

**MINUTES
of the
CITY OF FORT COLLINS BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**October 23, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

**Community Room
215 North Mason Street
Fort Collins, CO**

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair:	Luke Caldwell	
Vice-Chair:	Aaron Buckley	
Staff Liaison:	Tessa Greegor	970-416-2471

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Aaron Buckley, Vice Chair, Fort Collins Bike Co-op
Mark Houdashelt, Air Quality Advisory Board
Bruce Henderson, Parks and Recreation Board
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority
Savanah Benedick-Welch, At Large Member
York, Transportation Board
Joe Piesman, Land Conservation and Stewardship Board
Sylvia Cranmer, Colorado State University

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Woodward
Lauren Nagle

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Alan Braslau

ABSENT:

Luke Caldwell, Chair, Natural Resources Advisory Board

Chris Hunt, Poudre School District
Terri Marty, At Large Member
Ragan Adams, Parks and Recreation Board
Chris Johnson, Bike Fort Collins
Alan Beatty, Senior Advisory Board

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. AGENDA REVIEW

Vice Chair Buckley reviewed the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Braslau, Energy Board, introduced himself and discussed the Elizabeth and Shields intersection stating making bicycle left and right turns onto Shields has become dangerous.

Greggor replied that intersection is being discussed at the next BAC meeting in November.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Henderson made a motion, seconded by Piesman, to approve the minutes of the September 2017 meeting as amended by Houdashelt to change his comments related to the last Air Quality Advisory Board meeting and to add Buckley as being present. The amended minutes were adopted unanimously.

5. FOLLOW-UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

Greggor stated the City Attorney's Office is going through Traffic Code updates for the year and an update related to E-Bike categories to match with the state law is being considered.

6. TRANSPORTATION BOARD REPORT – York

York reported on the recent Transportation Board meeting during which an E-Bike demonstration occurred and the Travel Behavior Survey results and Bicycle/Pedestrian counts were discussed.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Houdashelt reported on presentations received by the Air Quality Advisory Board related to the City's anti-idling campaign and the Strategic Plan update for which public input is being sought.

Dangerfield reported the Downtown Development Authority is still in the design stage for the West Mountain Avenue and Old Firehouse East alleys. The Elizabeth Hotel is scheduled to open in late November.

York reported on the City's Dark Skies Initiative and the Super Issues meeting, during which the North Front Range waste shed, the Strategic Plan update, the Community Trust Initiative, and the land bank program were discussed.

Piesman reported the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board will receive a presentation from Chair Caldwell regarding the E-Bike white paper.

Henderson reported the Parks maintenance department has implemented an urban forest storm response plan. The Parks and Recreation Board received a presentation from Regan Adams on the Impact Fee Working Group.

Cranmer reported on the upcoming Boo on Bikes event at CSU and noted the CSU Police Department is somewhat understaffed for anything bicycle related. Buckley stated five new officers will be coming on at the end of the year.

Cranmer discussed the Elizabeth and Shields intersection which has proven to be somewhat dangerous given speeds and blind corners.

Dangerfield reported the DDA and the Urban Lab have installed a parklet structure at the

Meldrum/Olive/Canyon intersection. He stated the DDA will have a discussion related to micro spaces in the Downtown area.

8. ACTION ITEMS

None.

9. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- **Horsetooth and College Project Overview – Woodward & Gregor**

Dan Woodward, Capital Projects Manager, stated he is seeking feedback regarding the current design concept for the way bicyclists will be handled at the College and Horsetooth intersection. He noted this intersection is in the top three busiest arterial intersections in the city and is substandard in its bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Woodward stated the main goal of the project, which was granted state funding, is to increase safety. Right-of-way will be purchased on all four corners of the intersection.

Tessa Gregor discussed the intersection within the context of the low-stress network and stated the preferred design at this point involves wider sidepaths and a more protected multi-use trail with a focus on the transition points.

Woodward stated staff is trying to incorporate as much of the Midtown in Motion plan within its project limits. He detailed the protected elements of the bicycle proposal and discussed the proposed timeline and public outreach process.

Boardmembers and Woodward discussed the proposal and desired bicycle movements.

- **2017 Bicyclist and Pedestrian Count Results – Nagle**

Lauren Nagle presented the preliminary bicycle and pedestrian count results noting the number of counting stations were significantly increased over the past. These counts are completed to better understand traveler behavior, document bicycling and walking trends, justify investments in bike/pedestrian infrastructure that have already been made, and to generate data to support the planning and prioritization of future improvements.

Counts were done at 11 trail sites and 27 intersections. Only bicyclists were counted at intersections. The mode of transportation, helmet use, dogs on and off leash, and E-bikes were tallied for trails. Nagle noted weather had a large impact on trail usage. She discussed the comparison of numbers between this year and former years and noted helmet use was higher on trails than at intersections.

Nagle discussed the Safe Routes to School counts and the desire that participation will increase in the future.

Next steps involve sharing and reporting of analyzed data and validating the data with data from electronic counters.

A Boardmember asked if there is any data indicating the same person has been counted multiple times at different locations. Nagle replied in the negative. Boardmembers noted that data may not be particularly relevant given the goal is travel behavior.

- **2018 Bike Plan Projects Update – Gregor**

Gregor stated the goal for this presentation is to provide a high-level overview of the

locations for which designs are being prepared along the low-stress bicycle network. She discussed various existing designs and considerations for proposed designs. She stated staff's goal is to finalize designs for the 2018 crossings this winter and early spring and existing funding will allow construction of two or three crossings in 2018.

Greegor detailed the project at the intersection of Brookwood and Drake and discussed the Hampshire bikeway corridor, a north/south connection from Poudre High School south to the Spring Creek Trail. Boardmembers discussed the various intersections along the corridor.

Greegor went on to discuss other proposed projects and their designs and stated staff is working with the Traffic department on signal types. She showed a typical cross section for the protected bike lane pilot project. York asked if the pilot project is definitely going on West Mulberry or if that is just the preferred option. Greegor replied that is the preferred option at this point and design is moving forward. Vine is still on the list for a grant however.

10. REPORTS

- **Staff Report**

Greegor stated the Winter Bike to Work Day will be December 13th.

11. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM by unanimous consent.