



City of  
Fort Collins

# STRATEGIC TRAILS PLAN



## APPENDIX L: Summary of Recommendations



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## SUMMARY OF PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation	STP Page
<b><i>Asset Management</i></b>	
Annually update the inventory and maintenance assessment geodatabases.	24
Develop and deploy a GIS-based asset management system for paved trails that identifies infrastructure lifecycle replacement intervals such as how often to replace adjacent crusher fines path.	24
Identify trail maintenance staffing needs and opportunities for volunteers to support with trail upkeep.	24
Conduct routine inspections of grade separated crossings	24
Create a program to install new and/or restore existing gravel paths adjacent to paved trails	24
<b><i>User Experience</i></b>	
Develop a trails amenity plan.	33
Continue implementation of the 2015 Bicycle Wayfinding Plan and apply to proposed trails as they are constructed.	33
Identify opportunities for co-locating signs where appropriate, such as with Natural Areas.	33
<b><i>Environmental Stewardship</i></b>	
Park Planning and Development to administratively formalize an “Environmental Stewardship for Trail Development Policy” within six months of plan adoption.	39
<b><i>Trail Safety and Education</i></b>	
Trail Safety Education Campaign - Develop a contemporary and ongoing multimedia safety education campaign that addresses common concerns and provides safety education, messaging, and resources, including guidance specific to the types of allowed e-bikes, allowed speeds, and consumer education.	61
Courtesy and Etiquette Signs - Use existing sign design or develop new design and increase sign frequency along the trail system reflecting key safety messages of multimedia campaign.	61
Warning Signs and Striping Improvements - Create consistency, refresh centerline striping, and install warning signs at bridges, underpasses, and trail junctions.	61
Continue coordination with FC Moves to include path patrols and routine trail pop-up events to provide trail user safety education. Explore opportunity to expand this program to Park and Natural Areas rangers and the Volunteer Ranger Assistant program.	61

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Develop the FoCo Trails Program to expand community familiarity and transparency into the City's trails system.	61
<b><i>Irrigation Ditches &amp; Trail Development</i></b>	
Focus trail development where the City has a shareholder interest and greater influence; work through existing City representatives on irrigation ditch company boards to coordinate with companies on potential trail development.	66
Focus future trail development efforts along corridors that are identified as "likely agreeable to trail development" on the Irrigation Ditch Viability Map.	66
Engage ditch company managers and boards in early discussions on potential trail development and determine how projects can be developed to provide shared benefits.	66
Focus on ditch/trail corridors that connect community resources such as residential areas, retail hubs, community or recreation centers, parks, open spaces.	66
As pre-development work commences on proposed trails, assess environmental impact of co-locating a trail adjacent to an irrigation ditch's existing alignment. Some irrigation ditches may provide a wildlife habitat and migration corridor. Determine if impact can be avoided and/or minimized or mitigated.	66
Evaluate return on investment of opportunities to take on or share ditch maintenance responsibilities in exchange for constructing a trail within the ditch corridor.	66
Prior to trail construction, develop formal agreements that address both trail development and management/maintenance. Define parameters for development and use of trails that do not impact the ditch or canal's original functions.	66
Establish agreed-upon design guidelines for the trail at the outset of negotiations with ditch companies.	66