

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

**September 22, 2014
6:00 pm
Community Room
215 N. Mason St.
North Entrance
Fort Collins, CO 80522**

FOR REFERENCE:

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

COMMITTEE/CITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op
Joy Childress, Colorado State University
Sylvia Cranmer, Bike Fort Collins
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority
David Dietrich, Air Quality Advisory Board
Bruce Henderson, Parks and Recreation Board
Ed Ossello, Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition
Garry Steen, Transportation Board

MEMBERS AT LARGE PRESENT

Dee Colombini
Dan Gould

ABSENT

Lawrence Bontempo, Senior Advisory Board
Joe Halseth, Natural Resources Advisory Board
Kathryn Grimes, Land Conservation & Stewardship Board

CITY OF FORT COLLINS STAFF PRESENT

Tessa Gregor, FC Bikes Program Manager
Nancy Nichols, SRTS Program

OTHER

Dot Dickerson, President, Bike Fort Collins

CITIZENS PRESENT

Michele Scalva, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sylvia Cranmer at 6:08 PM.

AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Cranmer reviewed the agenda and asked if there were any changes. Tessa Gregor requested to review the City budget process schedule and then briefly outlined the timeline for next steps and meetings. Detailed information is available on the City's website:

www.fcgov.com/citymanager/budget.php. BAC members are welcome to attend any of the budget process meetings and voice support for the Bike Program BFO requests.

The remaining agenda items were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Cranmer asked for public comments from the guest presenters. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Cranmer asked if there were changes to the July 28th meeting minutes. Chair Cranmer stated she had announced the Bike Library Bike Prom event on October 4th and requested it be added to the July minutes. This was noted by Tessa Gregor. With the addition, Garry Steen moved to approve the minutes. Dee Colombini seconded and the minutes were passed.

FOLLOW UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

Prior to official meeting commencement, there was informal discussion of the BFO requests. Copies of a memorandum to the Transportation Board from Chair Cranmer on behalf of the BAC, stating support for the FC Bikes BFO offers, were provided to all members. For questions about FC Bikes BFO offers, contact Tessa Gregor.

ACTION ITEMS

None stated.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

SRTS (Safe Routes to School) Program Update – Nancy Nichols

Program began in 2007-2008 and teaches safety to kids for biking and walking to/from school and around town. Program hand-outs were provided (listed under **Hand-outs** below). President of Bike Fort Collins, Dot Dickerson, presented with Nancy Nichols. Bike Fort Collins is a major partner with SRTS Program and Dot is a SRTS instructor. Several other SRTS community partners were listed. The presentation began with a series of photos showing local school children participating in the SRTS program.

SRTS key accomplishments shared:

- Current overall student participation is 10,933.
- Current number of students who have personally received one-on-one or group instruction is 6,404.
- Current overall adult program participation is 2,387.

All three of these measurements have exceeded the 2014 target numbers. Additional program measurements were shared.

Program highlights shared:

- City of Fort Collins funds the school crossing-guard program.
- There are 40 grant-funded bike racks that have been installed at 15 area K-8 schools.
- The local K-8 curriculum was revised and programming for middle schools was increased to find the best ways to teach safety for different age groups.
- Large thank you posters from area schools' students were hung in the BAC meeting room to share SRTS program feedback with members.
- Elementary schools have an option for an all-school bike assembly.
- SRTS continues to seek out new partnerships, including Summer B.I.K.E. Camp with the City's Recreation Department.
- SRTS has begun motorist-awareness campaigns i.e. Transfort bench advertising.
- Program supports the professional development of teachers' by providing scholarships to attend LCI trainings.

- Program shares knowledge with schools outside Fort Collins and helped start the Soaring Eagle Bike Camp in Wellington.
- Program shared the cost of a new cargo van to haul bikes and equipment.
- Program has new shared garage space with a professional mechanic's workbench for maintaining the fleet.
- Bike fleet includes 74 total bikes, including a new 20-bike fleet stationed at Lincoln Middle School.
- Receive grants from CDOT and BNSF Railway that support programming.
- Future plans to deliver programming once every three years to every school. Then each child would receive the programming twice in elementary school, once in middle school and once in high school.

Q & A portion:

If the school rotation schedule for programming does not get funded by the City, CDOT grant assistance will be requested and their support is not guaranteed either. If the City does fund the programming, CDOT grant assistance will be used in other areas.

As school faculty members become LCIs, schools internally provide the SRTS programming to students in P. E. class.

Addressing area bike safety in the bike master plan is necessary for FC Bikes to gain diamond level program status.

A new ten-foot path and other safety enhancements will be built around Tavelli elementary.

2015 programming and new infrastructure was shared.

A pedaling school bus is being built for the SRTS program and was funded by a private citizen.

International Walk-to-School Day is on October 8th.

Dot Dickerson shared that SRTS and Bike Fort Collins have shared goals which enable a good partnership. She announced that bike ambassador help is needed with student bike ride events being hosted this week at area schools.

2014 Bicycle Master Plan – Tessa Greeger

Tessa provided a large-scale 2020 bike route network map for members to review. The master plan is in the process of being finalized. The plan vision statement was shared. To enable a concise master plan report, additional details will be included in the appendices.

Bike Plan goals were shared including for the 2020 low-stress network. Slides demonstrating proposed changes for improvement in the bicycle network were shown. The full-build vision is for nearly all of the Fort Collins population to be within ¼ mile of the low-stress bicycle network.

The following were reviewed:

- Community partnerships for implementation and programming
- Education plans and programs
- Encouragement programming to continue to build ridership
- Enforcement efforts with PSD, CSU and Police Services as well as self-enforcing designs
- Evaluation of the master plan and its programming
- The three-step implementation process

Next steps: The draft master plan will be available early-October and will be posted on the City website. Public comment will open through early-November and the plan will be presented to City Council on December 2nd.

Q&A Portion:

When the plan is presented to City Council in December, the Council may make suggestions for changes. They have supported the low-stress network in the past. The main focus will be on the 2020 network and moving it forward.

Intersection improvements are being reviewed and prioritized. FC Bikes is coordinating with other City departments to accomplish this.

FC Bikes developed the 2020 proposed network with public input.

Other topics discussed with BAC members for how to include them in the master plan were:

- 1) Stop as Yield: General discussion resulted in members suggesting to establish an archival system of the topics they have discussed and made decisions on, and to make that information available to community members via the website.
- 2) Electric bicycles on trails: Previously this was not supported and the topic was to be revisited after a two-year time frame. Tessa Greegor will research when the two-year time frame actually began to better establish when the subject is to be reviewed.
- 3) College Avenue bicycle ban: BAC discussed how the ban is a suspected barrier to gaining diamond level program status and how to address this.

BAC members recommended to present the above three issues as topics that are evolving with on-going review and recommendations.

Tessa asked for color design feedback on the City's current update to the Bike Map. Members reviewed the maps and shared suggestions.

REPORTS

Committee Member Reports/Comments

Ed Ossello shared positive feedback from his neighbors regarding the new buffered bike lanes on south Shields Road.

Ed Ossello stated a community member asked him if there is a bike path to the Anheuser-Busch plant planned. Members discussed current and future plans for trails and the Parks Director contact was provided by Bruce Henderson for individuals to make direct suggestions to him.

In response to questions asked by Todd Dangerfield, Tessa Greegor stated the green buffered bike lanes on Harmony Road and Front Range Village area are being tested out, specifically if there are traction concerns with the green paint. The look of the bike lanes may change with time depending on what is learned.

Dee Colombini stated that she met non-residents while biking who had lost the Spring Creek Trail and shared this as an example of how signage/wayfinding support would be valuable. Tessa Greegor stated wayfinding support is planned for the future.

Garry Steen stated the Transportation Board forwarded the BAC recommendations to City Council. He invited BAC members to attend the Transportation Board meeting on October 15th. Tessa Greegor will be presenting and Sylvia Cranmer will be participating.

Todd Dangerfield stated the Old Town Square renovation was passed by board members and details are available on the website. Anyone can sign-up for the DDA newsletter to receive updates.

Anticipated construction start time is early next year. The construction will be phased to support area businesses and the goal is to not have any business closed during construction.

David Dietrich, Air Quality Advisor, asked about construction around Trilby Road where there will be a new underpass and trail connections. Tessa Greegor shared that funding is being pursued in partnership with Larimer County and the City of Loveland to finish a trail in that area to Boyd Lake.

Joy Childress shared that the CSU Bike-to-Breakfast stations have involved education on relevant bike issues and another event is coming up. CSU is developing a bike master plan that is aligned with the City. She received interest in the CSU positive reinforcement campaign from Todd Hopkins, a Fort Collins City bike patrol officer.

Bruce Henderson stated Bike Fort Collins is winding down for the year. Also, the Council will be discussing transportation issues at tomorrow's meeting and encouraged participation.

Staff Reports

Tessa Greegor stated Libby Harrow, Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance, is moving in October to Grand Junction. There was discussion of how to extend the BAC and included representation from other community groups.

NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None addressed.

ADJOURN

Chair Cranmer asked for a motion to adjourn. Joy Childress motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Garry Steen seconded and it passed.

HAND-OUTS

- BAC memorandum of support for FC Bikes BFO offers
- SRTS program brochure
- SRTS 2013 Annual Report
- SRTS detailed program statistics and information spreadsheet