

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

**November 3, 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 Greeger	970-416-2471

COMMITTEE/CITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op
Lawrence Bontempo, Senior Advisory Board
Joy Childress, Colorado State University
Sylvia Cranmer, Bike Fort Collins
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority
Joe Halseth, Natural Resources Advisory Board
Bruce Henderson, Bike Fort Collins
Kathryn Grimes, Land Conservation & Stewardship Board
Ed Ossello, Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition
Garry Steen, Transportation Board
Ragan Adams, Parks and Recreation Board

MEMBERS AT LARGE PRESENT

Dan Gould

ABSENT

Dee Colombini
David Dietrich, Air Quality Advisory Board

CITY OF FORT COLLINS STAFF PRESENT

Emma Belmont, Transfort
Jamie Gaskill-Fox, FC Bikes Specialist
Tessa Greeger, FC Bikes Program Manager
Nick Heimann, FC Bikes Intern
Becky Moriarty, FC Bikes Specialist
Paul Sizemore, FC Moves
Nancy Nichols, Safe Routes to School Coordinator

CITIZENS PRESENT

Cathy Busch-Kinkaid
Michele Scalva, Recorder

Kathy Thompson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sylvia Cranmer at 6:00 PM.

AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Cranmer reviewed the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Cranmer asked if there were changes to the September 22nd meeting minutes. Garry Steen sought clarification whether Dot Dickerson was a City of Fort Collins staff member, as stated in the minutes. Since she is not a staff member, Tessa Greeger will correct this in the September meetings. With inclusion of this change, Bruce Henderson moved to approve the September minutes. Garry Steen seconded and the minutes were passed.

Due to their absences at the September meeting, Kathy Grimes, Joe Halseth, and Ragan Adams abstained.

FOLLOW UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

Tim Anderson announced he will be introducing his BAC replacement at the next meeting.

Larry Bontempo, a new BAC member, introduced himself. This was his first meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

None stated.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FC Bikes Education and Outreach Update

Laurel and Mason Intersection In-the-Field Education: Presented by Jamie Gaskill-Fox, jgaskill-fox@fcgov.com, 970-221-6987

A Laurel and Mason Intersection Education Report hand-out was provided to BAC members. FC Bikes partnered with CSU to conduct outreach about Fort Collins' first bike signal at the intersection of Laurel and Mason streets. The outreach effort was conducted October 8th-10th for three shifts each day. Outreach staff connected with 370 individuals to inform them of the infrastructure changes. Overall, the effort was successful and positive feedback was received. The field time allowed staff to identify additional needed changes in the area and they communicated those needs to other coordinating departments.

Other Education and Outreach efforts include:

Traffic Skills 101 Class

Bike Winter Program: An informational flyer was provided.

Bicycle Ambassador Program: For community members who volunteer to assist FC Bikes.

High School and Middle School Bicycle Ambassador Program: A Kaiser-Permanente grant will provide four fix-it stations at area schools. The Ambassadors will be in charge of the fix-it stations and for educating their peers on how to use them. They will also assist with peer-to-peer education and the safe routes to schools program (SRTS).

Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition (BPEC)

FC Bikes is also connecting with the community through partnerships, educational videos, updated education materials and social media.

Q & A:

Tessa Greeger stated FC Bikes has coordinated with Transfort to implement efforts that assist cyclists in using the established bike trail/system infrastructure alongside the operation of the MAX buses.

Open Streets Event and other FC Bikes Programs: Presented by Becky Moriarty, FC Bikes Specialist and Nick Heimann, FC Bikes Intern

Bike Month:

Reviewed five events conducted in June.

The new marketing approaches to promote Bike-to-Work Day were reviewed.

Outcome statistics included:

- 7939 total check-ins, 4483 total individuals, 1352 new participants
- Average person rides to work 3 days/week in the summer
- Average ride is 5 miles one-way
- In general, more males ride to work than females and the gap narrowed on Bike-to-Work day

Open Streets Event:

A presentation hand-out was provided to BAC members. Copies of a comprehensive Open Streets Evaluation Report were also provided for BAC members to review.

Open Streets Event Goals:

- Promote and increase active transportation
- Promote and increase physical activity and social health
- Increase awareness and acceptability of streets as public facilities with multiple uses
- Build community by engaging residents of all ages, abilities and backgrounds

Various groups participating in or affected by the event were surveyed and outcome highlights were shared. Nick discussed some of the survey outcomes and shared ideas of how future Open Streets events may be done differently.

Close to 2,000 people attended. Future events are planned in 2015.

Q & A:

Nick stated they would conduct the resident surveys differently for future events to increase and improve the sampling pool.

The location(s) may change in 2015 and currently two locations are being considered.

The event costs were covered by two grants and City funding.

Nick talked about the differences between a neighborhood block party and an Open Streets event.

Future Open Streets events are being planned by a collaborating group of community members. Input is also being gathered at open house events. One was also conducted on October 23rd and another one is planned for next year.

Next Steps include: To finish the evaluation report, begin the event permitting process for the 2015, update the Stakeholder Committee and host another open house.

Some of the event partners include the City of Fort Collins Recreation, Can Do and CSU.

Bike Winter Program: The campaign is being extended to four months and started in November. One goal is to teach about safe biking in the dark since it becomes dark earlier in the day. Becky reviewed the planned events which include a Winter Bike-to-Work Day on December 10th from 7-9:30 AM. For more information: www.fcgov.com/bikewinter.

Bike Plan Release Celebration & Ride: Saturday, December 13th, 2-4 PM, begins at Crankenstein.

Q & A:

Women on a Roll is a new program the City initiated in 2014 with the current staff.

The City would consider any location for Open Streets. Nick discussed the benefits of having a linear area for the event versus t-shaped or other non-linear formats. The City anticipates having an application process in the future for neighborhoods to request the events in their locations.

Nick shared how they want areas that accommodate setting up basketball courts or places for yoga, etc. where community members could participate in the activities.

Bikes and MAX Update – Emma Belmont, Transfort

Four bikes are allowed on the MAX buses and three bikes are allowed on all other buses.

Transfort performed outreach to learn more about the issue of bikes on the MAX system which included: a Citizen Idea Team (CIT), Textizen Polls (3), Idea Lab Discussion and a Public Meeting.

Some of the Textizen poll results were reviewed.

Transfort also compared the MAX system to peer systems to find ways for improvement and learned the MAX system provides more bike room than its peer systems.

There was a decrease in overall ridership after fares were implemented and a decrease in people bringing bikes on the buses.

The CIT and Transfort Priorities include: maintaining Bus Rapid Transit elements, ridership, passenger capacity, speed of travel, safety, feasibility and not increasing operational costs.

Short-term planning includes more secure bike parking at stations, more bike racks, a bike share program and an education campaign about transportation options in the City.

Q & A:

Initially, two seats were removed from the MAX buses for an additional bike rack. Currently, Transfort does not support removing additional seats to install more bike racks, in part due to the lack of room on buses.

Transfort has considered redesigning the existing bike racks to provide more room. Adding more buses may be a long-term option.

Proposed secured and covered bike parking would be managed by Fort Collins Parking Services. The anticipated fees are \$20/year or \$5/month.

2014 Bicycle Master Plan – Tessa Greegor

Public comment period for the plan closes Wednesday, November 5th. FC Bikes is scheduled to present the plan to City Council on December 2nd.

Tessa asked BAC members if they had any areas they wanted to discuss based on what they already know about the plan. There were no specific requests. Chair Cranmer asked Tessa to share the plan highlights.

Tessa provided a hand-out illustrating the bike plan 2020 low-stress network implementation demonstrated in a progression of maps from 2015-2020.

The Bike Master Plan is available online, <http://www.fcgov.com/bikeplan>.

Q & A:

Citizen Cathy Busch-Kinkaid asked about the amount of plan feedback received online. Tessa stated there have been approximately 25 comments online and they have gathered feedback from boards FC Bikes has presented to.

Bruce Henderson suggested BAC write a letter of support for the Bike Master Plan. Chair Cranmer will compose the letter and will include information she requested from Tessa. It will be sent to the Transportation Board, who will forward it to City Council with their (Transportation Board) support of the plan. The letter will go to City Council by November 7th.

Kathryn Grimes suggested the use of clear overlays in the Bike Master Plan hard copy to show how the plan develops overtime.

REPORTS

Committee Member Reports/Comments

Chair Cranmer proposed starting the next meeting with committee reports since there is often not time for this at the end of meetings.

Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op, announced their new location needs a replaced roof which will delay the opening. They will continue operating in the current location until work is completed.

Kathryn Grimes, Land Conservation & Stewardship, stated they are actively working on the kayak park. She asked members to vote in support of the Open Space initiative.

Garry Steen, Transportation Board, announced that at the last Transportation Board meeting there was an extensive discussion about the bike plan as part of the Safety Panel - Tessa and Chair Cranmer presented among others.

Joy Childress, Colorado State University, announced *The Spoke*, a CSU-operated campus bike shop, will be opening.

Bruce Henderson, Bike Fort Collins, announced plans for Ride Around Town (RAT) Rides, held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1 PM. The rides will be based in the City's low-stress networks. For more information: <http://bikefortcollins.org>.

Staff Reports

Tessa Greeger stated the CSU Master Bike Plan is also available for comment, <http://pts.colostate.edu/alternative-transportation/bike-plan/>.

NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None stated.

ADJOURN

Chair Cranmer asked for a motion to adjourn. Kathryn Grimes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. Lawrence Bontempo seconded and it passed.

The next BAC regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 24th, 2014.

HAND-OUTS

Laurel and Mason Intersection Education Report

Open Streets Event Report

Bike Winter – FC Bikes flyer of events

Fort Collins Bicycle Plan, 2020 low-stress network implementation by year