at large, stated that she thought it was not worth the battle. She doesn't see the benefit of SAY.

Dan Gould, member at large, stated that his original view had changed after receiving more information. He commented that with the jurisdiction challenges it seemed daunting and not useful to recommend.

Libby Harrow, representing the Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance, stated that her group could not reach a consensus, although most were for it. They understood the difficulty of jurisdictions.

Joe Halseth, representing the Natural Resources Advisory Board, stated that his group had no formal stance.

Garry Steen, representing the Transportation Board, stated his group was waiting for the BAC recommendation.

Tim Anderson, representing the Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op, stated that he conducted an email survey of his committee and board members, which totals about ten people. Of those that did reply, which was about half, they did support SAY.

Sylvia Cranmer, Chair, representing Bike Fort Collins, stated that the Board was split and could not come to a consensus. The Bike Fort Collins Board suggested the BAC have a subcommittee to research more.

Sylvia Cranmer, Chair asked for BAC board members personal feelings towards SAY. Todd Dangerfield felt that there might be a time in the future to revisit the discussion. Ragan Adams felt that it was not a black and white issue. She liked the SWOT analysis and would like to see the discussion happen at the State level. Sylvia Cranmer felt that in Aspen and Breckenridge where the law already exists, they are communities with not a lot of jurisdictional conflicts and already have slow speeds. Tim Anderson stated he was comforted in knowing that the police departments had bigger fish to fry rather than ticket bicyclists.

### **MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Kim Sharpe, Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition, **motioned** to approve the following language and move it forward to the Transportation Board: "After careful consideration the Bicycle Advisory Committee does not recommend pursuing Stop-As-Yield in Fort Collins at this time. The Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends

that interested community members review the compiled research found at fcgov.com/bicycling to examine the complexities of adopting Stop-As-Yield in Fort Collins. Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority seconded the **motion**, which was approved **13:0**.

## **REPORTS**

### **CITY OF FORT COLLINS STAFF REPORTS**

**Tessa Greeger, FC Bikes Program Manager**

#### **Bike Plan Update**

Tessa Greeger, FC Bikes Program Manager, presented to the BAC on the Bike Plan Update. Ms. Greeger stated the RFP closed last Friday and said a consultant team should be on board in November.

Ms. Greeger also presented on the Community Issues Forum that was held on October 10, 2013. The forum was a partnership with CSU and the City of Fort Collins. They conducted interactive polling. Participants had clickers and were asked a series of questions on each topic. The questions and responses were as follows: *Responses are in ()*

**Q: Which of the following best describes your bicycling habits?**

- A: (10) Bicycle commuter-work and/or school  
(20) Recreational cyclist  
(5) A bike is my primary means of transportation  
(15) Occasional cyclist  
(3) Non-cyclist

**Q: Which of the following best describes your comfort level while bicycling?**

- A: (10) Strong and fearless  
(26) Enthused and confident  
(11) Interested in bicycling, but cautious  
(1) I do not ride a bicycle and am unlikely ever to do so.

Then a series of visual questions were asked about **Option 1-** Bike Boulevard, **Option 2 -** Shared Lane with Shared Lane Markings, **Option 3-** Standard Bike Lane and **Option 4-** Buffered Bike Lane, **Option 5:** Protected Bike Lane/Cycle Track (with a physical barrier between the bike lane and motor vehicle travel lane) and **Option 6-** Shared Use Path. The responses were as follows: *Responses are in ()*.

**As a cyclist, Option 1 is:**

- (13) Very appealing –A strong draw to that route  
(20) Somewhat appealing –A moderate draw  
(11) Neutral – it wouldn't affect my bicycle route choice  
(1) Not appealing –Would try to avoid  
(1) Not a bicyclist

**As a motorist, Option 1 is:**

- (8) Very appealing – integrates bicyclists well  
(6) Somewhat appealing – not ideal, but workable

- (15) Neutral
- (9) Not appealing – would be problematic
- (2) Not a motorist

***As a cyclist, Option 2 is:***

- (14) Very appealing –A strong draw to that route
- (20) Somewhat appealing –A moderate draw
- (9) Neutral – it wouldn't affect my bicycle route choice
- (2) Not appealing –Would try to avoid
- (0) Not a bicyclist

***As a motorist, Option 2 is:***

- (8) Very appealing – integrates bicyclists well
- (11) Somewhat appealing – not ideal, but workable
- (5) Neutral
- (7) Not appealing – would be problematic
- (1) Not a motorist

***As a cyclist, Option 3 is:***

- (22) Very appealing –A strong draw to that route
- (13) Somewhat appealing –A moderate draw
- (3) Neutral – it wouldn't affect my bicycle route choice
- (2) Not appealing –Would try to avoid
- (0) Not a bicyclist

***As a motorist, Option 3 is:***

- (22) Very appealing – integrates bicyclists well
- (5) Somewhat appealing – not ideal, but workable
- (3) Neutral
- (2) Not appealing – would be problematic
- (1) Not a motorist

***As a cyclist, Option 4 is:***

- (35) Very appealing –A strong draw to that route
- (3) Somewhat appealing –A moderate draw
- (3) Neutral – it wouldn't affect my bicycle route choice
- (1) Not appealing –Would try to avoid
- (1) Not a bicyclist

***As a motorist, Option 4 is:***

- (20) Very appealing – integrates bicyclists well
- (1) Somewhat appealing – not ideal, but workable
- (6) Neutral
- (2) Not appealing – would be problematic
- (1) Not a motorist

***As a cyclist, Option 5 is:***

- (22) Very appealing –A strong draw to that route
- (8) Somewhat appealing –A moderate draw
- (4) Neutral – it wouldn't affect my bicycle route choice
- (8) Not appealing –Would try to avoid
- (1) Not a bicyclist

***As a motorist, Option 5 is:***

- (16) Very appealing – integrates bicyclists well
- (6) Somewhat appealing – not ideal, but workable
- (0) Neutral
- (10) Not appealing – would be problematic
- (3) Not a motorist

***As a cyclist, Option 6 is:***

- (29) Very appealing –A strong draw to that route
- (4) Somewhat appealing –A moderate draw
- (4) Neutral – it wouldn't affect my bicycle route choice
- (3) Not appealing –Would try to avoid
- (1) Not a bicyclist

***As a motorist, Option 6 is:***

- (18) Very appealing – integrates bicyclists well
- (1) Somewhat appealing – not ideal, but workable
- (8) Neutral
- (1) Not appealing – would be problematic
- (5) Not a motorist

***What do you think the City's top three priorities should be in order to increase bicycling and improve safety? (weighted - top 3 in order)***

- (95) Improve bicycle routes and connections
- (54) Improve Education
- (31) Improve Enforcement of laws
- (19) Increase Bicycle parking
- (45) Improve intersection safety
- (10) Expand encouragement programs
- (22) Adopt new laws and policies to support bicycling
- (0) Other (please elaborate in focus group discussion)

**FC Rides!**

The program name has been changed to from 'Community Bike Audits' to FC Rides! Tessa stated this is series of community bicycle rides to collect on-the-ground feedback about bicycling in Fort Collins. Data is being collected in different quadrants of the City. They received great feedback as to what people like, what they don't like and what the barriers are. There are three more rides to be completed at the locations noted below, on Saturdays from 10-12.

NE: Oct. 12 (10 a.m. to 12)

SW: Oct. 19 (10 a.m. to 12)

SE: Oct. 26 (10 a.m. to 12)

NW: Nov. 2 (10 a.m. to 12)

### **Online Survey**

The Online Survey is open now through December 10, 2013. 450 responses have been received to date. The survey can be taken at

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1397508/bikeplan>

Please promote through your list serves.

### **Bike Winter Update**

The Bike to Worksite Challenge Summer winners were just announced. This was a four-month bike to work challenge. Companies were asked to submit data regarding number of time employees biked to work, ran errands or make company trips. The following business won a commuter bike, bike rack, or tool kit. A certificate was given to each individual for participating.

- Niner Bikes
- The Wright Life
- Health District of Northern Larimer County
- Dresser-Rand Enginuity
- CSU Atmospheric Science Dept. and CIRA
- Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant
- City of Fort Collins
- TOLMAR Inc.

The next bike challenge will be in December. The challenge will only be one month long instead of four. This challenge will help kick-off a larger commuter challenge. The City will partner with Transfort, ClimateWise and MPO to push all modes of transportation. Different modes of transportation will be focused on each month. The SmartTrips website developed by the MPO will be used, which allows tracking of all modes. Encourage employees to sign up at [www.smarttrips.org](http://www.smarttrips.org). If you are interested in participating this winter contact Becky Moriarti.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual **Winter** Bike to Work Day is December 11, 2013. There will be about 20 breakfast stations around town. Last year there was a 56% increase in participation.

Other Winter events include, Light Up the Night, Bike Lunch Talk, Winter Cycling 101 and FC Rides!

Paul Sizemore, FC Moves Program Manager, stated that the City Council just adopted the Midtown Plan. He noted that FC Moves is kicking off the College Avenue Midtown transportation Plan. The Lincoln Corridor Plan is also continuing to move through its process and will be going to a city council work session on October 22, 2013.

Mr. Sizemore, on behalf of City Staff gave kudos to the BAC for their handling of the Stop-As-Yield discussion. He also commended Tessa Greegor for all her hard work and support.

Sylvia Cranmer, Chair, also gave kudos to Tessa Greegor for her SWOT analysis and work on SAY.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op, stated they need more bike donations. He also said there was no word on their move at this time.

Garry Steen, Transportation Board, complemented Staff and Tessa Greigor for their hard work on SAY.

Dan Gould, member at large, commented on the Prospect area near the college and the new high-density student housing. He had noticed a lot of unsafe situations. Joy Childress, CSU, responded with information regarding an underpass near Prospect and Center Avenue. Paul Sizemore, FC Moves Program Manager, noted that the Prospect area has undergone a lot of change and will continue too. The CSU football stadium will affect the area as well. In the Transportation Master Plan there is an action item to do a Prospect Corridor Plan in its entirety due to the issues of change on Prospect.

Kim Sharpe, Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition, stated that the NOCO Leaders bike ride was cancelled out of respect, due to area flooding. BPEC is reconfiguring the bike ambassador program making new levels, making it more member friendly. Kim also stated that Arron Frodge, from CSU presented at their last meeting. BPEC is concerned about bike safety around campus. BPEC was present the first few weeks of school to educate riders on safety issues.

Kathryn Grimes, Land Conservation & Stewardship Board, stated that the trail at Bobcat Ridge was damaged in the recent flood. They were working on restoring it.

Ragan Adams, Parks and Recreation Board, stated there was over one hundred thousand dollars worth of damage to Fort Collins bike trails from the recent flood. Most of the damage was repaired already.

Joy Childress, Colorado State University, stated that they had set up breakfast stations to help educate new students and enforce safety rules.

Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority, stated that the DDA is pushing for more bike racks downtown. They are looking for racks that can easily be removed for snow removal and replaced.

Sylvia Cranmer, Chair, Bike Fort Collins, commented that things are finally slowing down. They just finished three months worth of weekend events. Sylvia also stated that they touched almost 1000 people with their messages.

## **NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **ADJOURN**

Ragan Adams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm, and Joy Childress seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.