

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

**November 27, 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:

**Luke Caldwell, Chair, Natural Resources
Advisory Board**

Mark Houdashelt, Air Quality Advisory Board
Savannah Benedick-Welch, At Large Member
York, Transportation Board
Joe Piesman, Land Conservation and Stewardship
Board
Chris Hunt, Poudre School District
Terri Marty, At Large Member
Annie Krieg, At Large Member

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Tracy Dyer
Tim Kemp
Aaron Fodge

PUBLIC PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Alan Beatty, Senior Advisory Board
Ragan Adams, Parks and Recreation Board
Chris Johnson, Bike Fort Collins
Sylvia Cranmer, Colorado State University
Bruce Henderson, Parks and Recreation Board
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development
Authority
Aaron Buckley, Vice Chair, Fort Collins Bike Co-op

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Caldwell reviewed the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

York made a motion, seconded by Piesman, to approve the minutes of the October 2017 meeting as amended. The amended minutes were adopted unanimously with Caldwell and Marty abstaining.

5. FOLLOW-UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

6. TRANSPORTATION BOARD REPORT – York

York reported on the November Transportation Board meeting during which the Board heard a presentation on emergency vehicle notification technology being developed to inform drivers at intersections that an emergency vehicle is approaching. The Board also received an updated on Smart Cities, CSU game day operations, and special events Code changes.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

York reported on attending the Bicycle Friendly State results webinar put on by the League of American Bicyclists. Colorado is number 6 for bicycle friendly states.

Krieg reported on the bicycle connector trail to Loveland.

Piesman reported he did not attend the last Land Conservation and Stewardship Board meeting, but it was in conjunction with the regional open space meeting. E-bikes were also discussed at that meeting.

Houdashelt reported the Air Quality Advisory Board discussed the City's Strategic Plan at its last meeting. He discussed the fact that trails are mentioned only in the Culture and Recreation section and not in the Transportation section. He also reported input on City Plan was being sought at the Bicycle Projects Fair at the Discovery Museum.

8. ACTION ITEMS

None.

9. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

• **Suniga Protected Bike Lane Concepts – Dyer**

Dyer stated a portion of Suniga, a 4-lane arterial, was built with the Aspen Heights project and the section he is working on will connect College to Blondel. The existing section already has buffered bike lanes and 6 cross-section alternatives are being evaluated for the new road segment.

Dyer discussed stakeholder outreach for the project and detailed the cross-section alternatives, two of which were presented at the Bike Fair. Most of the feedback received related to maintenance and comfort. The cost of both options is relatively similar; however, maintenance costs vary. The raised curb alternative is more difficult for the Streets Department to maintain than the raised design with a buffer.

Boardmembers discussed the alternatives and whether wrong-way riding is an actual or perceived problem. Benefits of the raised bike lane include ease of maintenance and greater separation. Boardmembers also discussed the necessity for appropriately spaced trees in the landscape buffer option.

Boardmembers agreed the landscape buffer option with trees was their preference. Dyer stated he would return with more details once the design is finalized.

- **West Elizabeth and Shields Underpass – Kemp**

Kemp discussed the history of the underpass, recent safety improvements to the underpass, and improvements to traffic movement at the intersection given median improvements.

Bike and pedestrian counts between October 1 and November 14 show an average of 2,000-2,500 users per day in both directions. Kemp stated the majority of trips are bikes; however pedestrian traffic increased drastically during the CSU home games.

Kemp discussed recent safety improvements which include high traffic, slow zone markers, no passing signs, and additional mirrors and cameras. No crashes have been reported since mid-October.

Boardmembers discussed safety concerns with bicyclists making left and right turns onto Shields.

A boardmember asked about the composition of most accidents. Kemp replied one accident involved only a single bike.

- **CSU Mode Split Survey Results – Fodge**

Fodge, Alternative Transportation Manager for CSU, discussed recent mode split data for campus users. The census date for CSU is the first full week of February, which is when the mode survey is also completed.

Aggregate data from February 2017 shows half of CSU employees and students drive to campus, 17% take the bus, 16% ride bikes, and 12% walk. Transit has become interesting due to the large student housing developments that use private shuttle buses to transport residents. Ridership data from those developments is forthcoming.

Data for primary modes for students shows 1 in 3 drives to campus and 1 in 5 ride bikes. Fodge stated E-bikes are counted as bikes and electric skateboards are counted as skateboards. The vast majority of students polled live in Fort Collins.

When asked about safety concerns, students responded congestion and motorist behavior are the main issues.

York asked if Zagster use will be included in future surveys. Fodge replied in the affirmative and stated potential income barrier questions will also be included.

Fodge stated 60% of MAX ridership is CSU related and discussed the impact of ride sharing services on mode splits.

10. REPORTS

- **Staff Report**

Gregor stated Winter Bike to Work Day is December 13th and stated the Inspire grant sought by the City was not awarded; however, staff has had meetings regarding moving those projects forward in other ways. Items included in the grant application were Vine improvements and the Poudre River Trail spur to Lincoln Middle School.

Gregor stated the last priority one wayfinding route, the City Park bikeway, will be signed in the next few weeks. Priority two routes will be examined in 2018.

Chair Caldwell stated he has done E-bike demos with the Natural Resources Advisory Board and Transportation Board and is scheduled for meetings with the Parks and Recreation Board and Senior Advisory Board. He stated he was able to demo a class III E-bike which goes up to 28 miles per hour.

York asked about Zagster ridership numbers. Gregor presented the Board with the information and stated an annual summary could be presented at the January meeting.

Boardmembers discussed dockless bike share programs in China.

Chair Caldwell stated the City Attorney's Office is currently in the process of rewriting Code language to make Fort Collins compatible with state law.

11. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM by unanimous consent.