

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, February 10, 2016

1. Introductions:

In attendance:

Leslie Beckstrom – WCDPHE
Jeffrey Boring – Larimer County
Sarah Boyd – City of Greeley
Aaron Buckley – NFRMPO
Aaron Fodge – CSU

Alex Gordon – NFRMPO
Mark Heidt – City of Brighton
Andy Nagel – Great Western Trail
Tom Selders – Poudre River Trail Corridor
Robert Ward – Poudre Heritage Alliance

2. Regional Trail Updates:

A. Bicycle Counter Updates:

- The NFRMPO can now see CSU bicycle count data
- Greeley picked up the permanent JAMAR bicycle & pedestrian counter for the Rover Run Dog Park location
- The 15 NFRMPO member communities will be eligible to check out mobile JAMAR counters, but will need to sign an MOU with the NFRMPO and attend a training session
- The mobile counters will be available for check out for a 24 hour minimum count and 7 day maximum count
- Mobile counters include 2 tube counters (bicycle) and 1 infrared counter (pedestrian)
- All data (from mobile and permanent counters) will need to be uploaded to the NFRMPO and State
- April 13 selected as the JAMAR training day. Buckley will coordinate with JAMAR and the training will start at 1 PM. The NOCO Bike and Ped April meeting will still occur from 10-12.
- The details on the JAMAR training will be finalized at the March NOCO meeting, including training location, how to get all the eligible entities involved, any media coordination needed and video recording
- Fodge reported CSU has 4 counters and will get 4 more in 2016
- Buckley will add a standing item to the agenda for updates on counter data, so the membership can better understand how popular our trails are

3. E-Bikes Presentation:

This presentation was postponed until the March meeting. Boring will contact Tessa Greegor and a local e-bike retailer to present. Greegor's presentation will focus on their non-motorized bike policy and the retailer's presentation will focus on who is buying the bikes and where their buyers intend to use the bikes (trails versus roads).

4. Finalizing the Meeting Topic Calendar:

March – E-bikes and Wayfinding (Fodge to coordinate)
April – CDOT Funding, TAP call for projects (Karen Schneiders & Fodge to coordinate)
May – liability issues – Fred Otis – Selders to coordinate

October – winter plowing – Fodge to coordinate

5. NOCO Bike and Ped Webpage:

- Site is up and lives on the NFRMPO website:
 - <http://www.nfrmpo.org/ResourcesDocuments/nocobikeped.aspx>
- Primary info on the website includes link to meeting agendas and minutes
- There will be a separate page for the conference including videos
- Also JAMAR install training videos will be hosted on the page
- Buckley will add the logos from all the participating agencies. Logos will be pulled from the 2015 NoCo Bike & Walk conference, additional logos will be requested.

6. TAC:

February meeting cancelled

7. Updates/Other Business:

A. CO Health Foundation Grant:

- Beckstrom updated the group on a grant cycle
- The CO Health Foundation mission is to prevent obesity in children
- Grant title is Activating Places and Spaces Together
- Wayfinding could be funded through this
- Rolling deadlines of Feb 15, June 15 and October 15
- Planning or implementation grants with 1 year term
- An idea was presented for Island Grove Park in Greeley – locals don't use the trail here and it is easily accessed – Selders is the contact for this project
- No match needed
- Fodge will mention this opportunity to Tessa Greegor to increase neighborhood access

B. CO Bike Summit:

- 2 day winter event in Denver
- Boyd and Heidt attended and updated the group
- Governor presented and mentioned the 16 for 16 projects but did not highlight the Poudre River Trail specifically
- Good networking opportunity
- \$35 entrance fee
- Energizing event, very inspirational
- Heidt mentioned that the Gov. suggested a subset of the 16 for 16 projects will be eligible for a new source of funds, Boring to follow up with Madeleine West of CO DNR
- Legislators and many CDOT staff attended
- Fodge suggested NOCO Bike and Ped should present at a future conference
- Boyd will remind members next fall of the event and see if a group of members wants to attend together

C. Winter Bike Summit:

- Fodge attended in Minnesota
- Focused on the technical aspects of managing bike transportation in winter and how to deal with snow
- 3 day event, 4th annual

- Conference also addressed equity and inequities around cycling, how to make sure groups that want to bike can. Struggling cities (Detroit) and low income communities (refugees) were highlighted. Fodge said 6-12% of FC residents ride bikes as a primary mode of transportation.

D. NOCO Bike & Ped Steering Committee:

- Boring mentioned the need for a steering committee to finalize meeting agendas, coordinate speakers and keep the organization on track
- Wade Willis, Fodge, Boyd, Boring and Buckley will serve on the Steering Committee, but the committee is open to all members
- The SC will meet for 30 minutes after each NOCO Bike and & Ped meeting to prepare the next meeting's agenda and coordinate any follow up actions

E. PRT/I-25 Underpass:

- Boring updated the group on the failed Presidential Challenge grant that would have funded the underpass
- Local elected officials, including NFRMPO Council members are organizing to dedicate local funds for a new bridge and underpass
- The trail community may be asked to write a GOCO or CDOT grant application to help fund the structure