

## ***Lincoln Corridor Plan***

### **Frequently Asked Questions – Responses**

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#### **1. What is the purpose of the Lincoln Corridor Plan?**

The purpose of the Lincoln Corridor Plan (LCP) is to provide an overall community supported vision for the corridor and a clear road map for strategies to implement that vision. The plan not only provides detailed concepts for the corridor but will also address a broader context, making recommendations for the Lincoln Avenue as well as the surrounding area to ensure that needs from all stakeholders have been addressed.

#### **2. What are the expected outcomes of the Plan?**

The Plan will include:

- A vision for the corridor
- Street design for Lincoln Avenue
- Proposed projects for surrounding neighborhoods
- Strategies with actions, timeframes, and potential funding resources

Some of the potential elements for the Lincoln Corridor that will be considered include:

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| - Street and intersection improvements                     | - Bus circulating around Downtown                          |
| - Sidewalks and benches                                    | - Stormwater improvements                                  |
| - Bicycle lanes and racks                                  | - Directional signage                                      |
| - Trees and other landscaping                              | - Art and other projects for a positive neighborhood image |
| - Gateway features similar to those at Harmony and College | - Interpretive features of culture and history             |

**3. What is the Plan Study Area?**

The Lincoln Corridor Plan study area includes the immediate area surrounding Lincoln Avenue between Jefferson Street/Riverside Avenue and Lemay Avenue (as shown below), as well as a broader Corridor Influence Area that includes the Northside Neighborhoods, the planned Woodward Technical Center, and other nearby sites.



**4. What is the schedule for the planning process?**

Phase 1 – Vision (April - July 2013)

Phase 2 – Corridor Design Alternatives (August - October 2013)

Phase 3 – Implementation Planning (November 2013 – January 2014)

Completion of the 12-month planning process is targeted for March 2014, with a City Council Hearing scheduled to consider adoption of the Plan recommendations that month.

**5. How can I get involved?**

The project includes an extensive public engagement process so that neighborhood residents, business owners and employees, members of community organizations, other stakeholders, and the community at-large have ample opportunity to participate. Project information and notice of future meetings will be available on the project webpage by visiting:

[www.fcgov.com/lincoln](http://www.fcgov.com/lincoln)

From that page you can also sign up to be on the project email distribution list. In addition, you can contact the two co-project managers directly:

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**6. How will the new Lincoln Corridor Design be funded?**

The long-term improvements to Lincoln identified in the LCP do not have a confirmed funding source. However, the improvements are expected to be considered for the next renewal of the Building on Basics dedicated sales tax in 2015 as part of a capital project package. The Plan will also identify additional potential funding, such as development impact fees, tax increment financing, and other sources.

**7. Could roundabouts be considered for Lincoln?**

Roundabouts may be considered at certain intersections on Lincoln, with the exception of the Mountain/Lincoln/Jefferson/Riverside intersection. This location

was designated through the Jefferson Street Alternatives Analysis as a signalized intersection and will remain as such within the Lincoln Corridor Plan.

**8. Is a transit circulator or trolley being considered?**

Transit currently serves and will continue to serve the Lincoln corridor. The Transfort Strategic Operating Plan includes a transit circulator that connects Downtown and Lincoln Avenue. This type of route, as well as other transit options, such as a rail or rubber-tired trolley, will be considered as part of the Alternatives for the Lincoln corridor.

**9. Is the existing Lincoln Bridge being considered for replacement as part of this effort?**

Yes, the future design for Lincoln will include a new design for the bridge over the Poudre River.

**10. Will this study look at widening Lincoln Avenue to more than two lanes?**

Lincoln is classified as a two lane minor arterial in the Master Street Plan, and Lincoln will remain a two lane minor arterial; all alternatives developed will include two travel lanes.

**11. What triggered the City to pursue developing the Lincoln Corridor Plan now?**

The Lincoln Corridor was identified in *City Plan* as an important “catalyst project” in 2011 and included in the 2013/14 budget and work program as a priority project. The timing was right to address emerging issues in the area including opportunities for enhancing Lincoln as a gateway and connection to Downtown. The Lincoln Corridor Plan process will also include an opportunity to coordinate with the proposed Woodward expansion project on the Link-N-Greens site, along with other business and neighborhood interests in the area.

**12. What other projects will be coordinated with the effort?**

Several other ongoing projects within the Lincoln Corridor Influence Area are currently taking place and are being coordinated with the Lincoln Corridor Plan. These include:

- **River District Design Standards and Guidelines:** Creates standards and guidelines to promote design that is consistent with the vision for the area and that supplement the existing standards in the River Downtown Redevelopment Zone.

- **Mulberry Bridge Replacement:** Collaboration between CDOT and the City to make the Mulberry Bridge structurally sound and function as a gateway into downtown. The project will begin in the fall of 2013. The bridge is within the LCP Influence Area.
- **Poudre River Downtown Project:** City initiative to develop a master plan for the areas in and adjacent to the Poudre River from Shields Street to Mulberry Street. The master plan will address in-river and bankside recreation, habitat connectivity restoration and rehabilitation, bank protection, stormwater/floodplain management, water quality, public safety and access, and transportation
- **Vine/Lemay Realignment Study:** The Study examines ways to mitigate traffic at the intersection. Some alternatives developed include the relocation of the intersection, the realignment of Vine and Lemay, and building a grade separation between the railroad and roadways.
- **Woodward Technology Center Development:** Woodward Governor will expand its corporate headquarters at the former Link-N-Greens golf course. The project will be split into multiple phases, starting with a 215,000 sf industrial building, followed by its Corporate Headquarters and Engines Technology Building. The complex will include retail shops along Lemay.

**13. Is the Woodward project part of the Lincoln Corridor effort?**

No. The two will work together to act as catalysts for new development that occurs there, but the Woodward project is separate. Construction is expected to begin in August 2013 on the campus. For more detailed information and construction updates on that project, go to [fcgov.com/Woodward](http://fcgov.com/Woodward)."

**14. Will the new Woodward campus be surrounded by a fence similar to their existing campus?**

The proposed new Woodward campus perimeter reflects an open landscaped edge with no fence. Building entrances and service areas will have security provided.

**15. What kind of traffic impacts is the Woodward project expected to have on Lincoln and the surrounding areas?**

The Woodward site plans include two future access points on Lincoln Avenue. The Woodward Site Plan includes three access points on Lemay Ave, a full-movement main access point that lines up with the existing Magnolia Street (Walmart/Home Depot shopping center) , a  $\frac{3}{4}$  access to/from Lemay Avenue, and a limited right-in/right-out access that will serve the retail/commercial area. The approved Transportation Impact Study shows the need for additional improvements at the Mulberry/Lemay intersection.

**16. What kind of improvements will be made to Lincoln Avenue in the near-term with the Woodward Technology Center project?**

The Woodward Technology Center is expected to have two access points on Lincoln Avenue: an east access across from and just east of the eastern entrance to Odell Brewing Company and a west access across from the western entrance to Odell Brewing Company. The near-term improvements to Lincoln Avenue related to the Woodward project will include:

- Addition of eastbound right-turn lanes at eastern entrance
- Addition of continuous center two-way left-turn lane between Odell Brewing Company and Lemay Avenue
- Improvement of eastbound bike lane to meet City standards

In conjunction with the above improvements with the Woodward project, the City also plans to install an interim asphalt sidewalk from the Poudre River Bridge to Lemay Avenue.