Your application indicated that your community is currently creating a bicycle master plan. This is a great step to improving conditions for bicycling and institutionalizing processes for continual improvement. Your bike plan should build upon the other recently completed plans for your downtown, park system, and infill development to create a safe, comfortable, and connected bicycle network.

Use your experience with Research Parkway as a learning experience that informs your development of a comprehensive data collection program using permanent, temporary, and manual bicycle counts.

Congratulations on holding a Colorado Springs Bicycle Summit in 2016! This is a great step to ensure that there is widespread understanding and discussion of bicycling improvements in Colorado Springs.

Adopting a comprehensive safety plan or a broader Vision Zero policy would aid in creating engineering, education, and enforcement strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Road diets, lane diets, and traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing safety.

Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to develop and implement a Safe Routes to School program for all schools.