Fort Collins continues to play a leadership role in creating and promoting best practices related to creating a safe, comfortable, and accessible bicycle network. This includes participation in the National Bike Summit to promote education programs for drivers, collaboration with Colorado State University on student bicycle education, and grant-seeking for bicycle infrastructure through participation in the BIG JUMP program.

Your application indicated that the use of electrically-assisted bicycles is restricted. Electrically-assisted bicycles can be a great option for older adults, freight movement, and others. Make sure that your ordinance is tailored to allow beneficial uses of electrically-assisted bicycles while addressing the community concerns that led to your current restrictions.

Your application indicated that bicycles are banned from sidewalks in your central business district. Ensure that there are alternative on-street facilities, signage, and education to help people understand and be comfortable with avoiding sidewalks.

Continue Vision Zero efforts in accordance with the Vision Zero policy adopted in your bicycle master plan and reinforced by participating in the Colorado DOT’s Toward Zero Deaths program. Consider whether a dynamic traffic safety dashboard would be useful and provide additional visibility for your efforts.

Fort Collins has some excellent goals related to bicycle use. Gender balance is one area where current data suggests there is strong potential for improvement. Continue efforts to address concerns that may contribute to the current gender imbalance.