

Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room

250 11th St. Windsor, CO 80550

1. Introductions

In attendance:

- ❖ Aaron Buckley, CSU
- ❖ Aaron Fodge, CSU
- ❖ Alex Gordon, NFRMPO
- ❖ Annemarie Heinrich, Larimer County
Department of Health and Environment
- ❖ Betsy Jacobsen, CDOT
- ❖ Chris Johnson, Bike Fort Collins
- ❖ Jamie Gaskill-Fox, City of Fort Collins
- ❖ John Ringland, Resident of Wellington
- ❖ Katie Guthrie, City of Loveland
- ❖ Kelly Smith, City of Loveland
- ❖ Kyle Fehr, City of Evans
- ❖ Leslie Beckstrom, Weld County
Department of Public Health and
Environment
- ❖ Mechelle Martz-Mayfield, Thompson
School District Safe Routes to School /
Planning
- ❖ Robert Ward, Poudre Heritage Alliance
- ❖ Ryan Dusil, NFRMPO
- ❖ Suzanne Bassinger, City of Fort Collins
- ❖ Tom Jones, Great Western Trail
Authority
- ❖ Wade Willis, Town of Windsor
- ❖ Zac Wiebe, Larimer County Department
of Natural Resources

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The April 12, 2017 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Regional Trail Updates

Willis stated the goal of the regional trail update work session is to identify new trail segments, areas of need, project timelines, and projects requiring efforts across communities.

Wiebe stated the Governor may visit the region May 23 to ride regional trails as part of the “16 in 2016” initiative. Visit details are still TBD and Dusil will keep the group posted with updates should the visit happen.

Dusil stated all updates, comments, and anticipated completion dates will be incorporated into a digital document to be made available to the group. The document can be accessed here:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/bgv1wic0xygwpz6/Regional%20Trail%20Project%20Updates_May%202017.pdf?dl=0

4. Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Coalition (BPEC)

Willis stated NoCo’s role in continuing BPEC will be to encourage and support local bicycle education programs and events throughout the region. Efforts may include offering volunteers, curriculum, and promotional assistance for community events within the NFRMPO region.

5. NoCo Workshop Committee

Guthrie described the event details for the June 14 Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit Assessment Workshop in Loveland. Guthrie will put together a list of tasks for volunteers prior to event. Guthrie will need assessment group leaders, sweepers, and assistance with other tasks the day of the event. Dusil will send out the details to the group with registration information next week.

Willis stated the planning for a fall workshop is in the early stages but initial ideas related to education have been introduced. Fodge stated it would be helpful to generate curriculum for engaging new audiences, similar to the Bicycle Friendly Driver Program. Fodge has seen curriculum in Minnesota on the needs of cyclists in winter geared toward training public works staff. Fodge proposed showing innovative practices from communities to show how winter road and trail maintenance can better accommodate all users, and how to begin an interdepartmental/community dialogue. Fodge sees a need to bridge community needs with public works tasks.

Jacobsen added the inclusion of public works staff in workshops to showcase success stories could be very useful. Willis added the annual Western Snow and Ice Conference and National Snow Rodeo held each winter at the Ranch in Loveland showcases new equipment and maintenance methods, mainly to public works staff. This may be an opportunity for NoCo to hold a winter workshop. Jacobsen added CDOT is in the middle of a trail study to better understand the true cost of maintenance. Jacobsen stated CDOT may be able to link the study with NoCo's efforts.

6. NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Dusil stated staff from Loveland, Greeley, and Windsor will present to TAC on their individual experiences with the NFRMPO bicycle and pedestrian counters. The idea to present was inspired by Windsor's presentation at April NoCo meeting. Fodge stated he is willing to give the NoCo update at the meeting and update TAC on CSU's count efforts. Willis stated he will present on behalf of Windsor.

7. Updates / Other Business

Gaskill-Fox stated she attended the 2017 National Bike Summit in Washington D.C. and connected with the leaders of the YEAH! (Youth Engagement & Action for Health) Study who are working to increase youth physical activity. There are incentives available through the study to participating students and communities. Dusil will send more information to the group. Anyone interested in the program should contact Gaskill-Fox.

Fodge stated Jacobsen was recognized by Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) for her exemplary work in the areas of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and bicycle and pedestrian planning.

Jacobsen stated CDOT is purchasing STRAVA's cycling GPS data and is currently working with lawyers to get access for other Colorado government agencies like the NFRMPO. Jacobsen stated the purchase should be finalized soon and will keep the group updated. The GPS data can be overlaid with existing count data to better understand bicycle travel across the state.

Guthrie brought flyers to promote Loveland Bike Month. Guthrie will send a PDF copy to Dusil to distribute to the group. Guthrie described the nine events happening throughout the community in June.

Heinrich stated the MapNoCO website will be up in about a week and staff from the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment would like to perform community trainings. Anyone interested in a group training should Heinrich for more information.

Ringland stated Wellington could be included in the NFRMPO region following the 2020 Census and would like to remain involved with NoCo to stay updated on regional bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts.

Johnson stated the Ride of Silence will occur next Wednesday, May 17 at 6:45 beginning in Old Town Square. There will also be a Pathways to Health event with Charles Brown next Thursday, May 18, centered around the connection between the planning process and social equity. The talk is geared towards planners. The May NoCo Bike Show will take place May 25 with an additional show on June 4 at Open Streets in Fort Collins. Topics include the Fort Collins Master Plan update and MapNoCO.

Fehr stated Evans will be recognizing Bike to Work Day on June 28 with a stand at 35th Avenue and 35th Street.

Beckstrom stated there are many upcoming rides in Weld County. The County recently had a successful Field Trip bike ride from 71st Street to Windsor and back on the Poudre Trail with three 5th grade classes. Moonlight rides, family fun rides, and movie nights are starting soon, with additional events in Fort Lupton and Milliken. Educational events for adults and children will be happening throughout the summer.

Ward stated there was a Poudre Heritage Alliance training class on April 22. The group is currently doing research to update information on several historically significant locations for a report to be completed around June 13.

Willis stated Windsor staff members were at local schools today for Bike to School Day.