



**Bike Fort Collins**

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Dear City Manager Atteberry, council members and Fort Collins BFO leadership:

For your consideration, Bike Fort Collins has prepared the following set of budget recommendations for the 2017-2018 budget cycle. Our recommendations support our vision of a Fort Collins that continues to prioritize its commitment to active transportation in recognition of its impact on public health and safety, economic health and development, climate change mitigation, and our cultural identity and reputation as a leader in bike-friendly community development.

In addition to specific budget offers on the following page, we also offer a general set of principles we hope will guide your deliberation:

- 1) We believe that all transportation planning should be done within an equity framework that actively seeks to address disparities in mobility (access to work, school, healthcare, public space, healthy food, social services, etc.) among different communities in Northern Colorado.
- 2) We believe that transit oriented development (TOD) is a critical tool in managing growth in Northern Colorado. We believe the city should encourage, promote, and facilitate TOD and urbanism to address affordability, climate impact, safer streets, and protection of natural areas.
- 3) We believe that the city should continue to revise policies and resource distribution that prioritize expediency and volume of private motor vehicle travel to provide incentives for mode shift, including bike/ped infrastructure, public transportation, bike share, etc.
- 4) We believe that **all** ongoing bike and ped related offers, including Safe Routes to School and FC Bikes should continue to be funded at at least current level even as some grant funding ends.

Our specific recommendations are informed by:

- 1) Results from a survey of our newsletter subscribers, social media followers, and community partners.
- 2) Engagement with community partners, including businesses and public health and safety coalitions.
- 3) Internal deliberation within BFC's advocacy committee.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing support of a safe, active, and inclusive community.

Sincerely,

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## **BFC Advocacy Committee BFO Recommendations**

In addition to the extending all ongoing sustainable transportation related offers, we strongly support and recommend the following offers:

**67:11 Transfort Sunday Bus Service** - Incomplete (schedule and geographic) public transportation is a significant barrier to social, economic, and environmental sustainability in Fort Collins. We support Sunday Transfort service as a meaningful step towards a more complete sustainable transit system.

**3:19 All Kids Need Safe Routes to School** - In addition to ongoing support of 3:18 we believe this expansion is a forward thinking, equitable investment in the sustainable future of Fort Collins

**3:22 Bicycle Safety and Promotion Programs** - We believe that the significant trend in reduction of reported cyclists involved traffic crashes in the past two years owes a lot to the city's commitment to safety education and events and other programming that encourage cycling. We urge the city to continue funding them once current grant funding expires.

**3.12 FC Walks** - Having a dedicated pedestrian planner in the transportation department will lend important perspective on safe multimodal programs and policies.

**63.2 Traffic Calming Expansion** - We strongly support residential traffic calming and believe this expansion will positively impact both safety outcomes and mode-shift.

**3.7 Low Stress Bike Route Design and Construction** - The low stress network has been a promising development and we hope to see it continue to grow as a resource.

**1.18 City Bridge Program** - This is the enhancement offer that received the most support from our public survey and we agree that bridge bottlenecks are a safety concern and a comfort barrier for "interested but concerned" cyclists we are interested in encouraging.

### **Survey Results**

In order from highest scoring to lowest, the top 10 priorities identified by our non-scientific survey of members and supporters of Bike Fort Collins and our partner organizations are as follows:

- 1.18 City Bridge Program
- 3.18 City Safe Routes to School (Ongoing)
- 3.7 Low Stress Network
- 3.10 Protected Intersection Pilot
- 3:19 All Kids Need Safe Routes
- 3:12 FC Walks Program
- 3:22 Bicycle Safety and Promotion Programming
- 3.9 Protected Bike Lane Pilot Project
- 67.11 Transfort Sunday Service
- 63.2 Traffic Calming Program Expansion