

## JEFF HANSEN

### GENERAL

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

**A:** Yes, the garage currently has seven bikes for our family of four. (Thank you to Drake Cycles for my Kona) I used to commute to work and mountain bike on the weekends. Currently, I have a toddler seat on the back of the bike that is more conducive to trail riding.



**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:** District 5 is lucky to have a large portion of the Spring Creek Trail through it. The connectivity it provides without having to cross major intersections is wonderful. One of my favorite programs is bike to work-day. Who can beat a free breakfast burrito and bike tune-up? I love how the community comes together. I have volunteered at the station near our office for several years and always enjoy seeing all of the cyclists.

### 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:** Biking is part of our community culture and identity. The City needs to support, educate, and encourage all people to make the switch. I will encourage the transportation department to continue looking for ways to make our streets safer for bike commuters. I will make sure that the Park Planning Department has the funding needed to continue to build out our trail system and I will collaborate with surrounding municipalities to make regional trail connections.

I'm excited to see construction starting for phase one of the corral center bike park in Lory State Park. It is encouraging to see so many community members join together to fund that project. While it is outside of our City Limits and jurisdiction, I believe we need to work closely with our neighbors to ensure we all provide top-notch amenities.

**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:** The Global Carbon Project estimates that within the United States the carbon emissions dropped 12% last year due to the stay-at-home orders of COVID. While this included air travel as well, it is obvious that personal vehicles have a large impact on carbon emissions. In order to encourage

active transportation we need to promote urban design that brings employment, goods and services close to housing so that walking and biking are feasible.

## **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: We will rely on new developments to pay for and build the infrastructure within their limits to our standards. However, for renovations at existing intersection we rely on capital improvement funds. My office is near the intersection of Magnolia/Canyon/Whitcomb, so I am acutely aware of the right-of-way conflict. ...

## **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: In Fort Collins we have high standards. I fully support the construction of a Bike Park as long as it is inclusive of all abilities and meets our level of expectations.