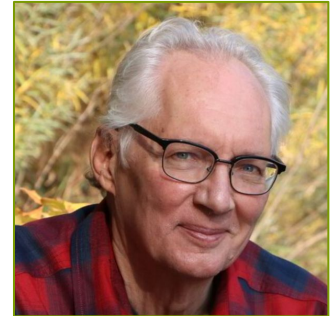


## KELLY OHLSON

### GENERAL

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

**A:** I ride a bicycle casually and not as frequently as I want to. I'm a fair-weather bicyclist and hope to increase my time on two wheels with the coming of Spring. I have, however, spent decades working to make Fort Collins the Platinum-certified Bike Friendly Community that it is today. As mayor, mayor pro-tem, and City council member, I have supported and often led on all things bicycle-friendly. I was even threatened with recall because I supported funding a "bicycle-coordinator" position around 2005. How radical of me. I have also been a leader in eight campaigns that have protected 45,000 acres of open space and natural areas upon which trails are located. For these efforts, I received the prestigious national E-Town award.



**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:** I most enjoy riding on the Spring Creek and Poudre River Trails. The Spring Creek trail because of easy access from my home and the Poudre Rive Trail because of the natural setting.

### 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 should play a major role (including funding) in supporting active models of transportation as a travel option for all people that so desire. The new City Office of Equity and Inclusion can help with making sure we are serving all ethnicities, ages, and abilities. Infrastructure gaps (especially geographical) need to be addressed.

**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 is one of the main categories in the City's Climate Change Action Plan and thus, increasing active transportation options and participation will contribute to our carbon-reduction goals.

### 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: Your gentle and kind use of the word *opportunities* is refreshing. I would approach these gaps in infrastructure and problematic intersections with determination and timeliness. The specific issues need to be prioritized, funded, and implemented in a reasonable time frame.

### **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: Yes, I support the planning and construction of a Fort Collins Bike Park. It sounds like a good idea to me and one whose time has come. It is also a high priority for the bicycling community.