



## Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee

*Minutes  
August 26, 2021*

### **Meeting Summary**

OSTAC members went on a site tour of Broomfield Open Space. The committee was given an update on the Active Transportation Wayfinding Project, the Broomfield Trails Map, and Indigenous Peoples Outreach. Finally, the committee reviewed the Proposed Bike Lanes and On-Street Parking Adjustments at Lac Amora Park and Lac Amora Open Space on Miramonte Blvd./W. 10th Ave. from U.S. 287 to Fern Street.

### **OSTAC (Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee)**

#### Present:

Terra Lenihan, Chair  
Ray Churgovich, Vice-Chair  
Michael McLane  
Renaë Stavros  
Ryan Gelston  
Patrick Tennyson  
Chris Petrizzo

#### Absent:

Nathan Kral  
Councilmember Liz Law-Evans  
Councilmember Stan Jezierski

#### Interested Citizens:

John Ewalt

#### Other staff, presenters, and consultants in attendance:

Kristan Pritz, Open Space and Trails Director  
Pete Dunlaevy, Open Space and Trails Manager  
Jack Pritchard, Open Space and Trails Specialist  
Beverly Burbach, Open Space and Trails Administrative Analyst  
Trung Vo, Senior Planner and Project Manager, Toole Design Group  
Marc Ambrosi, Senior Transportation Planner, City and County of Broomfield  
Sarah Grant, Transportation Planning Manager, City and County of Broomfield  
Bryce Hammerton, Traffic Engineer

### **Agenda Minutes**

**1. Site Tour 6:00 -7:45 p.m.**

**2. Call to Order by Terra Lenihan, 7:50 p.m.**

Terra called the meeting to order and welcomed any citizens from the public.

**3. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

None.

#### 4. Progress Presentation on the Active Transportation Wayfinding Project

Marc Ambrosi introduced himself and the consultant for this project, Trung Vo with Toole Design. Trung discussed work on the project including, the function of wayfinding, public input, priorities and the wayfinding design. Trung informed the committee that the public input mainly focused on destinations, locations and the routes for wayfinding so the project has zeroed in on these topics. He gave the committee an idea of where the signage will be generally located, what the signs would state, and options for the overall design of the signs. Trung also discussed the next steps of the project including implementation.

Trung asked the committee to participate in a sign design activity. The activity gave insight into committee members' preferences for certain colors, shapes, edges, fonts, and wording for the signage.

Marc noted that there will be a virtual public Wayfinding meeting on September 16th and a booth at Broomfield Days on September 18th.

-Chris, will there be an icon that can be used to identify each trail so people know they are on the right route?

-Trung, when we get more into the sign design we will look at that concept in more detail.

-Marc, as you hit intersections of major routes there may be more signage with more detail to address that need.

-Terra, do you ever do digital signs?

-Trung, we have not since the cost is high.

-Marc, we would like to incorporate some technology into the signs, but will likely have digital links using QR codes. These codes would provide up-to-date maps, wildlife information, history etc. These could be included as interchangeable stickers.

-Pete, will there be consideration paid to current branding? Will there be consideration for current sign design? We would appreciate that included in the design, for example the signage on Open Space properties or along the U.S. 36 bikeway.

-Marc, that is something we have heard from Commuting Solutions as well, yes this consideration will be made.

-Kristan, with the signs going in many different locations we would like to place the signs in strategic locations to preserve the aesthetic of the open space. We want to minimize visual disruption on Open Space properties.

-Marc, that is something we have heard several times from the public and we will absolutely be sensitive to that.

-Kristan, we do realize that it is important to have wayfinding signs for our citizens.

-Trung, as we get closer to development we will be on the trails locating the best locations for the signs, what makes sense, what is already there, what do we need. You are welcome to join us.

-Michael, in Raleigh trail markers are made from wood posts stamped with the city logo and a mile marker, this minimized the impact and was effective.

-Chris, what have we landed on for Broomfield?

-Trung, we have not begun the design phase yet.

-Chris, what if we used corn for Broomcorn for our signs? Or a similar symbol denoting broomfield.

-Terra, that is a good idea.

-Trung, once we enter that phase we will bring the designs to you all, for review.

In general, OSTAC preferred simplicity in design and accessibility. OSTAC appreciated the presentation and looked forward to hearing more about progress on the design.

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### 5. Presentation on Proposed Bike Lanes and On-Street Parking Adjustments at Lac Amora Park and Lac Amora Open Space: Location of Bike Lanes--Miramonte Blvd./W. 10th Ave. from U.S. 287 to Fern Street

Bryce Hammerton, Transportation Engineer, introduced himself and discussed the project. Due to the need for new paving, it was proposed that bike lanes could be added to part of Miramonte. To accomplish this repaving, there is a need to remove some of the existing parking. Public outreach provided some further considerations for the project including speeding on Miramonte Blvd and parking along the trailhead. With these considerations in mind, a design was presented to the committee. He noted that the Bike and Pedestrian Assessment also identified this area for bike lanes through the public process.

-Kristan, from US 287 and Miramonte all the way around Miramonte to Fern Street, will there be a continuous bike lane?

-Bryce, yes. Parking will be on the interior of that circle, except for the small section near the open space trail.

-Terra, will there be a curb ramp for the trail?

-Kristan, not for this project, but that is a project we would like to accomplish in the future. We would also like to add a sidewalk along this stretch of Miramonte adjacent to the open space. Pete is working on a kiosk for this location as well.

-Bryce, we have identified some other locations within Broomfield, about 60, that are in need of an accessible curb ramp for the trails and sidewalks, so this is a CIP project we would like to pursue.

-Michael, from Fern over to the Depot mesum, what will happen there?

-Bryce, that is a potential option for future bike lanes. We are stopping at Fern to take advantage of a current opportunity.

-Ray, is this project being done because there will be repaving and restriping occurring on the road?

-Bryce, yes.

-Michael, that is a very small section to the Depot Museum that is being missed and that is concerning.

-Kristan, could the segment from Fern to the Depot Museum be looked at and can we identify the cost Bryce?

-Bryce, yes--we should be able to make that connection--it looks like about 500 feet is involved.

-Ranae, is there an option to paint a pedestrian crosswalk over to the park?

-Bryce, yes that would be a great location for a future improvement.

-Kristan, there have been requests to look at that park site for a master plan in the future. Some work was completed several years ago on a plan.

-Bryce, we can make a commitment to include that section from Fern Street to the Museum.

However, without the ADA ramp at the trail and park, we cannot include the crosswalk at the trailhead at this time.

-Kristan, but can we commit to making that ramp a priority and then extend the trail to the Depot?

-Bryce, yes we can do that.

-Ray, do you know if they have finished the construction on the street in Lac Amora? Could this be added to the current project?

-Bryce, I am not sure what the work for the area was for?

-Kristan, I am not sure exactly what project is being referred to Ray. We will ask our CIP staff if it can be done now.

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-Sarah Grant, chatted in the Google Meet, that the soonest the ramp could be considered would be next year---2022.

Motion Requested to approve the current plan with an extension of the trail (bike lane) to the Depot and a request to include a ramp in the future as soon as possible: Chris motioned to approve the plan; Michael seconds; Motion passed unanimously.

### 6. Update on the Broomfield Trails Map

Pete gave an overview of the current status of the new trail map, according to his timeline the team is aiming to have the map completed by the end of September and if possible Broomfield Days and Bike To Work Day. New features will include QR codes, translation services, ebike highlights and new connections on the trails.

-Chris, will the new map have the revision date on the map?

-Pete, the print date will be on the map.

-Terra, this is exciting.

-Pete, I am excited for this version. Our last reprint was 2016.

-Terra, will this be online as well?

-Pete, everything on the map will be in our trail apps and a PDF version on the website.

### 7. Progress Presentation on Honoring Indigenous Peoples Outreach

Jack gave an update on the work being done with the Indigenous Peoples outreach project. Currently the team is making connections with community and tribal leaders. Site visits with chiefs and tribal leaders are being planned to tour Broomfield locations. There are two upcoming events. On the 19th of September there will be a virtual event for the Remembrance at Fort Chambers. On December 1st, there will be a film showing and panel discussion of *Only the Earth and the Mountains*. In addition to these events the team has gathered some books that discuss Indigenous Peoples that are available for the committee to read. Next steps will include developing a land acknowledgement.

-Chris, that is great Jack, thank you for all your hard work.

-Terra, I am grateful we are keeping this conversation alive and learning more about these native people.

-Ray, does the Governor know? It sounds like something he would love.

-Terra, he just updated that law after all these years related to Fort Chambers.

-Jack, that will be one of the next steps, looking at what other cities and the state are doing. For example, the city of Longmont just became one of the first municipalities to recognize a tribe as their sister city.

### 8. Review and Approval of the June 24, 2021 OSTAC Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2021 Minutes: Ray motioned to approve the minutes; Ryan seconds; Minutes were passed unanimously.

### 9. OSTAC Updates

#### Lowell Underpass OPEN!

Pete let the committee know that the underpass is open and construction has been completed. There will be some follow up to identify that the drainage issue is fixed, but it is open.

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### Commerce Street Trail

Pete let the committee know that this section of the trail is under construction and should be completed shortly.

### Homelessness-Council Study Session September 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Kristan reminded the committee that the study session for homelessness is September 7.

-Ray, this is at a council meeting?

-Kristan, yes, the staff are reporting on the resources and the process for responding to a variety of types of homelessness.

-Ray, is this open to the public? Can the public speak?

-Kristan, comments can be sent in via email for a study session. The July session was very well attended as it was a conversation about creating a safe space for people in place of camping in public open space and park areas. Since then, a local hotel was identified as a solution and details are being refined. The meeting is public and anyone may attend.

-Ray, what was the public concerned about? Camping or how will we help them?

-Chris, it sounds like people are split?

-Kristan, there are many different viewpoints on the topic of homelessness.

-Ray, would Marrton Dormish be involved with this?

-Kristan, groups that are already working with those in need have been very helpful. There are lots of nonprofits in Broomfield doing good work on the issue of being unhoused. Marrton Dormish works on this issue through the Refuge.

### Flatiron Crossing Redevelopment

Kristan let the committee know that this plan is still being reviewed. There are many aspects to this project and we are continuing to work with them on the items discussed in June. There will be a park dedication in the development. Other issues such as enhancing the trails network, providing wayfinding signage for bikes and pedestrians, including additional green space for park use, creating a dog park for the residents, planting pollinator landscaping, and incorporating Dark Sky lighting are under consideration. The staff continues to seek these improvements to the project.

### Carlson 1-24 Well Site at Aspen Street/136th Avenue

Kristan let the committee know that the Extraction is working on the clean up of the oil and gas well.

-Chris, does this get reported to the state?

-Kristan, yes, samples are taken and tested to verify that the well site is clean. There is a specific process outlined by the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission.

### US 36 Bikeway Bike Station Installation Completed

Jack let the committee know that, thanks to Broomfield Bikes, Planet Cyclery and Public Works, our team was able to install a new bike station on the US 36 Bikeway.

### Farming/Carbon Sequestration/National Resource Conservation Service Study

Jack informed the committee that the team has been working with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to better understand and manage our soil on Broomfield-owned agricultural properties.

### Events

Jack discussed the following events:

- Broomfield Days-September 18, Saturday
- Fort Chambers Remembrance-September 19, Sunday
- Bike To Work Day-East Park-September 22, Wednesday
- Kids Fishing Derby-September 25, Saturday
- Fall Open Space Speakers Series

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- The Summits, Songs, and Science Project, Dr. Ulyana Horodyskyj Pena-September 29, Wednesday
- Metzger Open House- A Breath of Fresh Air and History, October 9, 2021

-Terra, I wanted to share this event as well. The Shack- in Lafayette will be having an open house on Aug 28, 2021 from 5-7 pm.

### Other topics as requested by Citizens

None

### **10. Other Topics as Desired by OSTAC**

-Patrick, Lafayette recently purchased some land near Baseline. That team has great vision.

-Terra, that would be a great team to have a joint meeting with.

-Kristan, yes, thank you for the great idea we will look into it. We enjoy working with the Lafayette Open Space staff!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m. Minutes were prepared by Beverly Burbach.