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Greetings FM Team,

With the end of the year upon us, I want to call out the completion of two successful small projects of 2020 that have meaningful impact on the CSU community. These emphasize the progressive thought, expertise, and collaboration that drive FM to provide safe and healthy spaces for CSU.

By late spring 2020, the COVID pandemic led CSU to evaluate how to guide physical distancing while helping students and employees safely access campus. FM's own Parking & Transportation Services (PTS) conducted scenario planning to anticipate commuting patterns, given the uncertainty of in-person classes, on-campus residents, the availability of public transit, and the desire to support open air forms of transportation (walking, bike, e-scooters). We also

identified ways to separate modes of transportation and improve locations where physical distancing could be challenged (narrow trails and sidewalks). CSU fortunately secured grant funding to support this objective through the "The Revitalizing Main Streets Program." The program, developed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and other state partners, supports infrastructure projects that provide open spaces for mobility, community activities, and economic development in the wake of the COVID-19 emergency. They were seeking "quick-win" activities to improve safety and create new community spaces to encourage healthy activity and mobility in Colorado's towns and cities (and universities). Alternative Transportation Manager **Aaron Fodge** was instrumental in compiling and submitting these two project applications.

Wayfinding Signage

Jessica Kramer, Environmental Graphics Designer, oversees the Aesthetic Guidelines: [Exterior Signage Guidelines](#), including the bicycle and pedestrian directional signage. She sought to expand the wayfinding system to include temporary COVID bike route signs to



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help separate commuters to available trail infrastructure. The COVID signage directs thousands of daily bicyclists and pedestrians to use separated infrastructure to physically separate these daily commuters. Further, the signage supports, if necessary, the conversion of bike lanes to expand temporary sidewalks and transit stops should enhanced physical distancing requirements be enacted to direct bicyclists to parallel trails. CSU received **\$18,216** to fabricate and install 11 permanent directional signage at common congested trail and roadway intersections, completing a significant portion of the entire wayfinding system across campus.

Lory Trail Expansion

University Landscape Architect **David Hansen** designed the expansion of the Lory Trail to support physical distancing along the heavily traveled segment from the intersection of Plum Street and Meridian Avenue to Vietnam Memorial Bridge. **Tony Flores** from Capital Construction led the construction of 1900 additional sq. feet of concrete trail to the existing multi-purpose trail to increase trail width to 16ft. This permanent installation was identified by the FM-led

Transportation and Mobility Safety Task Force to support physical distancing while serving as a crash-reduction improvement on this corridor, which conveys thousands of daily bicyclists and pedestrians in large pulses during class change. CSU successfully obtained \$44,867 to construct this project from CDOT.

Great Job, everyone!



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