

# WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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## SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION

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**Staff Report: Bike Park Feasibility Study Update**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of this staff report is to provide an update on the Bike Park Feasibility Study. The intent of this study is to determine whether a new, community-scale bike park facility is feasible, and if so, to bring clarity on the appropriate size, possible location(s), amenities and costs (capital and on-going maintenance). The study also researches regional and national bike park examples to understand desired features and amenities.

The study objectively evaluates several potential locations throughout the City, including the former Hughes Stadium site. The study is separate from the Hughes Civic Assembly process and will be completed and shared with Council before the completion of the Civic Assembly process to inform future decision making.

During the community engagement phase of the 2021 Park and Recreation Plan, ReCreate, a statistically valid survey was conducted in the winter of 2019 by mail, phone, and web to measure residents' needs across Fort Collins. The demographic makeup of the survey sample reflects the demographic makeup of the City as a whole. Results of the survey show mountain bike courses as a priority investment rating and is ranked eighth on the outdoor facility prioritized list.

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## BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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On August 20, 2024, Council appropriated \$70,000 from reserve Conservation Trust Funds to Park Planning & Development to conduct a community-scale bike park feasibility study as directed by Council at the July 11, 2024 Work Session. In December 2024, Park Planning & Development convened a group of representatives from local bicycle organizations to discuss the desired features & amenities of a bike park and to inform the production of a **Bike Park Precedent and Research Report (Attachment 1)**. This report, plus preliminary findings from the feasibility study will be coordinated with the Civic Assembly process to inform its process.

Nine locations within the City's Growth Management Area are being evaluated- please see **Attachment 2, Map of General Site Locations**. Due to the sensitive nature of potential property acquisition, the specific parcels under evaluation are confidential and will be provided to Council as a full report in May 2025.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Bike Park Precedent and Research Report
2. Map of General Site Locations
3. Presentation