

TRICIA CANONICO

GENERAL

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

A: I do ride a bicycle regularly, a townie. My husband, the real enthusiast, can give you full specifications. I know that it's salmon colored and has a wicker basket on the front. I ride it for transport and enjoyment-- getting my children to school, running errands, biking to Old Town, getting out for an evening, or visiting someone across the neighborhood.



My rule-of-thumb for getting my 10 year-old to school is if it's above 10 degrees, we move ourselves. Most days that means we ride our bikes.

My husband keeps five of his own bikes in our garage and everyone in the family has at least one. We have worked to instill in our children a passion for many types of riding - from commuting to road riding to mountain biking. We all love to go on a weekend ride for brunch or ice cream.

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 Fort Collins' bike trail network. I enjoy the Poudre Trail most often.

This is also an amenity where I see an opportunity for improvement. My southeast neighborhood lacks connectivity to the trail network, so we have to navigate busy roads like Trilby, Harmony and Zeigler to get to the Poudre or Power Line Trails. Improving trail connectivity will encourage riding, enhance safety, and give peace of mind to all cyclists, especially parents with older children.

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: Enabling and promoting active transportation aligns with each of my three priorities for City Council—Community, Livability and Sustainability. Thoughtful, strategic investment in active transportation is sound policy and something for which I will advocate.

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: It's critical. According to U.S. EPA data, transportation is the largest source of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, promoting alternatives to fossil fuel powered transportation is one of the most important steps the City can take to reduce emissions within its limits. Beyond reducing carbon emissions, a shift to active transportation and other alternatives will improve local air quality. Considering those environmental benefits, along with the associated social and economic benefits, active transportation should remain a priority for the City. Active Transportation should be a key part of any climate action plan.

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: Addressing problem areas like these requires a thoughtful and data driven plan. There are practical limitations to how much we can do and when we can do it, so we need to be ready with a complete analysis that identifies priorities. A well-thoughtout plan will enable advocacy for appropriate resources, and facilitate quick action when resources become available.

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 love the Bike Park concept. I look forward to contributing to the conversation that will outline and detail a future project. Prior to offering unqualified support, I will need to see specifics, including cost to construct, operate and maintain, multi-use potential, competing projects, environment impact and other factors. I welcome the opportunity to discuss the proposed project with your organization.

Thank you for all your organization does for our community and for the opportunity to comment.

As a 501c(3), Bike Fort Collins cannot endorse or support a specific candidate, but is pleased to compile and share candidate responses to this questionnaire in an effort to better enable community members to make informed decisions on their ballots this year.