

Bike Colorado Springs Candidate Survey

Your Name *

Dave Geislinger

What Office are you running for *

City Council District 2

On average, how often do you ride a bike? *

I no longer like riding in cold and rain, but if the weather is nice I ride for pleasure and to and from work/Church as often as 2-4 times a week.

On average, how often do you walk for recreation or transportation? *

Depending on time and weather I will usually bike or walk for transportation within two miles round trip or so. I walk/hike for recreation with my wife.

On average, how often do you take public transportation? *

Rarely (though I use the employee shuttle system at my job at the hospital)

How is bicycling, walking, or public transportation important to you? *

It is cheaper, healthier, and more "fun" than driving and parking. Though I am more sensitive to the cold as I have gotten older, biking, in particular, keeps me young.

Roadway Safety

What actions would you take to support improving infrastructure designed to protect or otherwise make vulnerable road users (bike riders & pedestrians) safer? *

Trails need to be maintained and linked to desired destinations so that bikers/pedestrians don't have to use the roads. If road dieting is needed to address neighborhood concerns for safety, that needs to be the justification offered for constructing bike lanes.

How would you support a citywide program or strategy (such as Vision Zero) to improve roadway safety with the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries? *

I will continue to focus on this as I have as Council liaison to the Citizens Transportation Advisory Board for last four years, and as reflected in my support for red light cameras, increased funding for traffic enforcement and support of road dieting where necessary.

Transportation

Will you support increased funding for infrastructure for walking, biking, and transit? *

Yes, though this will likely need to be done through approval of development plans that further enhance the connectivity in our trails system, and in funding of our Parks Department until there is sufficient use of our trails for walking and biking .

How will you support policies that increase opportunities for Colorado Springs residents to bike, walk, take transit? *

In addition to maintaining and increasing connectivity of our trails, we need to establish a circulator shuttle in the core of our City (downtown, Old Colorado City, etc.) to increase access and reduce congestion, parking and traffic.

City Plans

What are your highest priorities related to the BikeCOS! master plan? *

True connectivity, where bicycling can become a choice of convenience for people to get to work, school, stores, restaurants and recreation, and allow connection with public transportation as 'the last mile' between bus stops and destination.

How will you support ConnectCOS and the adoption of the Intermodal Mobility Plan? *

These plans are well-designed, visionary and integrated. "All" that is left is to implement them, not only in form but in vision, keeping the imagination, inventiveness and insight in mind as we develop on the outskirts of the City, and redevelop in our core.

How do you intend to support and implement the Strong Connections vision in PlanCOS? *

As I have said throughout, we must keep the trails well-maintained so that they are desirable and usable, and connect to the destinations that people desire (work, school, shopping, recreation, transit stops) so that biking and walking is a transport of choice and convenience.

PlanCOS Speaks to land use in the Unique Places chapter; what role do you see land use playing in creating inviting places throughout our city? *

We will be more inclined to walk/bike to a public transit stop, grocery store, coffee shop or bar that is within a mile or two of my house than if it is further away. Land use planning need to allow development and redevelopment of such 'local' destinations.

Other Comments

Is there anything else you would like Bike Colorado Springs to know about your positions or candidacy?

My record on these, and all other, matters speaks for itself and I commit to continue to represent District 2 as I have over the last four years. I ask for your support, and ask that you spread the word. Please contact me at dave4cos.com if you have any questions. Thank you