

Dear City Leaders + City Council,

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is pleased to support the Strategic Trails Plan and formally recommends its adoption.

The Park Planning & Development team with its planning consultant, Logan Simpson, have done incredible work to set Fort Collins on a multi-modal pathway of success. The Strategic Trails Plan makes clear that the 15-minute City is not only attainable, but an essential aspirational identity for our City. The Strategic Trails Plan was meant to provide a framework for the future planning, design, maintenance, and preservation of the recreational paved trail system, but it does much more than that.

Since its beginning, Fort Collins' trail network has been a tangible legacy, a dedication written in concrete across our City to the environment, accessibility, and community health. This Strategic Trails Plan safeguards this valuable legacy for the future, reinforcing these commitments and inviting our local partners to share in prioritizing them.

The Park Planning team set out with the following goals:

- Assess if the paved trail system is meeting the needs of the community and determine challenges and opportunities for improvement.
- Develop a shared vision for the expansion of the paved trail system to meet the future needs of a growing community.
- Create transparency to trail funding, planning, design, construction and maintenance.
- Explore and develop new policies to improve the current and future paved trail system.

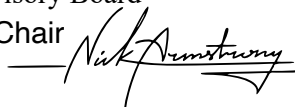
It is our firm belief that the Strategic Trails Plan not only achieves these goals but also reflects the will and spirit of the community.

The work conducted to bring it to completion, including the Transportation Projects Fair, the Northern Colorado Trails Summit, the creation of a StoryMap website, an open house event, several community working group meetings, neighborhood outreach meetings, presentations to boards and commissions, and outreach conducted in conjunction with city-sponsored events are a true testament to the Park Planning Team's tireless efforts to make sure community members were heard from- whether in person or through the "Our City" website interactive tools.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board enthusiastically recommends the adoption of the Strategic Trails Plan. We are deeply grateful to the Park Planning & Development Division, City Staff (Jill Wuertz, Dave "DK" Kemp, and Rachel Eich), Parks Maintenance, FC Moves, Engineering, Natural Areas, Utilities, Communication and Public Involvement, members of the Community Working Group, Logan Simpson, local and regional partners and City Council for their dedication to our trails and for supporting the creation of this incredible resource that means so much to our City.

With our thanks,

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
% Nick Armstrong, Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nick Armstrong", with a horizontal line underneath.