

# Bike Walk Golden

Advocacy Committee

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## 19th Street at Mines Park Discussion



# BWG Advocacy Committee

## Committee Goals:

- Attend engagement meetings for bike/ped improvement projects and provide public input on behalf of BWG as per the Golden Bike and Pedestrian Plan.

## Committee Volunteers:

- Peyton Gibson (MS Transportation Engineering, Spatial Econ, EIT)
- Josh Mabis (Master of Urban and Regional Planning student)
- Bill Rice (Retired, Civil Engineer PE)



# 19th Street and Villages at New Mines Park

- **BWG Goals:**
  - Provide a safe connection for Villages at New Mines Park and Beverly Heights residents to access campus and Downtown Golden without a car
  - Improve cyclist and pedestrian safety and slow car traffic on 19th Street
- Beverly Heights resident and a cyclist reached out to BWG in Nov. 2024
- BWG conducted a site visit on March 18



# Beverly Heights Park Downhill through Curve

## Issue:

- Bike lane ends without directional signage.

## Proposed Solution:

- Utilize directional Sharrows from where the bike lane ends and around the corner. This will also help direct cyclists away from the uphill bike lane.



# Beverly Heights Park Signage

## Issue:

- Sign “cyclists may use full lane” is not in an optimal location

## Proposed Solution:

- Cyclists descending in the full lane with a front headlight will be more visible to vehicles entering Mines Park. Relocate the sign more to the left of the cyclist. Perhaps on the front of the mini island striped sign?



# Uphill Bike Lane Island

## Issue:

- Trees in the island can limit visibility

## Proposed Solution:

- Consider replacing the trees with low growing native plants.
- BWG believes the bike lane width to be optimal and the protective island very effective.



# Uphill Bike Lane at Smith Road

## Issue:

- The signs for “no motor vehicles” and “no downhill bicycles” are not in an optimal location. Cyclists have also been observed descending in the uphill bike lane.

## Proposed Solution:

- Relocate the signs to the front of the protective island.
- City planning for hit sticks at top of bike lane, could they be angled and not straight across like at downhill entrance to bike lane?



# All Streets Exiting onto 19th St. from the North

## Issue:

- These streets exit into a bike lane on the north and downhill cycling traffic to the south with challenging sight lines and no raised pedestrian crossings.

## Proposed Solution:

- Reviewing sight lines and installing raised crosswalks at all exits will slow vehicle speed on exit and enhance the safety for all modes of transport.



# 19th Street and Tangent Way

## Issues:

- Downhill traffic speed issues, potential for right turn traffic from Tangent Way to not see downhill bikers.
- Pedestrians will likely cross 19th despite no crosswalk.

## Proposed Solutions:

- Raised table crosswalk, potentially with on demand cross signal, to reduce traffic speed and allow crossings.
- Consider Tangent Way a one-way IN only.
- Flashing sign to warn drivers turning left into Tangent Way about downhill bikers



# 19th Street and Moly Road

## Issues:

- Potential for traffic into Moly Road to backup at times into downhill intersection which would complicate existing pedestrian crossing and 6th Ave. traffic.
- Downhill traffic speed issues, potential for right turn traffic to not see downhill bikers.
- Due to new path from Tangent to Moly in Mines Park, pedestrians are likely to also cross 19th Street on uphill side of Moly Road.



## Proposed Solutions:

- Consider Moly Road a one-way OUT only.
- Raised table crosswalk with crossing uphill of Moly Road on 19th Street, potentially with on demand cross signal, to reduce traffic speed and allow crossings.
- Install a blinking caution sign to slow traffic, as well as a blinking sign to warn drivers exiting Mines Park to look for downhill bikers
- Curb extension to tighten the curb radius for drivers exiting Mines Park



# Conclusion

BWG appreciates the opportunity to provide input on this highly trafficked multimodal section of 19th Street

We believe that a joint effort with the School of Mines could lead to a statewide example of collaboration in multimodal safety

We look forward to further participation and discussion

## Thank you!

