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BIKES AS A TOOL FOR BETTER CITIES
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List of Delegates

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Jolon Clark
City Councilman - District 7, City & County of Denver

Born and raised in Denver, Councilman Clark represents District 7, where he works with communities adjacent to the South Platte River to improve distressed and underutilized park space. Recent projects include spearheading the vision for a new five million dollar outdoor learning park right in the heart of the district that opened in May of 2015.

Clark’s work as Councilman is built on his experiences over the past 18 years connecting communities to parks and open spaces, and providing compelling and engaging programming for kids and adults along the South Platte River. In 2012, Clark was appointed by City Councilman Chris Nevitt to serve on Denver’s Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He has also been an active board member for the Friends of Levitt Pavilion Denver, dedicated to bringing outdoor music to his district’s Ruby Hill Park. Slated to open in 2017, The Levitt Pavilion will provide 50 free concerts a year for the community.

Crissy Fanganello
Director of Transportation, Denver Public Works

As Director of Transportation for the City & County of Denver’s Department of Public Works, Ms. Fanganello oversees the policy, institutionalization and implementation of the city’s multimodal vision. She strongly believes that transportation professionals can and must raise the bar for how transportation systems function to move people and goods, while also contributing to the human fabric of the city.

Current efforts are focused on improving transportation safety and customer service in Denver’s neighborhoods. Crissy is also working to develop and implement a mobility vision to move people more efficiently within and through Denver as the city continues to grow (adding 100,000 people since 2006).

Previously, Ms. Fanganello served as the Director of Policy, Planning & Sustainability, working tirelessly to move the city towards adopting multimodal policies. Ms. Fanganello also empowered staff to develop DenverMoves Bicycles in 2011, resulting in a $119M bicycle network vision. Since 2008, Denver has added 100 miles of bicycle facilities, including Denver’s first protected bike lane, with another 19 miles planned for 2015 including two more protected facilities.
**Doug Legg**  
Manager, City & County of Denver

Doug is a manager with the City & County of Denver in Colorado, where he’s responsible for Street and Alley Resurfacing, Snow Removal, and Equipment Specifications and Replacement.

From this study tour, he hopes to learn how bicycle lanes and facilities are maintained in the Netherlands.

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**Aylene McCallum**  
Director of Downtown Environment, Downtown Denver Partnership

Aylene McCallum has worked at the Downtown Denver Partnership since 2006 and currently holds the role of Director, Downtown Environment. In this capacity, Aylene manages many of the planning functions at the Downtown Denver Partnership, including transportation, research and urban planning. Aylene is also the staff lead for the Partnership's highly successful Urban Exploration program, a best-practices trip that takes more than 100 of Downtown Denver’s public and private sector leaders to other cities across the country.

In the course of her career, Aylene has been involved with multiple projects that received international recognition, including the Downtown Denver Partnership’s Get Downtown UnConventionally and Drive Less Denver programs which both received awards from the Association for Commuter Transportation and the International Downtown Association. Aylene currently sits on Denver’s Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Committee and is a member of the Bike Hub board, a proposed bike station at Denver Union Station.

Aylene received her degree in Public Affairs & Communications from the University of Denver and is originally from Milwaukie, Oregon. She lives with her husband and two children in southeast Denver, where she spends her weekends balancing neverending errands with fun stuff like teaching her son to ride a bike.

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**Chris Pacheco**  
Senior Engineer, City & County of Denver - Public Works

Chris is a project manager for the City and County of Denver. As a Senior Engineer in Denver’s Public Works department, his role is to manage the design and construction of transportation projects for the City.
Trinidad Rodriguez
Board Member & Mgmt Group Vice-Chair, Downtown Denver Partnership
Senior VP & Managing Director - Public Finance, D.A. Davidson & Co.

A Denver native, Trinidad (Trini) Rodriguez is an investment banker who counts cycling as among his most beloved interests. Over the course of his life, he has pursued cycling with both intensity and functionality. He has completed Colorado’s one-day Triple Bypass and Ride the Rockies tours, acted as a volunteer coach for a group of low-income urban youth for Ride the Rockies, worked as a bike courier while in college, and commuted by bike as he can throughout his 41 years.

Trini’s diverse community involvement spans several organizations. He serves as a board member for Denver’s quasi-municipal affordable housing provider and as a member of a philanthropic organization’s education committee, as well as a think-tank working to make Colorado’s fiscal structure sustainable, and a nonprofit that owns the Winter Park Ski Area on behalf of the city and county of Denver. He has also participated in city-building efforts as a board member of the Downtown Denver Partnership, including efforts to enhance bicycle infrastructure and facilities. Trini, his spouse Sarah, and daughter Catalina love taking bike rides through their central Denver neighborhood, and frequently incorporate cycling into their travels.

Lesley Thomas
City Engineer & Deputy Director of Public Works, City and County of Denver

Over a 25-year career with the City, Lesley has created an organized engineering team within Public Works, executed citywide directives, put forth multiple major bond initiatives, served as City Traffic Engineer, and lead transformative efforts in mobility, parking, storm water management and water quality.

As City Engineer, Lesley has managed the construction of Denver’s $378 million Justice Center complex, overseen the organization and execution of the $550 Million bond package passed in 2007, FasTracks implementation and most recently leads the City’s effort on the I-70 East corridor.

Lesley currently serves on the Better Denver Bond Executive Committee, North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative Steering Committee, Mayor Michael Hancock’s Development Team and the elected Treasurer of the Colorado Chapter of American Public Works Association. A native of Iowa, she graduated from Iowa State University with a BS in Civil Engineering.

Ellen Winkler
Design Director, INDUSTRY Denver

Ellen Winkler is a designer and maker of great experiences. She is considered one of the founders of experiential design and along with her team, is able to understand the needs and desires of partners and clients -- and bring their vision into reality.

Ellen’s career began as a civil engineer on large construction projects, and evolved to event management, media production and branding and messaging, with a focus on youth and lifestyle marketing. Working on projects across multiple industries, her experience and leadership as a designer, consultant, project manager, owner representative and strategic partner add immeasurable value. Clients have included Comcast, Uber, AMG Bank, Red Bull, Oakley, Audi, Johnston & Murphy.

In addition to her consulting, Ellen is well-known for her own projects, Battery621 and INDUSTRY Denver, and her role in creating curated business ecosystems – commercial developments that create an inspiring and collaborate environment for companies and individuals. Born and raised in New York, she is a graduate of Villanova University with a bachelor of science.
Mike Basarich  
Manager of Cycling Infrastructure, Saris Cycling Group

Mike uses bikes to mark key moments in his life: his youth (his first new bike, a black Trek 820), his college years (a 10-speed road bike), his time as a legislative aid in Washington DC without a car (a used Peugeot), several years working with the US Forest Service (a mountain bike), and his return home to Wisconsin in 2008 (a triathlon bike).

Now, with a garage full of bikes, Mike is dedicated to ensuring safe, accessible places to ride through his role managing sales, advocacy, and government affairs for Saris Cycling Group. Saris is a U.S. manufacturer of cycling infrastructure products. His work in public policy as well as cycling infrastructure aims to help cities overcome challenges to providing better transportation options to their residents and visitors.

Martha Roskowski  
Vice President of Local Innovation, PeopleForBikes

In her role as PeopleForBikes VP of Local Innovation, Martha directs the Green Lane Project. She and Randy Neufeld of the SRAM Cycling Fund dreamed up the Project based on their conviction that protected bike lanes are an essential and missing element in the U.S. design toolbox. Since 2012, her work has been to catalyze innovation and support implementation of next-generation bicycle infrastructure in U.S. cities.

“My forte is in bringing people together and making things happen,” says Martha. Prior to running the Green Lane Project, she managed the City of Boulder’s innovative GO Boulder program to make it easy to bike, bus and walk. She led the America Bikes campaign in Washington, D.C. from 2002 to 2004, focused on the reauthorization of the transportation bill. That effort created the $800 million federal Safe Routes to School Program and coined the term “Complete Streets.”

Zach Vanderkooy  
International Programs Manager, PeopleForBikes

Zach’s unofficial job title is “Importer of Bicycle Magic.” He leads PeopleForBikes’s efforts to cross-pollinate ideas among the world’s most innovative cities, including the World Class Cities 2015 summer-long study tour series. Zach orchestrates international and domestic professional exchange events, inspiring and sharing best practices among U.S. cities and with their European peers. He has led more than 200 city officials, staff and professionals on fact-finding expeditions to the Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Spain and Sweden.

Zach’s experience is grounded in the built environment, with a background in urban planning and design. He values getting more people on bikes not as a goal in itself, but as a simple, cost-effective tool to improve the social and physical landscapes of our cities. A Portland, Oregon native, Zach is a graduate of Cornell University and the National Outdoor Leadership School. He earned a master’s degree in urban planning from the Harvard Graduate School of Design.
Meredith Glaser
Trip Leader, PeopleForBikes

Meredith Glaser is the in-country study tour coordinator for PeopleForBikes’ tours in the Netherlands. She is originally from California and completed a Master’s in Public Health and Master’s in Urban Planning at UC Berkeley, where she focused on sustainable and active transportation planning, and moved to the Netherlands in 2010. She works as an urban planning and mobility consultant on both a freelance basis and on international projects with Copenhagenize Design Co. Previously, she worked as an urban strategy consultant with Rotterdam-based company Stipo, focusing on bottom-up urban planning, temporary use, co-creation, and placemaking. She has co-authored a book called “The City at Eye Level” (2012) with a 2nd edition to be published later this year and also blogs for Amsterdam Cycle Chic.

Meredith regularly collaborates with local Dutch municipalities on cycling projects and workshops, hosts international delegations for cycling and mobility study tours, and has co-developed several university-level curricula on the topics of mobility and urban cycling. She also holds a guest appointment at the University of Amsterdam’s Department of Social Sciences. Meredith lives in Amsterdam with her husband, baby daughter, 4 bikes, and no car.

Katy Hartnett
Director of Government Relations, PeopleForBikes

Katy works to advance PeopleForBikes’ federal policy goals in Washington, DC. She enjoys visiting members of Congress and telling them how federal policy can promote bicycling as part of the solution to the nation’s transportation challenges.