

# Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Minutes – Wednesday, December 9, 2020

GoToMeeting Virtual Meeting



## Introductions

- ❖ **Aaron Buckley**, Colorado State University
- ❖ **Aaron Fodge**, Colorado State University
- ❖ **Abdul Barzak**, Town of Severance
- ❖ **Allison Baxter**, City of Greeley
- ❖ **Cindy Kronauge**, WCDPHE
- ❖ **Cory Schmitt**, NFRMPO
- ❖ **Dave Dixon**, Bike Fort Collins
- ❖ **Eric Aakko**, WCDPHE
- ❖ **Evan Pinkham**, Weld County Public Works
- ❖ **Justin Scharon**, City of Greeley
- ❖ **Katie Guthrie**, City of Loveland Public Works
- ❖ **Kelly Zuniga**, City of Loveland Open Lands
- ❖ **Kristen Debo**, City of Evans
- ❖ **Maureen Dower**, Berthoud Mayor Pro-Tem
- ❖ **Olivia Egen**, WCDPHE
- ❖ **Ryan Dusil**, NFRMPO
- ❖ **Sue Hewitt**, Health District of Northern Larimer County
- ❖ **Suman Mathur**, Health District of Northern Larimer County
- ❖ **Tom Jones**, Great Western Trail Authority
- ❖ **Tracey Lipfert**, FC Moves

## Winter Biking Tips

A very bright set of lights; bar mitts/pogies or heavy gloves; shoes covers/booties; wide, knobby tires run at lower pressure; good face lotion; don't trust wet pavement; take extra care on hills; stay inside; wait a few days for it to warm up...it's Colorado; ear buds/speaker to drown out complaints from the cold kids riding in the Burley.

## Roundtable Updates

Dusil stated the NFRMPO is continuing work on its Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and will reengage NoCo and the ATP Steering Committee soon. NFRMPO staff will continue to keep the NoCo Leadership Team apprised of Call for Projects discussions at TAC and Planning Council. The NFRMPO's 2021 Quarter 1 newsletter will include construction updates on the Regional Active Transportation Corridors. Please send any project description, extents, and timeline to Ryan Dusil at [rdusil@nfrmpo.org](mailto:rdusil@nfrmpo.org) by COB on Wednesday, December 16.

Lipfert stated the City just completed a giveaway of 230 bike light sets across the City.

Jones stated the Great Western Trail Authority (GWTA) received a \$5,000 grant from CDPHE to install fencing at some county road crossings to improve safety and maintenance. They are in the bid process now for the fencing. GWTA also installed its second trail counter in Eaton and it is working well. GWTA is working through an ongoing property dispute that has held up construction of the remaining 1.5 miles of trail construction east of Severance.

Egen stated she is the County's new Health Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Coordinator.

Debo stated the City of Evans is starting to collect grant information for various projects and the asphalt overlay of 47<sup>th</sup> Street is underway now.

Zuniga stated the City of Loveland awarded a contract for construction of the Copper Ridge Trail and construction will begin in a month. The City is looking at ways to get trail connect to Prairie Ridge Natural Area. The Namaqua Avenue to Wilson Avenue Trail and Centerra Trails are in the design phase now. The City recently received a GOCO Resilient Communities grant for improvements to the Oxbow Trailhead at Rossum Drive and may work with some area students on play features.

Guthrie stated Connect Loveland is in its final draft stages and will go before City Council in January, with adoption anticipated in April or May. The Wilson Avenue sidewalk project will be completed by the end of 2020 and it used a form-and-pour installation process that is new to the City.

Scharton stated the City of Greeley is in the public engagement phase for the Get Outdoors Greeley Strategic Plan. Capital projects in the City have slowed but Island Grove Trailhead construction and Broadview Acres/#3 Ditch Trail construction is moving forward. The trail connection to Rover Run Dog Park will enter the design phase next year.

Pinkham stated the Weld County Transportation Master Plan was adopted by the Board of Commissioners in November.

Aakko stated Weld County will have two new commissioners in January and WCDPHE will be updating them on community health information that relates to active transportation needs.

Schmitt stated the One Call One Click Center project at the NFRMPO will enter the implementation phase in 2021.

Baxter stated the City of Greeley is kicking off its Transportation Plan with Fehr and Peers. The City, Poudre River Trail, Inc., and the Downtown Development Authority are working together on wayfinding between the Poudre Trail and Downtown Greeley.

Barzak stated Severance will soon begin construction for the Safe Routes to School project awarded an MMOF grant and will continue working on their Transportation Plan update.

Buckley stated CSU is installing new COVID-19-related wayfinding around campus and working on expanding a short trail segment in a congested area of campus. CSU is also looking into constructing a trail along Rampart Road on the Foothills campus and will be working with the City of Fort Collins on their Request for Proposals (RFP) for shared bikes and scooters.

Dixon stated Bike Fort Collins recently gave a presentation to the Fort Collins Transportation Board regarding intersection improvement opportunities and the organization is also working on bringing a bike film festival to Fort Collins virtually.

### **Approval of the October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved as presented.

### **2019 Larimer and Weld County Community Health Assessment Findings**

Suman Mathur ([smathur@healthdistrict.org](mailto:smathur@healthdistrict.org)) and Sue Hewitt ([shewitt@healthdistrict.org](mailto:shewitt@healthdistrict.org)) from the Health District of Northern Larimer County and Cindy Kronauge ([ckronauge@weldgov.com](mailto:ckronauge@weldgov.com)) with the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment presented findings from the respective community health assessments conducted in Fall 2019. The surveys are statistically valid and are conducted every three years. The presenters shared findings summarized by community and various demographic groups related to ease of walking, biking and taking transit; meeting CDC's recommended exercise guidelines; distracted and impaired driving patterns; support for various policies; and top themes from open-ended responses related to active transportation and active living. The results can help planners and other local staff and decision makers identify

policies and other strategies that most directly address the perceptions, behaviors, and desires reported in the surveys. The results may also be used to encourage increased active transportation

The presenters stated they welcome data inquiries and additional presentation opportunities. They are a resource for communities and other partners and can process the results at various geographies and across various topic areas and demographic groups to meet needs and interests.

### 2021 Leadership Team and Group Goals

The 2021 Leadership Team will consist of Aaron Fodge (CSU), Abdul Barzak (Town of Severance), Katie Guthrie (City of Loveland), and Ryan Dusil (NFRMPO). The group would like to add 1-2 additional Leadership Team members.

2021 Goals			
Discussions	Recommendations/ Actions	Presentations	Special Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue updating the Regional Bike/Ped Project Pipeline</li> <li>• Working with railroad and ditch companies</li> <li>• Funding opportunities</li> <li>• Sharing innovative bike/ped ideas and highlights from local plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay engaged with the 2021 NFRMPO Call for Projects guidelines discussions</li> <li>• Participate in the Call for Projects scoring process and offer technical assistance to applicants</li> <li>• Assist with implementation of any short-term recommendations from the ATP</li> <li>• Expand recruitment efforts to new contacts within and just beyond the NFRMPO region</li> <li>• Regular reports to TAC and Planning Council of NoCo’s achievements and ongoing initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front Range Trail Updates (Fort Collins to Wellington and Firestone to Evans)</li> <li>• Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) updates</li> <li>• NFRMPO Mobility Manager Introduction</li> <li>• Berthoud Bicycle Safety Stop Law: Lessons Learned (mid-late 2021)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual Walk Audit 101 Training (and record it)</li> <li>• Walk Audit in Severance (hybrid virtual and in-person)</li> <li>• Celebratory bike ride on the Great Western Trail between Severance and Eaton</li> <li>• CSU Bike/Ped Infrastructure Tour</li> </ul>