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GENERAL

Q: *Do you regularly ride a bicycle? If so, what kind of riding do you do?*

A: I usually ride with my kids for recreation or to go to the library.

Q: *Given Fort Collins's bicycle friendliness, what City bike amenity (i.e. what bike trail, or bikeway, maintenance stations, etc.), element of bicycle infrastructure, or bicycle program is your favorite, or (if you ride) that you use most regularly?*

A: Most often, we use Mason Trail or Cathy Fromme.



2014 BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

The City's most current Bicycle Master Plan is due to be revisited/updated and will likely include/anticipate all active modes of transportation.

Q: *What should be the City's role in supporting (including funding) active modes of transportation as a safe, affordable, efficient and convenient travel option for people of all ethnicities, ages and abilities?*

A: The city must have a key role and provide substantial support in both planning and funding for this critical infrastructure. We must be inclusive to ensure that folks from all areas of the city have access.

Q: *What role do you see active transportation playing in City's ability to achieve its goal and reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2030 (vs. 2005 levels), on its way to carbon neutrality by 2050?*

A: Transportation planning is crucial for reducing carbon emissions and achieving carbon neutrality. We won't be able to get there unless people drive less, which means we need more options for walking, biking, and transit.

BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Significant areas of our local community have gaps or intersections and areas that need improvement as it relates to safe bicycling and walking infrastructure. In addition to being a safety hazard, they discourage residents from these activities, as a recently completed Multi-modal Index also highlights. Bike Fort Collins has begun to feature some of these 'opportunities' on our website as Intersection/Facility Focuses, as well as made presentations to the city's Bicycle Advisory Committee and Transportation Board.

Q: *How would you approach these opportunities and other infrastructure gaps relative to bicycle safety?*

A: I applaud Bike Fort Collins for taking such an active role in advocating for safety improvements. I would advocate for the city to fix these problems and would vote to provide funding.

FORT COLLINS BIKE PARK

Bike Fort Collins is a partner in an initiative started by our peer organization, Overland Mountain Bike Association, to bring a Bike Park to the City of Fort Collins. While Fort Collins is the progressive and bicycle friendly city that it is, many residents have to travel to places like Boulder to access such an amenity. In surveying the community for input during the 2020 Parks & Rec 10-Year Master Planning process, if 'Mountain Bike Courses' hadn't been listed separately from 'Bike Park' (as they are contained within Bike Parks), the combined category would have been among the top-four identified/desired amenities by the community.

Q: Do you support the planning and construction of a Bike Park for the Fort Collins community? Why or why not?

A: Valmont Bike Park looks like an amazing place! I would love to see a park like that in Fort Collins and would support its creation. Depending on what happens with the Hughes Stadium site, I wonder about the possibility of using part of that space for a bike park. Valmont is 42 acres and the Hughes site is 161 acres.