

## SHIRLEY PEEL

### GENERAL

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

**A:** I do not regularly ride a bicycle now. When my children were younger and we lived in the middle of town, we rode our bikes almost everywhere: to the library, swimming pool etc.



**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:** My favorite amenity is obviously the trail system, specifically Cathy Fromme and the one directly across from my house on Shields.

### 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 continue to include the upkeep of the current trail system and the development of new trails in the Strategic Plan and the budget as much as possible to encourage active modes of transportation.

**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:** Obviously reducing commuter traffic will reduce carbon emissions with the added bonus of making our community healthier.

### 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 live on Shields Street and I wish the trail across from my house had been in place when my children were still in school as I never let them ride on Shields because of safety concerns, so I would like to be able to look at these opportunities and assess the feasibility of making these areas safer for biking and walking.

### **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: I think a Bike Park would be an excellent addition to our City and I would support looking into the possibility of planning and building one.