



February 25, 2019

## BICYCLE ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM. The following individuals were present:

- Chad Stearman
- Chris Salt
- Dave Kimmett
- Devin Quince
- Heidi Quince
- Nicholas Ellens
- Phil Greenwald
- Ben Ortiz

2. **January 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes:** Ben Ortiz asked the committee if they had any corrections to the January Bicycle Issues Committee meeting minutes. No one recommended any corrections.

3. **Bike Month (June 2019):** Ben noted that the Bicycle Issues Committee expressed an interest in the City organizing a Bike Month instead of just Bike to Work Day and asked the committee what other types of bicycling events they'd be interested in seeing. Some of the suggestions were as follows:

- Bike to Entertainment Day
- Bike to Farmer's Market
- Bike for Fitness Day
- Bike for Fun Day
- Bike to Church Day
- Bike to Errand Day
- Bike to Parks Day
- Bike to Home Depot/Lowes Day
- Bike to the Four Corners of Longmont Day
- Bike to Union Reservoir Day

Other ideas discussed include:

- Bike event to take place in coordination with other events like the downtown concern series
  - Different ride for every day of the month
  - Offering incentives when people participate. For example, there could be a bike valet during the downtown summer concert series where the receipt could be used as proof of ride for coupons at event vendors or downtown shops
  - Bike cruise night to feature low-rider bikes
  - A passport with unique stamps for people who ride to different locations
  - Technological instagrams where riders take photos of themselves at certain cycling destinations
  - LDDA could offer gift certificates for people who enter into drawings.
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Nick Ellens and Phil Greenwald expressed a concern about whether we would be spreading ourselves too thinly or watering down the month-long promotion too much if the City promotes too many events.

4. **Bicycle Improvements in Southwest Longmont:** Phil Greenwald provided a synopsis of the crashes between automobiles and children in southwest Longmont most particularly at Clover Basin and Airport Road. With the sun rising in the east, the vision of drivers is obscured. There used to be a lagging left turn which was changed to a protected/permissive and then to a protected only left turn arrow (red arrow) as a way of restricting left turning movements.

Devin wanted to know what the impact has been for drivers turning left.

Phil responded that most left turn queues are able to get through the light.

Phil also noted that a new traffic signal is coming in at Pike and Airport that will be fully funded by the City.

Dave Kimmett says that the intersection of Clover Basin and Airport has been vastly improved for bicycle riders due to the signal changes.

Chad Stearman noted that the 9<sup>th</sup> and Pace intersection is a similar situation as that of Clover Basin and Airport Road.

#### 5. Items from Staff:

- a. **Winter Bike to Work Day Update:** Ben report on the City's Winter Bike to Work Day event. Despite the temperature dropping to three degrees, the City had eight participants, two of whom were walkers. The expectation was that there would be zero participants due to the cold weather and recent snow storm. The longest commute was three miles and the shortest was .75 miles.
- b. **Linking Longmont Public Forum:** Ben reported that the City was hosting a Linking Longmont Public Forum at the Longmont Museum on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> to feature bicycle and pedestrian projects that Public Works Engineering staff have been working on. Approximately 125 people rsvp'd to the free event.
- c. **Article: Vehicular Cycling, Why They're Wrong and Why They're Right:** Ben noted that Devin Quince had provided an article for inclusion into the March issue of the LoCo About Cycling newsletter. Ben noted that a hard copy of the article is attached with the meeting materials.

#### 6. Agenda Items for the Parking Lot:

- a. Devin discussed a recent Colorado Public Radio interview with Avi Stopper re Denver's Bike Streets Project with the goal of creating a map based on where people ride and suggested the City tabulate data to show where people are riding and have the City of Longmont's bike map reflect this reality.
- b. Devin discussed a Strong Towns article: How can I show my fire department that their operations don't or shouldn't require wide lanes?
- c. Chad asked about connectivity between different parts of Longmont and whether it makes sense to reach out to other communities. Phil noted that Tessa Greeger, the Fort Collins bike coordinator will be attending the Linking Longmont event on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Phil also noted that the City of Longmont looks at what other communities are doing for different transportation design ideas.
- d. Nick suggested that the bike network start small, but be well-connected with every route having a level of service A for bicyclists.

- e. Devin discussed Oregon where people on bikes are getting hooked at intersections.
- f. Chad asked if there are gurus out there that we could learn from.

**7. Final thoughts for the good of the order:**

- a. Chad provided a brief summary of the Bicycle Longmont meeting that took place at the Longmont Bicycle Company on Main Street north of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. There was a great turnout with about 25 people in attendance. Another meeting will be scheduled for the month of March. Chad requested a LoCo update on the Bicycle Longmont reboot. Devin noted that the gist of the meeting was to see if there was interest in Bicycle Longmont reforming. Chad noted that a sub-group would be getting together to focus on communication.
- b. Chad noted that he got a letter back from Council member Tim Waters regarding Vision 2020 and thought that Longmont was supposed to be a part. Tim Waters stated his support for Vision 2020.
- c. Chad noted that snow removal on bike paths is an issue. Phil responded that greenways are controlled by the Parks Department and that greenway trails are regarded as wildlife corridors and aren't lighted after dark. Snow removal typically happens the morning after a snow event. Chad noted that this is an equity issue. Nick noted that the paths on major streets aren't being cleared. David agreed that the lack of snow removal inhibits bicycle use during the off-season. Bike lanes are covered in ice all winter.
- d. Devin noted that a goal for the city is to create a functional classification system for bicycle facilities similar to that for automobiles.
- e. Devin expressed concern about the extent of the Lefthand Greenway now that it is designated as a transportation corridor.
- f. Devin asked if it was possible to find traffic counts on the Pratt Pkwy flyover pre-construction and post-construction.

**8. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:35.

