

**MEETING MINUTES OF
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

July 28, 2014, 2014

6:00 pm

Community Room

215 N. Mason St.

North Entrance

Fort Collins, CO 80522

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair: Sylvia Cranmer

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Staff Liaison: Tessa Gregor

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COMMITTEE/CITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Ragan Adams, Parks and Recreation Board

Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op

Sylvia Cranmer, Bike Fort Collins

Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority

Joe Halseth, Natural Resources Advisory Board

Kathryn Grimes, Land Conservation & Stewardship Board

Ed Ossello, Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition

Garry Steen, Transportation Board

MEMBERS AT LARGE PRESENT

Dee Colombini

Dan Gould

ABSENT

Joy Childress, Colorado State University

Libby Harrow, Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance

CITY OF FORT COLLINS STAFF PRESENT

Tessa Gregor, FC Bikes Program Manager

Paul Sizemore, FC Moves

Aaron Iverson, Senior Transportation Planner

Amy Lewin, FC Moves Transportation Planner

CITIZENS PRESENT

Michele Scalva, Recorder

Cathy Busch-Kinkaid

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sylvia Cranmer at 6:02PM.

AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Cranmer reviewed the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Cranmer asked for public comment. There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Cranmer asked if there were changes to the June 23rd meeting minutes. None were stated. Garry Steen moved to approve the minutes and Todd Dangerfield seconded; the minutes were passed. Dee Colombini abstained.

FOLLOW UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

BAC Recommendation Letter for BFO Offers

Chair Cranmer attended the July Transportation Board meeting and shared that September is the deadline to submit the BFO offers letter of support for FC Bikes Program initiatives. Sylvia added that attending the Transportation Board meeting was helpful to stay informed about their work and suggested other members consider attending.

Chair Cranmer asked BAC members what content they would like to be in the letter of support for the FC Bikes Program BFO offers.

Ed Ossello stated he thought all the offers were great and worthwhile of support.

Joe Halseth explained that on the Natural Resources Board each member chose three BFO offers that he/she supported, and then the group settled on six to support together. He also outlined how Natural Resources structured their letter of support for BFO offers.

City staff agreed that in the BAC letter of support it is valuable to include language about the importance of bicycling and advancing it in Fort Collins.

ACTION ITEMS

Chair Cranmer stated she would draft a letter that expressed support for all the bicycle-related BFO offers and other BAC members agreed to this. She will send the letter via email in advance of the next meeting, and asked BAC members to review it and provide feedback.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2014 Bicyclist and Pedestrian Counts – Amy Lewin

The presentation began with a review of the 2013 counts and included:

- Some locations could not be counted due to flooding and trail closures.
- The top on-street 2-hour bicycle count was at Mountain Avenue and Mason Street with 330 cyclists on a Saturday from 12-2pm.
- The top trail 2-hour bicycle count was at Spring Creek Trail at Edora Park with 236 cyclists on a Saturday.
- Cyclist gender split was 2/3 male and 1/3 female.
- Helmet use on trails was 59% and 40% on the street.

Counting is done to:

- Help justify investments in bike/ped infrastructure.
- Better understand traveler behavior.

Counting is planned for every year at 20+ locations throughout the city; 10 trail locations and 10-14 street intersection locations.

The 2014 count days are: Tuesday, September 9th, Thursday, September 11th and Saturday, September 13th.

The trail and intersection count data sheets were presented.

Volunteers are being recruited for counting with 110 slots to fill. There are recruitment plans and BAC members were asked for additional recruitment suggestions, which included contacting the Natural Resources Volunteer Rangers, PSD school meetings, and the Interfaith Council. Amy Lewin recorded the suggestions.

Appreciation efforts are planned for counting volunteers; specifically food and gift cards. Suggestions for additional ideas were requested from BAC members and included giving away bike lights, bells, helmets, bags and other safety gear that volunteers will wear on counting day and could also use after the event.

Next steps are continued organization of count day activities, recruitment and getting information out to the public.

Amy Lewin asked for BAC members to contact her if they have other suggestions.

Midtown in Motion – Aaron Iverson

The project focus is on College Avenue from Harmony Road to Prospect Road. This street planning is part of the mid-town plan adopted by City Council last year.

Outlined project goals include: 1) Safety; 2) Connections to MAX; 3) Use for all ages and all abilities; and 4) Creating a functioning high-quality and attractive street.

Outlined proposed ideas include: 1) Functional improvements; 2) Frontage roads; 3) Streetscape improvements; 4) Bicycling improvements; and 5) Walking and connections to MAX.

The mid-town Upper District includes Prospect Road to Rutgers Street, which has defining characteristics that the City has to work within. There will be 11-foot car lanes and 10-12-foot multi-use paths.

The mid-town Neighborhood District is from Rutgers Street to Princeton Street. The eastside frontage road may be shared (with vehicles) for a multi-use lane that travels in both directions. In this area, the City will also look at the intersections with College Avenue to reduce the number of conflict points.

The mid-town Center District is Princeton Street to Monroe Street. This area has commercial frontage roads on both sides of College Avenue where multi-use paths would be added with travel in both directions on the paths. The frontage roads would become one-way with new entrance and exit slips for vehicles. These changes are being planned with consideration of business activity.

The mid-town South District is Monroe Street to Harmony Road and will include the multi-use paths on both sides.

New pedestrian crossing paths, similar to what exists at Harmony Road and College Avenue, were presented and are planned for the major intersections.

Slides of improved frontage roads and multi-use paths in other cities and states were shown.

Next steps include packaging all the current ideas together and talking with City Council in August.

Visit: www.midtowninmotion.com to gain more details, vote on the ideas and share input. The site will be up for a few more weeks.

The Q & A portion included:

The plan will be implemented overtime and with money from various sources.

The City tries to share ideas and collaborate with development as it occurs in the mid-town area.

The City is working with the South Fort Collins Business Association to be informed of their needs and to maintain customer access.

Aaron Iverson stated he hopes to return to BAC as the project moves along and welcomed additional feedback from BAC members.

2014 Bicycle Master Plan – Tessa Greegor

Currently in Phase 3 of implementation.

Recent Bike Program community engagement activities were reviewed.

FC Bikes Program is developing performance measures related to the Plan goals and objectives, such as safety metrics and ridership metrics.

A snapshot of the revised Bicycle Level of Comfort Analysis was shown.

A Bicycle Demand Analysis map was shown, which helps the Bike Program prioritize its work.

A Physical Network Approach handout was provided and reviewed. It included snapshot maps of and information about the following: 1) Low-stress Facilities Form Network Backbone; 2) Intersection Improvements Create Critical Connections; and 3) Arterials Complement Low-stress System in Full Build Vision. These maps and information will be shared at the Bike Open House.

Review of FC Bikes programming efforts is underway and how to continue program development for future needs.

Next steps include City Council Work Session in late-August and council consideration of Plan adoption on Dec. 2. The Draft Plan will be available in early-October.

Three large-scale Maps were presented: 1) 2020 Low-Stress Networks; 2) 2020 Low-Stress Bicycle Facilities; and 3) Draft Full Build Vision. BAC members reviewed, discussed and provided feedback on the map information. These maps will be shared at the Bike Open House.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Bike Plan Open House on Wednesday, July 30th from 4-7PM, Lincoln Center, Columbine Room.

Tessa Greegor reported that Open Streets went well. A lot of data was collected and will be collated for review. The planned September Open Streets event is being re-scheduled to next summer. It will be held on west Elizabeth from Shields to Overland. The primary goal of Open Streets is to provide a car-free space to walk or bike and to encourage physical activity. Event feedback included that it seemed many attendees did not appear to understand the event was to have space to exercise (versus being a street fair).

Committee Member Reports/Comments

Tim Anderson announced that the Bike Co-op purchased a location at 1501 North College. They will remain at their current location though, 331 North College Avenue, for the next three months. Also, they purchased a strip of land that connects the new Bike Co-op location to the bike path.

The Bike Co-op hosts Women's Wrenching (male-free) on Thursday evenings.

Garry Steen asked if there would be an August BAC meeting due to a date conflict with a Boards & Commissions Super Meeting. Tessa Greegor will notify BAC members of any meeting date changes.

Ragan Adams announced that Tessa Greegor did a great job in presenting to the Parks & Recreation Board.

Sylvia Cranmer mentioned that the 2014 Bike Prom will be held on October 4 to benefit the Fort Collins Bike Library.

NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Planning Calendar

Not discussed.

ADJOURN

Chair Cranmer asked for a motion to adjourn. Ragan Adams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07PM, Kathy Grimes seconded and it passed.

HANDOUTS

- Bike Plan Open House announcement
- FC Bicycle Plan Physical Network Approach hand-out included the following maps: 1) Low-stress Facilities Form Network Backbone; 2) Intersection Improvements Create Critical Connections; and 3) Arterials Complement Low-stress Systems in Full Build Vision
- FC Bicycle Plan Implementation Strategies hand-out
- Midtown in Motion website announcement