

## Bike Colorado Springs Candidate Survey

### **Your Name \***

Glenn Carlson

### **What Office are you running for \***

City Council District 1

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

Weekly, both road and MTB

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

At least once a day, but often twice a day with our dogs

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

Occasionally, perhaps a few times per year.

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

Cycling and walking/running/hiking are perhaps one of the most important aspects of our region. These are important aspects of quality of life. As President of the Board for TOSC (and working with BikeCOS), I have advocated for outdoor spaces and recreation for a very long time.

## Roadway Safety

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

I would advocate for tougher distracted driving laws. In addition, I believe further investment in lane marking, signage, and lighting would all be beneficial. As part of a bigger goal, I would advocate for better trails and lanes, especially in dense areas.

**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? \***

This is a major part of my infrastructure plan. We have the opportunity to develop smarter infrastructure, but we need someone on council that understands what that looks like and the valuable role the city, our utility, state, and feds can play in making this happen.

## Transportation

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

Absolutely. This will become even more important as we grow and achieve certain density thresholds. As an Olympic city and outdoor community, these are important aspects to quality of life and items I'm already advocating for.

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

Bringing stakeholders to the table and having meaningful discussion on how we develop current and future opportunities for our city is the first step. We need investment from the city, our utility, our developers, and our residents.

## City Plans

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

One of my highest priorities is to restore our parks and recreation budget, which encompasses funding for cycling. Our park and rec budgets are stuck at 2007 levels and we need an advocate on council that make this a priority. It's currently on the back burner.

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

This needs to be a plan that we DO NOT allow to get shelved and retired into the history books. If we are serious about the future of mobility and transportation, we need to envision what it will look like and execute it.

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

I have vast experience with various Smart City initiatives and our Strong Connection vision falls in that category. Public transportation is simply one piece of that. The ability to connect people with public WiFi and various smart city technologies is another area we can invest.

**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? \***

Unique places, sometimes even funky, are what gives a city its identity! These are the places sought after by locals and tourists alike and we must preserve and protect these gems while allowing new ones. We cannot be tan and predictable like much our 1990's development.

Other Comments

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

Naturally, I am an avid runner/hiker/cyclist, but I am also your advocate. I've been volunteering my whole life to protect our outdoor way of life and as President of the Board for TOSC, we have thoroughly enjoyed our collaboration with BikeCOS. I look forward to working further