

Bike Colorado Springs Candidate Survey

Your Name *

Richard Skorman

What Office are you running for? *

City Council District 3

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

Not any more. At 68 and with some physical issues, I can't. Used to ride a lot. In fact, I even led a Youth Hostel trip in the Canadian Rockies

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

Everyday. Before COVID, both. Now just recreation. My doggie demands it.

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

Never

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

Yes very. I have spent 1000's of hours of my adult life saving land from development. I was also a Founder of TOPS, and worked for the TPL, protecting land around the State. Right now, I am leading an effort to increase TOPS, so that we can build out our trail system

Roadway Safety

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

Better bike lane designation and protection, and more enforcement for negligent drivers. And as we build out our Greenway System, make sure that we have connections, overpasses and underpasses to keep pedestrians and bike riders out of harms way.

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? *

Again, it's about enforcement, signage, separation. I am also a fan of road dieting where appropriate and other traffic reduction techniques in use today.

Transportation

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

Yes, I have and I will. I want to bring back the free Downtown Circulator, have it connect to Old Colorado City and Manitou, as well as up to UCCS and down to South Nevada. I am a fan of investing in van service instead of fixed route, large busses, like Portland.

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

Yes, yes and yes. Then we have to continue to facilitate Front Range Passenger Rail. Closing Drake will help. And the Amtrak connection from Pueblo to the Southwest Unlimited.

City Plans

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

As stated above, creating a Greenway system that is really connected, through our 23 tributaries to Fountain Creek and by well-pace bicycle lanes. I am Chair of Fountain Creek District, that plans to extend the Front Range Trail down to Pueblo. Should go north as well.

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

Yes. And this should be part of our Regional Transportation Masterplan, in the works for this next year.

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

Increase TOPS tax in November, if we get rid of 30 word limit this April. Create a Greenway

Foundation with Lyda Hill and be aggressive for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the extension of the PPRTA in 2022 - a significant source of funding.

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? *

One the main keys will be through re-doing our zoning rules. Other will be through the development process in what we exact and being more flexible with land dedication to require more trail and vertical park connections in combination with the above.

Other Comments

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

Appreciate your mission and questions. One of the main reasons I wanted to serve another four years are the issues you have addressed in your questions.