

South College Corridor Plan Draft Plan Public Meeting Summary

December 4th, 2008

The final public meeting for the South College Corridor Plan marked the completion of an extensive and positive outreach process. Over the course of 12 months, eight public meetings (including a variety of breakfasts and picnics, and a business forum) engaged over 900 stakeholders in this Plan. Despite the winter weather, the December 4th Draft Plan Public Meeting brought out 50 citizens to share their comments and ask questions about the final Plan.

The meeting was held as an open house forum in the gymnasium of the Foothills Gateway complex, located just west of the South College Corridor and within the Plan's study area. A brief presentation was given by Timothy Wilder, Senior City Planner, and Jeremy Call, a Senior Associate with EDAW | AECOM. A public facilitator, Ginger Adams, was also on hand to field questions and encourage dialogue between the project team and the public. Other project team members that attended the meeting included Gloria Hice-Idler (CDOT), Kathleen Bracke (Transportation), Clark Mapes (Advance Planning), Jennifer XXX (Transportation), Don Silar (Stantec Engineering), Rich Follmer (FHU Engineering), Bruce Meighen (EDAW | AECOM), Brad Smith (EDAW | AECOM), and Melissa Sherburne (EDAW | AECOM).

This meeting was most interesting because it illustrated the results from the events over the last year. Many participants were interested in the Access Control Plan (with consistent concern from previous meetings) and new positive comments on appearance and design, land uses, and trail network. Questions came up concerning how these plans would alter the visibility of their storefronts, emergency access, pedestrian connections, effects to traffic through neighborhoods, and more. Another positive outcome of the meeting was a list of attendees who were interested in forming a business association.

The draft South College Corridor Plan is expected to be released on December 15th and will be mailed to meeting participants that expressed interest in receiving a copy. There will also be further steps taken to form a Business Association amongst businesses that indicated interest in doing so.

Written Comments:

Land Use & Business Activity: Enhance Existing Business Viability

I am in favor of improving the Gateway idea. Fort Collins needs to be proud of what it has to offer within the town and make it possible to move throughout the town using various means of transportation.

Incentives should be used to help property owners to want to be involved in the improvements, rather than fighting it because they think they are going to have to pay for progress that Fort Collins needs to do.

I live near where the new supermarket is to go. I think a sound wall or some sound barriers would be needed to protect my house from noise.

The south college corridor meeting proved very helpful. This area needs improved

neighborhood services and a grocery store. The city staff and EDAW proved very helpful and Diana was a great help.

South 13 B – Prefer alternative uses. Lights at Smokey Street / align east/west exit off Smokey.

Community Partnerships: Constructive Communication and Collaboration

We don't need the improvements now. We may in 10 years. We need potholes fixed now.

Appearance and Design: Gateway

Noise concerns from commercial traffic as it affects Ridgewood Hill, in particular Peyton Drive.

Drainage concerns so that it does not negatively affect drainage at traffic F of Ridgewood Hills.

Community Partnerships and Financing

Individual property owners need to be able to vote on the project improvement if it will cost them money.

People need to know how much the potential cost would be. We didn't know it was going to be that much.

A Complete Transportation System: Transportation Improvements

Cost to businesses in affected area for road improvements

None of this is necessary or needed

Too much landscaping

Poor traffic patterns

The potholes in South 13 are unsafe, and impede my access to my business (which is not part of the South 13 subdivision and is built to City standards). What can be done about this?

Really like the Future Skyridge Trail and being able to connect to the Mason Trail on an offroad path. Would like to have an easier way to cross Trilby – underpass needed where Skyridge Trail crosses Trilby.

Would like to see future plans for offroad trails that would connect to Loveland.

Thanks for this process. Very impressive

The transit station is too far north? You are leaving out 3 to 4 miles of city from the system.

Carpenter should go to Shields for traffic flow.

A Complete Transportation System: Access Control Plan

6012 S College and 6200 S College: How can we still get vehicles through the drive between our property and the neighboring property with the landscaping addition? I don't think there is enough room.

6108 S. College: Don't eliminate my access.

Trilby and Aran Street: Please don't take our house

212 Gary Dr. (Christine Lesperance): I live on Trilby. I'm concerned about expanding my house. Will you be taking 10' of my property to expand Trilby to 4 lanes? I don't want to build it if this is the case.

Huntington Hills: Please don't put a road in my backyard

My basement gets flooded because lack of drainage improvements on trucking company property. We were told a ditch would be provided, but I have not seen it yet.

Appearance and Design: Streetscape

There is a price to progress and many people's homes will be affected. They need to be compensated. But the effect will be an enhancement to our property values and bring South Fort Collins up to par with the rest of our beautiful city.

Cheap rent for the businesses in South Fort Collins has resulted in the business area looking like the low rent district - shabby and run down.

Is \$12,000/month triple net cheap?

Mason Corridor TOD Zoning Overlay

In reference to the South College Transit Center, why doesn't it extend South from S Station?

Trails Map

Love the bike/trail plan

Underpass at Trilby on Skyridge Trail

Lights - concerned about proliferation. Reduce.

Why build a bike path only to Carpenter Road?

I like it. I like that we are keeping improvements in our City instead of out by I-25 like Centerra.

When will Trilby go to 4 lanes?

One couple asked if the proposed bike routes are cast in stone. The wanted to stress the importance of having trails that were separate from College Avenue.

Framework Plan Map

Concern about surface of road where bike lane markings change.

Would like to see South 13 with alternatives use, including industrial

Love the North/South trail

Add Underpass at Trilby for bikes

Extend North/South or Mason Street to Loveland

Property of NW corner of Carpenter and College: Concerned that overall map did not show an access point off of College between Triangle and Carpenter.

Property of NW corner of Carpenter and College: Concerned that the alignment of the proposed road from Triangle to the extension of Carpenter could not be modified after approval of the Corridor Plan.

Property of NW corner of Carpenter and College: Concerned that the proposed access point on to the extension of Carpenter could not be changed after the Corridor Plan was approved.

Owner of Flea Market: Concerned that stormwater flows will increase across their property when the property on the west side of College develops.

Owner of Flea Market: Concerned that they will lose parking spaces once College Avenue is widened.

Owner of Flea Market: Concerned that trees in the landscape area (between the curb and sidewalk) of the proposed College Avenue cross-section will obstruct the view of their property from the road.

Owners of house on the north side of Trilby directly north of the intersection of Debra Drive and Trilby Road: Concerned that their house will have to be removed when Trilby Road is widened to an Arterial road section.

Property in the SE corner of Victoria Drive and College: Concerned that proposed cross-section for College will require them to remove their new garage/barn.

Property south of intersection of Victoria Drive and College: Concerned that development on the west side of College will increase drainage flows across their property.

Property south of intersection of Victoria Drive and College: Concerned that emergency vehicles will have to take a longer route to access their property once the proposed raised median is installed. The owner is 80 years old and is concerned.