

# Colorado Pedals Project: Year Two Progress Highlights

Through Bicycle Colorado, the Colorado Pedals Project has strengthened existing partnerships and created new ones. Working together, public and private agencies are making strides towards Colorado's effort to become the best state for bicycling.

During the first two years of the Colorado Pedals Project, Bicycle Colorado has supported partners' ongoing efforts and new initiatives. Below are progress highlights:

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#### **COMPLETE OUR STREETS**

Proactive and predictable implementation of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on state facilities.

- CDOT hosted a Complete Streets Summit bringing department leaders and CPP together
- Bicycle and pedestrian accommodation was included in CDOT's Transportation Systems and Management Operations (TSMO) evaluation
- Every CDOT Region appointed a designated Bicycle and Pedestrian Engineer Representative
- CDOT provided bicycle and pedestrian facility design trainings throughout the state
- CDOT adopted an expansive Complete Streets Policy (Elevating Bicycling and Walking in Colorado, 1602/1602.1) that identifies comprehensive responsibilities for improving biking and walking
- CDOT, CDPHE and DOLA published and promoted Colorado Downtown Streets – A Tool For Communities, Planners and Engineers
- Bicycle Colorado hosted bicycle infrastructure tour with state and local decision makers
- CDOT expanded its bicycle and pedestrian facility design trainings to reach more engineers and planners
- Bicycle Colorado hosted Strava Metro Data training for planners, consultants and advocates throughout the state
- Bicycle Colorado formed and led the Bikes on Broadway
  Coalition to support Denver's two-way protected lane pilot

#### **FUND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION**

Align transportation funding with policies and priorities that support safe options for bicyclists and pedestrians.

- CDOT Transportation Commission approves funding Safe Routes to School grant program at \$2.5M annually
- OEDIT, CDPHE, CDOT and CPP distribute the Economic and Health Benefits of Bicycling and Walking in Colorado study – showing more than \$1.6 Billion in impacts
- CDOT and local agencies awarded \$21.5M in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects
- CDOT increased its non-motorized traffic counting program by purchasing Strava Metro Data and making it available to all partners across the state
- GOCO awarded \$13.5M in Inspire grants to 6 communities
- CDOT began its statewide inventory of on-system bicycle and pedestrian facilities (estimated completion is fall 2018)
- Denver voters approved \$115 million in funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements through the November 2017 GO Bond.
- Bicycle Colorado formed and led the Denver Streets Partnership to support increased active transportation.
- The City of Denver increased staffing capacity with five new bike and Vision Zero positions.

### **ELEVATE BICYCLING AND WALKING**

Elevate bicycling and walking as a core aspect of our cultural identity & transformative vehicle to health & economic development.



- Update and launch Bicycle Colorado's website to be a statewide resource promoting bicycling in Colorado
- As part of Colorado Beautiful Initiative, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) creates Trails Council to strengthen and coordinate cross agency activities to enhance trails and trail investments.
- 2016 Colorado Bicycle Summit
- DNR launches COTREX, a statewide electronic trails map as part of Colorado Beautiful Initiative
- Governor Hickenlooper and CDOT Deputy Director Lewis spoke at 2017 Moving People Forward Conference
- Professional bicycle racing was re-introduced to Colorado with Colorado Classic and Velorama
- Governor Hickenlooper and then-CDOT Director Bhatt spoke at
  Colorado improved from #7 to #6 in the League of American Bicyclist bike-friendly states ranking

## IMPROVE HEALTH AND SAFETY.

Improve health and safety for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists through education, awareness, enforcement and facility design.

- Participated in stakeholder group recommending updates to STRAC to improve data collections on bicycle and pedestrian injuries and fatalities
- CDOT hosted "Improving Colorado's Road Health Summit Moving Towards Zero Deaths"
- CDOT awarded \$500,000 to winners of the RoadX Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation Challenge – proposing technological safety improvements for biking and walking
- CDOT piloted "3 Feet to Pass" safety messages on electronic highway message boards
- Colorado State Legislature passed three laws: "Roll Coal"; prohibiting text while driving; and increased penalties for leaving the scene of an accident
- Denver Vision Zero groups streamlined the recording of data and reporting of bike and ped injuries and fatalities

### **EXPAND PARTICIPATION.**

Increase opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and economic status to ride a bike.

- Designation of Colorado 16 Priority Trails (formerly 16 in 16) as part of Colorado the Beautiful Initiative
- Denver installed two new protected bike lanes as part of the People For Bikes "Green Lanes" project
- Bicycle Colorado and CDOT developed process for assessing trail conditions. Implemented pilot survey on C-470 trail
- Bicycle Colorado partnered with Denver Parks & Recreation to train instructors and create a custom bike education curriculum for 100 disadvantaged middle school students.
- Bicycle Colorado supported a Guiness Book of World Records effort by DaVita to giveaway the most bikes in one hour with an education session for 750 elementary school students.