

## **BOULDER MOUNTAINBIKE ALLIANCE TRAIL PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF BOULDER OPEN SPACE AND MOUNTAIN PARKS**

Within the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks we are interested in connections between existing trail segments (primarily to the east), the designation of additional bicycle trails west of Highways 93, and the construction of new regional trails (to the east and north).

- We would like to see extensions of the Marshall Mesa trails in the southeast to connect with Superior and the Rock Creek/Coal Creek Trail systems (and to ultimately create a loop paralleling the old Mogul Bismarck road bike race alignment)
- We would like to see the trail loop around east Boulder completed by tying the south end of the Teller Farms trails to the Baseline and South Boulder Creek trails.
- We would like connections in the north to the Heil Valley Ranch and to Boulder Reservoir.
- In the west we would like to see enough trails opened to bikes to create a South Foothills Trail that would run from Community Ditch to at least Shanahan Ridge (and maybe to Table Mesa Drive). We would also like to see a bike connection to Walker Ranch.

The following lists summarize specific items we would like to discuss:

### **Trail Connections**

- Southeast (Boulder to Superior)
  - Underpass (or bridge) at Community Ditch and Highway 93
  - Marshall to Superior (Cowdrey Draw Trail from Community Ditch Trail to S. 66th Ave. completed 2005)
  - West Coalton Trail to Greenbelt Plateau Trailhead (High Plains Trail north of Highway 128 completed 2006)
- East Boulder Trail (Baseline Reservoir to Teller Farms)
  - Lefthand Trail to Boulder Reservoir & Feeder Canal Trail (Axelson Trail)
  - North Foothills Trail to Heil Valley Ranch (West Beech Trail)

### **Additional designated bike trails:**

- South Foothills Bicycle Trail
  - Mesa Trailhead to South Boulder Creek West Trailhead (via southern Mesa Trail and lower Big Bluestem Trails)
  - Lower Big Bluestem to Shanahan Ridge
  - Shanahan Ridge to NCAR (via North Fork Shanahan & Mesa Trail to Bear Canyon Trail & NCAR east frontage road)
  - NCAR east frontage road (Table Mesa Drive to Ithaca Drive)
  - Walker Ranch Connection (via Eldorado Canyon Trail)
  - North Boulder bicycle loop trail using some of the Hidden Valley/Mesa Reservoir trails system components

**New regional trails:**

- Boulder Feeder Canal (Boulder to Lyons)
- UP Rail Line (Boulder to Erie)