



## **BFU University: Bicycle Friendly University 101**

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### **Webinar Q&A**

*Q: Has there been an issue with Spin leaving bikes in areas they shouldn't or bikes being on walking paths?*

**Erika Benti, CSU:**

Spin is great at rebalancing vehicles in appropriate areas (we require people to park Spin vehicles at bike racks), but sometimes the customers don't park them where we should. We work with Spin to issue warnings and education to "problem parkers." It takes staff time from both CSU and Spin to identify these.

*Q: We also have Spin on our campus and have had success providing ebikes free of charge for field trips, tours, etc. However, those occasions have been sporadic. We'd love to do it more often. Is there anything in Spin's permit that mentions the expectation to regularly provide bikes for tours/field trips? Can you speak more on how that works?*

**Erika Benti, CSU:**

We did set the expectation that they would work with us for tours, etc. in our contract and they have been excellent partners.

*Q: Have you received any grant funding for your bike program? Or is there a yearly budget funded by the school?*

**Erika Benti, CSU:**

We seek out grants for new infrastructure and recently received several in partnership with the City of Fort Collins for improvements. We also have an alternative transportation fee for students and there is a student fee board that selects special projects each year that are funded by that fee, in addition to our annual transit expenses."

**Lindsey Lyons, Dickinson College:**



\$7,000 budget for maintenance, supplies and programs for Dickinson. Small grants of \$500-\$3,000 from various community organizations and corporations mostly for events and helmets/locks/lights for safety!

***Q: Would like to hear more examples (like the roundabout at CSU) of navigating space-use conflicts between peds and cyclists. Particularly regarding excluding bikes from ped-only areas or peds from bike-only areas***

**Erika Benti, CSU:**

We have really been trying to crack down on bikes (and even university vehicles) in our walk-only dismount zone, but it takes a very consistent effort and dedication of resources from our police dept.

*(Note this question was also responded to verbally during the webinar)*

***Q: Lindsey, how does your local bike shop(s) feel about your free bike co-op?***

**Lindsey Lyons, Dickinson College:**

They love us now, but it took some nurturing. They saw us as competition at first. We hand out discount coupons on campus, don't sell anything in our bike shop to not compete, and sold new bikes to students for them over the years to help. Not every student can afford a \$500+ bike and they know that. They now see us as filling gaps.

***Q: May I ask how much the alternative transportation fee is?***

**Lindsey Lyons, Dickinson College:**

It is currently \$33.65/yr for a full time student. This is primarily to provide students' bus passes for our local transit agency but also has some each year to dedicate to special projects. We have even managed to use this funding as a match for larger grants too.

***Q: Lindsey, how many of your green bikes never come back with such a small deposit? We had about 25% return and 75% not when our deposit was that small.***

**Lindsey Lyons, Dickinson College:**

I get them all back for the most part (loose 1-2/year to theft?!). Our campus is so small, I meet the students that take them and hold them accountable. Some come back late! 1-2 don't come back each semester and I go get them (cut locks) and bring them back. They all have green forks and a decal with numbers so are pretty easy to ID and find on campus.



## **Additional Links to Resources Shared in the Webinar Chat:**

Check out Dero's Campus Bike Program Guide, written by Steve Sanders:

<https://www.dero.com/campus-bike-program-guide/>

Learn more about the Bicycle Friendly University Program: <https://bikeleague.org/bfa/university/>

Create an account to view the online BFU application: <https://apply.bikeleague.org/>

Download the PDF preview of the 2024 BFU Application:

[https://bikeleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/BFU\\_2024\\_Application\\_Preview.pdf](https://bikeleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/BFU_2024_Application_Preview.pdf)

Explore the BFA Awards Map: <https://bikeleague.org/bfa/award-database/>

Read the full 2023 BFU Awards Announcement: <https://bikeleague.org/bfu-2023/>

Explore the interactive highlights map from our 2023 BFU awards announcement:

<https://viewer.mapme.com/3f970add-665f-4f07-9a34-50d64dfed27b>

Watch the "Disabled People Ride Bikes" video that Amelia recommended:

<https://rootedinrights.org/video/disabled-bikers/>

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