

## Appendix A: Public Involvement Summary

### 1.1 Community and stakeholder outreach

A thoughtful community involvement and outreach approach was an important component throughout this planning process. Obtaining input on community members' bicycling and pedestrian experience and their insights on issues, opportunities, and challenges helped ensure that the Plan will meet the communities' needs. A diverse group of stakeholders were involved in order to build broad public support, and help ensure the Plan is implementable.

The community involvement approach involved reaching out to three groups, through meetings and an interactive website. The Project Management Team (PMT) used input from these groups to guide development of the Plan. The three groups involved included the following; the list of member organizations is available in Section 1.4 below.

- **Technical Task Force** - comprised of technical/ staff-level representatives, primarily from PPACG member jurisdictions, military facilities, and the Colorado Department of Transportation. The Technical Task Force provided feedback for the Plan at a detailed level, through a series of meetings.
- **Stakeholder Task Force** - a diverse group that provided refined feedback throughout the planning process. This involved focus group meetings with 34 people at the beginning of the process, five meetings to provide input during the process and opportunities to provide feedback in-between.

The Stakeholder Task Force included representatives from:

- Advocacy groups;
- Businesses;
- Public health and special needs interest groups;
- Schools and universities;
- Neighborhood associations; and
- Government advisory groups.



Technical and Stakeholder Task Force Meeting

- **General Public** - members of the public participated in the planning process through an interactive online input tool and two series of public meetings. The project team also distributed periodic general information updates to those members of the public that subscribed for updates.
  - The **project website** at [www.walkbikeconnect.org](http://www.walkbikeconnect.org) included an interactive map for people to submit infrastructure specific comments and review and comment on others' comments. The website also included draft Plan documents and summaries from task force and public meetings and a frequently asked questions page. Approximately 300 people either submitted comments through the interactive map or website comment form, or signed up for project updates.

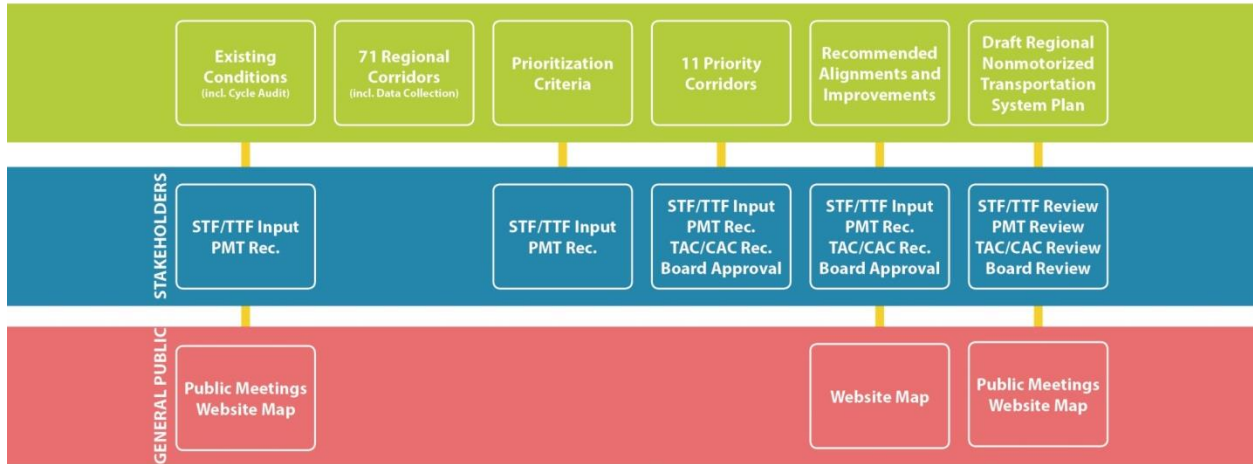
Interactive Participate Map on the walkbikeconnect.org project website

There were four **public meetings in November 2013** in Woodland Park, Colorado Springs, Fountain, and Monument, with approximately 130 attendees. The purpose of these meetings was to inform the public about the purpose and goals of the Plan; describe the overall planning process and schedule; and to share identified issues and opportunities. Input was received on general and infrastructure-specific issues and opportunities to help refine focus areas.

- There were two **public meetings in April 2015** in Manitou Springs and Falcon, with approximately 50 attendees. The purpose of these meetings was to share the draft Plan and obtain feedback on any needed modifications to address the community's needs. During the 30-day public comment period, PPACG received comments from 9 individuals or groups via e-mail or the website comment form, and approximately 40 comments via the interactive map.
- **Additional outreach strategies** included public meeting flyers, e-mail blasts, social media, media advisories, and printed ads. Stakeholder and Technical Task Force members shared information with their constituent groups through similar means.

## 1.2 Input provided

The types of input that were provided and incorporated into the RNTSP include the following.



*Board = PPACG Board of Directors; CAC= PPACG Community Advisory Committee; PMT= Project Management Team; STF = Stakeholder Task Force; TAC= PPACG Transportation Advisory Committee; TTF = Technical Task Force*

- **Input on general strengths and areas for improvement** for the overall system was shared through the Stakeholder Task Force focus groups and initial meeting, at the November 2013 public meetings and through e-mail comments. This was used to inform the project goals and work plan, and the Existing Conditions report.
- **Input on infrastructure-specific challenges and opportunities** was shared during the November 2013 public meetings and through the project website interactive comment tool. This informed the Existing Conditions report, helped to identify draft Recommended Corridors, and helped develop infrastructure recommendations for the top regional improvement corridors.
- **Input on draft components of the RNTSP:** Stakeholder and Technical Task Force members were asked to comment on plan components, in a building block approach. They had an opportunity to provide feedback on the Existing Conditions Report, regional corridor network, prioritization criteria and top regional improvement corridors.
- **Input on draft Prioritization Criteria:** Initial criteria ideas were identified by the Stakeholder and Technical Task Force groups and refined at follow-up meetings. This criteria was used to narrow the list of draft Recommended Corridors to a list of 11 top regional improvement corridors.
- **Input on Alignments and Specific Improvements.** The Stakeholder and Technical Task Force groups spent one meeting adding input to individual maps to refine where alignments (i.e., routes where infrastructure improvements are recommended) should be located for the top regional



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improvement corridors. At the next meeting, they provided input on specific input improvement ideas, based on the Design Guidelines.

- **Feedback on the Draft RNTSP:** Community members had 30 days to review and provide feedback into the Draft Plan. They provided input at the April 2015 public meetings and via e-mail and the project website. Community members were asked to provide feedback on the following questions:
  - Is there any information in the draft plan that needs to be modified?
  - Are there any potential consequences of recommendations that need to be considered for implementation?
  - What is your priority (high, medium or low) for the regional improvement routes? Why?
  - Do you have any infrastructure-specific comments to help refine improvement recommendations for future design?
  - What ideas to you have to support implementation? How can you help?

## 1.3 Stakeholder and Technical Task Force Members

### Stakeholder Task Force Members

- Adaptive Cycling Community
- Angle Tech
- Bicycle Colorado
- Black Forest Trails Association
- Cavalier Trail Riding Club
- Colorado Springs Police Department
- Colorado Springs Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- Colorado Springs Cycling Club
- Colorado Springs Transportation Advisory Board
- Common Ground Cycling
- Council of Neighbors and Organizations
- Colorado Springs Utilities
- Colorado Springs Utilities Bike Commuting Group
- Downtown Partnership of Colorado Springs
- El Paso County Community Services
- El Paso County Highway Advisory Committee
- El Paso County Parks Board
- El Paso County Public Health
- Fountain-Fort Carson School District No. 8
- Harrison School District No. 2
- The Independence Center
- Kaiser Permanente
- Kids on Bikes
- LiveWell Colorado Springs/Pikes Peak YMCA
- Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates
- Memorial Hospital
- Mountain Top Cycling Club
- North American Trail Ride Conference
- Norwood Development
- Old North End Neighborhood
- Organization of Westside Neighbors
- Pikes Peak Community College
- Pikes Peak Road Runners
- PPACG Community Advisory Committee
- PPRTA Citizens Advisory Committee
- Regional Business Alliance
- Trails and Open Space Coalition

- Trails, Open Space and Parks Working Committee
- University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- US Olympic Committee
- USA Cycling
- USA Triathlon
- Ute Pass Corridor Trails Committee
- Woodland Park Neighborhood

### Technical Task Force Members

- Colorado Department of Transportation
- City of Colorado Springs
- City of Fountain
- City of Manitou Springs
- City of Woodland Park
- El Paso County
- Teller County
- Town of Green Mountain Falls
- Town of Monument
- Town of Palmer Lake
- Fort Carson
- Peterson Air Force Base
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- Schriever Air Force Base