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## COMMENTS

### 1. ALTERNATIVE FUELS

Promote use of alternative fuels. Alternative fuels/vehicles won't be possible nationally due to the "Big 3" and others who control huge amounts of \$\$\$ with fossil fuels. The City can best monitor and control industrial pollution from business vehicles by using alternative fuels.

Increased use of ALTERNATIVE fuels would help much and elimination of lead-based fuels as well as (in car/truck design) attention to placement of exhausts. Children especially suffer because fumes are blown directly in their faces. All adults suffer because fumes are directed toward them in wait lines and from moving vehicles

Will we ever be able to come up with a relatively inexpensive non-polluting form of fuel, and vehicles adjusted to using these fuels?

The City should consider a more versatile fleet of van-size propane-powered transit rather than a few stinking diesel buses that never run where I want to go.

In my mind the continued increase in auto traffic has to reduce air quality unless engine efficiency is greatly increased including cleaner fuels.

Alternative fuel buses would likely help (with air quality). They are basically the only diesel vehicles that never leave the city limits.

We plan to purchase the "Toyota Prius" with electric motor--back-up gas motor--for high way driving, as soon as they are available!

### 2. ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Ride more bikes and walk more

We lived in the Netherlands (Holland) for four years. They have an excellent bike path system there. A large percentage of people ride bikes there for day-to-day activities (work, shop, visit friends . . .). You even see grandmas riding their bike everyday. They don't just bike for exercise. Their bike lanes are very well marked and sometimes very separate from the driving lanes. All stoplights have a special bike light as well as the normal traffic lights. Yielding to bikers is taught in traffic school. Dutch cars and roads are taxed highly to keep them in good condition and to limit the amount of cars on the road. Also, older cars are taxed and regulated so to keep newer cars on the road (less-polluting vehicles). Surely, if the Dutch can do all of this with their old cities, we could too.

Please consider more bike trails to all sectors of the city. I think you will be very surprised how many people will use a well-designed trail network.

Having moved here from a very environmentally concerned country in Europe, I am appalled at the egotistical use of energy here, especially that which is only wasteful (serves no purpose). I also cannot believe there is no passenger train/commuter train in the Front Range area. It is no wonder people are so car-oriented!! That must change!

The city needs to consider alternative transportation thoroughfare streets for faster and steadier movement of work and recreation traffic. Planning should start on light rail to connect to regional systems.

The idea of promoting light rail from FTC to Denver is great. Move Highway 287 north of town and convert the north/south Mason St. rail line to a tram system and put a bike trail adjacent to it. Biking north/south in town is very difficult/hazardous. But biking is impractical for most daily activities—getting kids to school and activities, shopping, showing up for work w/a fresh professional appearance, getting to appointments on time, and, there's always the unpredictable weather!

Large companies like Hewlett-Packard should do more to get their many employees to use alternative transportation.

Our bike paths are great to use. Perhaps we could somehow improve biking in all areas of FTC.

Promote higher taxes to pay for programs to reduce VMT (vehicle miles of travel) and SOVs (single occupant vehicles).

While education should promote conscientious efforts of each individual, most persons are too self-centered to recognize their actions contribute to the overall downward quality of life in FTC. Aside from accountability of actions, it would require additional enforcement/punishment for offenders, which in itself contributes to the downward spiral of society. SOLUTION: Remove the opportunity for offense by blocking streets and forcing public transport as the "only way around town," and encourage more walking/biking/home shopping and delivery services.

Ninety percent (90%) of the miles I travel for personal reasons are by bicycle or on foot. I would encourage others to do the same.

When we finally realize the horror we've created with our convenient modern lifestyle's wastefulness, we will make cities more hospitable for people and the auto will need to take a backseat. Making large squares for people only, with intercity rail is, I feel, a viable option. Nationally and maybe internationally, we will be forced to do something as we realize we are cutting off our lifeline. Do something radical now—stop pandering to business and profits and make change toward community, not increased convenience for driving a car. This will also make a bus system more convenient because we will have more community and less reliability on the car.

I would like to see more support for bicycling. I bike-commute up to 50 miles/week year-round.

I always bike, bus, or walk. I rarely use my car. I am more environmentally conscious than others.

I would like to see a light rail system installed along the Front Range corridor. It concerns me that people frequently live in FTC and work in Denver, driving alone in their cars both ways. I would support a tax specifically for the light rail. Although it is unpopular, I hold the opinion that gas should be \$3/gallon or more to get people thinking about driving as much as they do. Thanks for starting to address this important issue.

Improve access to all alt modes. Encourage local businesses to share in the responsibility. Prepare for worse air quality in the future.

Need passenger trains to Denver.

I believe the issue of air pollution must be addressed and all FTC residents should participate in the necessary reduction of pollution. We need TRAIN services between (at least) Cheyenne and Denver to decrease the highway travel and a program here in FTC.

Please have as many incentives for bike riders as you can or encourage businesses to include incentives. We face a lot of hardships and hostility from drivers and we are the ones saving the air quality. More bike-to-work days (1X month May-September), coupons for doing X number of miles, free tun-ups. Please hurry on the Mason St. bikeway idea, it will help a great deal to access the rest of FTC to the south.

I think the problem in FTC is traffic; everyone is using cars because there are few convenient alternatives. Furthermore, considering FTC growth, it's going to get exponentially worse. Therefore, I think FTC needs to take a proactive, exemplary approach. Personally, I would like to see a light rail (or something like it). It may seem like overkill now, but it won't in ten years. Also, considering the linear layout of FTC and the fact that train tracks already exist, a north/south route would be used by many people. It could also be extended to Loveland (and beyond?). I realize this is a radical idea for this format; I just wanted to throw it out.

I don't feel safe riding a bicycle with the amount of traffic present.

Bikes are great, but the trails need repair.

Take better care of bike lanes.

Cyclists need to have courtesy rules enforced—example, letting pedestrians know you are passing them (College campus a big problem) and stopping at stop signs and traffic lights.

Keep trees and bushes trimmed out of bike lanes and bike lanes maintained. Keep cars out of bike lanes, especially when making a right hand turn (cars move over into bike lanes about three blocks before making their right hand turn.)

Bike lanes must be connected, not just near schools. Recreational paths must be wide enough for all uses (bikes, blades, walkers, pets, etc.) to pass safely.

I live in SE FTC near the corner of S. College and Horsetooth, a very commercial area. I like my neighborhood and I try to bike with my kids around the area when I can, but biking is scary around here. People just aren't looking for bikers on Horsetooth, Harmony, Boardwalk, Mason, etc. Is there any chance of relief?

My husband and I are very glad that you are looking into air pollution problems before they get out of hand like they have in other front range cities like Boulder, Denver, etc. If we are not careful, we will end up with poor air quality like they have. The more bike lanes the better as far as we are concerned. We try to bike as much as we can, but it is hard sometimes because of glass and debris on the road and because drivers tend to not respect bike traffic.

Light rail on the existing tracks down Mason could help get people out of their cars if there were a good system of buses on the cross roads. An alternative for the thousands of people commuting to Denver needs to be created—rail down I-25 needs to be started now.

Please put bike lanes on all roads.

Improved bike lanes will make our quality of life better.

I wish there were more bike trails/underpasses for bike lanes at major intersections.

If Mason Street is going to be for bikes and buses only, how can that take cars off College Avenue? I use side streets like Mason to stay off College.

Building more roads is not an answer. If bikes/buses can be made more convenient than cars maybe we have a chance. Perhaps making some streets “bikes only” and making them through streets, so cars would have to stop for bikes, would help.

### 3. ANIMAL OPERATIONS

As trees grow around new construction sites odors from cattle concentrations (outside FTC, but in Ault and Greeley) seem less pungent.

I do not think the air quality is affected by the “cow farms/lost/etc.,” but they do stink!!

The manure pollution that drifts into the city is by far the most bothersome air pollution. It is so bad it makes me angry.

The only time I notice any change in air quality is when I can smell manure that flows in from the East.

The only problem I have with air quality is the haze we get every now and then and the smell from the cattle and pig farms around the area. Other than those two problems I think we have very good air quality.

#### 4. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION & GROWTH

If you don't quit building and taking open space away FTC will be as bad, if not worse, than cities like Denver, Chicago, etc.

I don't think we have a big problem yet, however, all the building going on doesn't help.

Planning the growth in the city will help (reduce air pollution) greatly.

Be realistic, you can't reduce air pollution by building more homes and attracting more people. I've watched this brown cloud here grow as the town grows. I'm no dummy, and I'm sure you folks aren't either. Basically, anything we do to limit our polluting will only compensate for the increased growth. I don't see it getting better.

Limit the city growth and thus protect/preserve our farmland from the developers.

Too many humans! A nationwide (worldwide) problem, but by encouraging more businesses, industries, retirees, etc., etc., and by giving financial incentives, all efforts by City government and concerned residents not only are being neutralized, the population as well as all other related problems are being exacerbated. FTC is not unique; this is being played out in thousands of other communities.

More emphasis needs to be placed upon prevention rather than solution (i.e., restriction of building such that the city is contained in a smaller unit and the farthest living residents need not travel so far for work, food, etc.). Fines need to be larger for pollution abuse than they are for speeding. Preservation of an untarnished and healthy land of FTC needs to be #1 in the eyes of the citizens and government.

We should limit growth and soon.

My asthma is greatly affected by air pollution. I have difficulty in Denver at times, but never here in FTC. My driving would decrease if there were more stores and conveniences in Northeast FTC so I wouldn't have to drive across town all the time.

One thing I truly believe is that there has been a lot of growth since I have been here. The growth has come with hardly any expansion to the area. We are somewhat cramming the city only to find that we should be careful to eat away the land on the outskirts. Let's not make FTC or Colorado a California.

We need to stop growth; we're getting too big.

Air quality, I feel, is good, but unless preventive measures are taken, it will steadily decline due to population increase and disproportional increases in auto traffic/VMTs.

The (air) is better than it used to be. Air quality will deteriorate with growth unless continued action is taken.

I say again what I've said before, it's time to limit our growth. When all the good, productive land has been covered with homes, businesses and streets, it's gonna be a little too late to affect a fix!! Think about it.

I'm glad that FTC is trying to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. But patterns of city growth seem to promote more driving between home, workplace, and shopping. Good luck!

Get discount stores in our area.

The City's anti-growth policies will result in more air pollution.

Growth is THE problem first, from sheer volume of polluters. Second, from asinine planning. Pick any new housing development and look at how far it is to the nearest grocery store.

I don't have much optimism about the future until different City departments start working together. Natural Resources does a good job, but Advance Planning seems to encourage sprawl; Parks & Rec seems more interested in building parking lots than managing parks; DDA and City administration are more concerned with making downtown convenient for drivers than people on foot or bike; and despite all the talk about walkable neighborhoods, most City activities seem aimed at making them safe for cars.

As the city continues to grow, there will be an increase in air pollution sources. However, I believe the city of Fort Collins is capable of keeping the pollution to a minimum by continuing its excellent programs of emissions control, education, and general city planning and improvement.

Plant more trees and quit building and paving over every square inch of land left in the city. It's too late? Need large lots for houses and businesses to reduce population density. Greedy developers have made this mess and city planners are in "la la land."

I think the greatest concern of FTC residents is rapid growth. If we work to control that, it will eliminate the air quality problems we are facing today.

#### 5. CITY RESPONSIBILITY & CITY OPERATIONS

I feel that it is a person's responsibility as well as the City's to fix an air pollution problem. Working together is the key. I'd like to see more of what FTC is doing to curb the problems the city is seeing.

I sometimes see street sweepers trying to clean up gravel, but they are dry and make a cloud of dust.

The State government is the proper regulator of air pollution. The City of FTC government is trying to control private activity excessively. You should also stop trying to take away personal freedoms.

Construction sites need to use more water trucks to keep dust down.

Keep up the sanding, my lungs love it, so does my windshield. Take a deep breath and remember where you migrated from...it might clear your heads and save us all more government. We live in a great place. Keep the good info coming...we will get it! We do care.

The City has many smoking diesels. Also, City trucks don't turn their engines off whether parked or moving.

#### 6. DIESEL VEHICLES

Allocate garbage trucks by housing additions. We have four to five companies for a small neighborhood. Lowest bidding companies could be allocated larger areas as incentives.

The type of pollution that bothers me the most is exhaust from diesel vehicles and trucks.

Reroute trucks along the perimeter of the city if possible.

Please don't reroute Hwy 14 through the city. I believe it will encourage more truckers to drive through FTC and increase air pollution.

Stop semi trucks from using our city as a through route to other cities.

I think the older cars that are not kept up and the diesels are the main problem. Sometimes I get behind someone and their car smells so bad I get deathly ill and have to pull over.

Get all commercial trucks over 28,000 lbs. off all city streets.

## 7. EDUCATION

The more we educate ourselves on this issue the better. Get school children involved at an early age.

We need more public education about the damage we are doing to the environment and what each individual can do to help correct the problems we have already created.

All in all I feel FTC does a fairly good job informing citizens of concerns regarding air concerns.

It's a monumental challenge (maintaining air quality). What about education/awareness through TV? Unfortunately, people do watch TV many hours. What about a trial summer program? Free "shopper shuttle service" between Foothills Fashion Mall and Old Town—every twenty minutes at least. I would like to see more public education on the state of our air quality. I have seen the brown cloud when driving back from Denver and have had to breathe bus exhaust while riding my bike and have smelled some nasty smells from the feed factory and H2O treatment plant, but I don't know much about overall air quality in FTC.

Because FTC has such an environmentally conscious population, I think making people aware of issues, facts and alternatives is key.

We found the argument—that a Wal-Mart would decrease traffic in south FTC) made by Mark Goldberg to promote the shopping center at Lemay and Mulberry completely dishonest. We do not understand why the education level of FTC residents was so low as to accept that argument and we are furious that the City of FTC did not refute the spurious traffic estimates or pollution concerns.

Concentrate on communication and providing optional incentives.

I spent years in Ann Arbor educating the city public regarding recycling issues. Experts tend to forget that the public is very ignorant about most of the issues. It is not enough to educate us that our lawn mowers pollute more than our cars. We want to help as citizens, but now we feel guilty about our lawn mowers. We need additional levels of education to teach us to retrofit--efficient new mufflers on our old polluting mowers for example. Use newspaper Q. & A. weekly.

People must be informed as to how they can use their vehicles more efficiently: proper maintenance, fuel, driving habits (including the planning of daily and

weekly errands), etc.; and this information should be expressed primarily in terms of individual financial benefit. (Money speaks louder than truism.)

Individual and commercial commitment to reducing air pollution is paramount to reducing pollution—education of children and adults is therefore critical. What causes AP? What are the risks? What can individuals do to help? What products/services are available?

Create an educational awareness program on lawnmower pollution. Promote non-turf landscaping.

There should be a minimum mile/gallon law. SUVs, trucks—they burn gas and emit debris. Government needs to regulate that, but most likely it would start at the Federal level. People in FTC won't give up driving. Focus energy on education, not changing behaviors from cars to bikes.

I would like to be better informed about air quality in FTC. I would like to see up-to-date statistics about what the biggest polluters are and what the most effective ways are for each person to reduce pollution.

Thanks for doing this. I want to make a difference—so education and information is what I need!

#### 8. EMISSIONS, REGULATIONS, AND TAXES

Emission's testing was and is a waste of time and money.

I fully understand equipment, manpower, and water would be expensive to keep major streets clean (to reduce dust pollution).

Getting vehicles that smoke repaired should be the biggest concern.

Air quality problems are solvable. The growth in FTC requires enforcing auto emissions regulations and getting the truck route moved. We're not in trouble now; but we will be if we don't address the transportation problem.

Some vehicles visually should not be on the road. Give them a ticket!

Subsidizing repair of high-polluting vehicles is a ridiculous idea.

Something must be done about the diesel trucks driving through FTC in order to avoid the weigh station. Police need to stop vehicles polluting the air (burning oil, etc.) and fines (high) should be given.

How about all these dirty trucks around town? Their black smoke emissions practically choke you as you drive up behind them.

I would like to see air pollution problems decrease, however, as a classic car restorer, or at least an owner, I am afraid of restrictions that may be placed upon me. Please understand FTC has a lot of people like me, whatever you do decide on, please don't push us out. Thank you.

I live outside the city limits so I wonder if this should have come to me. Due to child care needs and location of home, mass transit and carpooling is not an option for me. In the summer, if I plug my CO detector in near my open front door it will start beeping! This is on N. Overland Trail. I wonder if my detector is faulty or is the air really that bad? Bergner Trucking makes the air outside almost intolerable on some mornings—usually in the winter. Good luck!

My residence is one block from intersection of Drake/Lemay. Sizeable wood floored patio (outside) faces north. During winter months when unable to frequently clean, floor surface turns black (!!!!!) from combination of road dust/automobile traffic/truck traffic to Scotch Pines Shopping Center, Woodward Governor. Have both cardiac and respiratory health problems. Cannot exercise (walk) along busy streets because of pollution from vehicles and woodburning appliances.

My family has lived in FTC for 91 years and I have seen it change drastically in my 36 years. I feel out-of-state vehicles should have to comply with FTC regs too if you live or work in FTC.

More regulations won't help. Enforce what you have! Speed signs for example. When speed causes accidents on a given street, enforce the law and speed. **DO NOT RAISE SPEED. FOR EXAMPLE: SHIELDS, LEMAY AND HARMONY.**

Regulate emissions more closely.

Give tickets to people who leave their car running and to heavy polluters. Charge additional tax to help pay for pollution problems. Do better job of city planning to reduce car trip miles.

We are constantly amazed at the lack of control on diesel emissions from commercial trucks—worst we've seen.

Put restrictions on high polluting vehicles such as SUVs following an education campaign.

Currently, much of the focus on air pollution is on automobiles, Lt. Trucks, and HD trucks, but they are not the major cause of AP. There is and has always been a haze above the Front Range. Allowing industry to crush cars to receive "emissions" credits when standards aren't met, is nothing more than a media stunt.

I definitely believe that if we do not enforce more strict guidelines it can only get worse, especially at the rate we are growing. Everyone definitely needs to do his or her part in helping out with the problem.

Steps need to be taken now to avoid more serious pollution problems--vehicles should be targeted. We also need more regular emissions tests—mandatory and without exemptions of any kind.

Enforce exiting regulations. No new ones unless absolutely necessary.

Don't try to exceed your authority. Don't spend taxpayer \$\$ trying ideas that have proven to not work in other cities. Support US EPA mandates. Work with the State to develop standardized emissions testing. For example, Maryland, Massachusetts, etc. Don't use my tax dollars doing stupid things.

There is no need for any more regulations than we already have. Citizens are capable of using their common sense. City government can use their efforts to improve telecommunications (Internet access). How about fiber optic backbone north/south/east/west done by the City and made available at reasonable costs so we don't have to pay an arm and a leg to TCI?

Enforce the speed limits! This may reduce auto emissions by reducing stops and starts for traffic lights.

Require emissions inspections for CSU students (and enforce).

I see way too many “junkers” on the roads including many from Wyoming—Do they have emissions control? Adopt New York “total” car inspection.

Need to get more poorly maintained vehicles tuned up.

Enforce emissions sticker laws. Remove old cars.

I believe that a combination of improved compliance enforcement (smoking emissions), education programs, and financial incentives to improve overall air quality based on individual situations will go far towards creating a balanced approach to the problem.

I have called in several cars with poor air pollution problems to the City. It would be nice to know if these cars were made to be safer for the environment. It would be nice if people could call a number if a vehicle they saw had exhaust problems.

I would strongly support tougher laws on vehicle emissions, tax to pay for new stoplights, stronger enforcement of laws, and tax to pay for better mass transit.

There need to be incentives for people to pollute less, such as an increased fuel price or increased taxes.

9. FTC—QUALITY OF LIFE

Your city is exceptionally clean throughout, including air emissions problems considering the population.

This neighborhood is a quiet one with less traffic than most. There is no noticeable pollution of air.

The more people who come into FTC, the more extra large homes and condos. The bigger the home, the worse problems we might have with air problems.

On the whole, I think the city does a good job—especially with the things I'm interested in—like parks, senior center, street cleaning, and maintenance, etc. I have lived in many other places and I think FTC does the best job.

We need to not live so fast. Life is too short.

I intend to make FTC a permanent home and would be willing to do a lot to help maintain a clean, safe place to live. I think this questionnaire is a good idea.

I hope this survey will produce some real positive results in improving air quality. Allergies continue to be more of a problem and our quality of life in FTC is not improving at this time.

I moved to FTC three months ago from Yakima, Washington. Nothing will ever make me change my mind that this is the place for my two year-old son to grow up.

I have not noticed an air pollution problem in FTC yet, but as fast as the area is growing, it surely will become one if nothing is done to control it now. I am fortunate not to have allergies so maybe I just haven't noticed the problem because it hasn't affected me yet.

We have observed increased pollution in the five plus years we have lived here. It has not caused us serious problems, but will increase.

If the City doesn't do something quick about this growth problem, the recycling problem and other pollution problems, you will be forcing everyone that really cares out of this city and you will be left with all your filth to deal with, when it will be too late. After this (survey) are you going to put out more fliers telling people all the stuff you plan to do and therefore make more trash? Nobody really cares anymore. Everyone has become tired, and tired of lies. This is a lie; you haven't done anything to help.

This (air quality control effort) seem senseless because you continue to encourage this area to become a bedroom community for Denver, etc. We are growing too fast with little regard for the long haul. The motivation is profit-oriented, not

quality of life. Too bad—this was a choice city, now it is simply a suburb of bigger issues.

I believe air quality in FTC is very good and needs very little emphasis.

When we moved to CO from the East 30 years ago, one could often see a “brown cloud” along the foothills. That has not been the case for many years now. From personal experience, the air is much cleaner in FTC today. This is also true incidentally, in the East where both air and water (quality) has dramatically improved.

Why is this improvement never mentioned?

Poor air quality over time will surely cause an exodus of health conscious FTC residents. Major steps should be taken now to maintain air quality into the future.

My family has just recently moved to FTC. The air quality is good here compared to some other cities. It would be nice to keep it that way.

#### 10. INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Ban public smoking.

Your laws regarding smoking in public places are non-existent in Colorado. When you have asthma or other breathing problems, it makes no sense to see people wheeling oxygen tanks sitting or walking next to people who are smoking.

Radon testing should be required for all homes (existing, resale's, and new construction). Mitigation should be required if level standards are exceeded.

Non-smoking in public places was the best air pollution remedy FTC implemented. It made all of us (citizens) more sensitive to air pollutants of all kinds—not just intellectually, but sensually. Limiting and controlling adolescent smoking habits and all persons' driving habits will do the same service for future community members.

I would love to see smoking banned in this city.

We live outside the city limits. We have never seen air quality programs or info to our knowledge. Our home has a radon problem and I think this should be addressed to all area residents—free tests?

#### 11. INDUSTRY

I would like to see more emission enforcement on private industry vehicles, esp. diesel trucks and construction equipment.

I believe there needs to be maximum fines for industries using toxins, formaldehydes in all of their building products, wood, etc. Recycled products

with non-toxic glues, etc., are healthier and eliminate cutting trees down for housing.

## 12. MISCELLANEOUS

### *Alternative Energy*

The answer to cleaner air is not by more legislation taking our rights away. The answer is to find an alternative source of energy that is less polluting. The thing to remember is that when you use an energy source, there will be some form of pollution.

Use alternative energy sources, i.e., wind/solar.

### *Economically and Physically disadvantaged*

I'm not really sure if we do have an air pollution problem in FTC, but I know of a lot of people who are unable to keep their car tuned-up because of the fact we are all very poor people—SSI or SSDI, VA benefits or Colorado Com, Welfare, etc. How can we afford to do anything?

I am torn on the issue of increasing regulations of emissions—it's one of those things that often penalizes the poor unreasonably. I'd love to see some nonpolluting (or far less polluting) vehicles become available to "normal" people (those earning average incomes or below). Make this a goal and I think we might have a chance.

### *Garbage Transport*

Require and enforce tarp covers on vehicles carrying loose materials. It would save on street cleaning and broken windshields.

### *Light Pollution*

We need to address the light pollution issue. I used to be able to see the Milky Way from my back door. Last time was 5-6 years ago.

### *Noise*

I have a greater concern for noise pollution than air pollution. I also believe noise pollution could be more easily controlled than air pollution.

### *Odor*

Odor pollution is the only significant local air problem.

People who make their own compost need to use odor control. Also, those who have one or more pets should be required to keep their yards picked up and odor-free.

### *Pollen*

Old cottonwood trees create pollution when seeds are coming off trees.

*Pollution from outside sources*

I feel that a lot of the pollution travels up the Front Range from big business in the Denver area.

To me it seems there is more pollution coming from Denver and Greeley then from FTC.

I don't think FTC has an air pollution problem—the “brown cloud” is usually upslope from the Denver area, which has existed since 1980s (I'm a former CO student in 1960s and resident in 1970s). Twenty years later I don't see a significant change. Moved to FTC three years ago from Washington, D.C., area and can only say CO air is much better than the East Coast. I encourage your monitoring of clean air issues; I also believe no problem exists at the present time.

Air pollution control is only achieved through regional approaches.

See if there is a way to make Denver and Boulder more responsible for all the air pollution that comes up along the foothills.

FTC doesn't seem to have contributors to air pollution as Denver does. It seems that much of our pollution comes from Denver.

There is some air pollution which occasionally drifts northward from the Denver area.

*Woodburning*

Eliminate all woodburning fireplaces/stoves within the city limits. Cannot open window at night because of excessive wood smoke. Many nights it is like fog because of so much smoke.

I hope the public will become better informed about all of these issues and particularly about the proper way to burn wood without increasing air pollution. As I understand it, if wood is burned efficiently (i.e., not smoldered), it contributes very little to air pollution and less than the power plants that provide electric heat, as well as less than heating with natural gas.

**13. MOTOR VEHICLES—GENERAL**

I like the idea of contributing \$1 to subsidize repair (of hi-polluters) because often those vehicles belong to those who can't afford car repairs.

Look at the parking lots at the high schools. This is part of the air pollution problem, too many cars.

We need to change the mindset of FTC residents (including me). We are oblivious to restricting our driving habits. We have to drive everywhere and if we can't, we don't go. And if we can't park in front of the door, we don't want to go.

The City should work with the School Board on boundaries. I drive my son eleven miles each way to Rocky Mountain (it would be farther if he went to Poudre where he is supposed to go) and I do this at least twice a day. I can see Fort Collins high school from my house (it's four miles away).

It is pretty obvious that as long as we drive cars and trucks that burn gasoline and diesel and also fail to curb our reproduction as a population of demanding humans, all of these other measures will really never scratch the surface of the air pollution reality. We are really self-extminating and probably breed ourselves into starvation and world chaos. All people who bitch about air quality drive cars and rely on other auto drivers—trucks, planes, etc.

I have a comment about the Mason Street transportation corridor. Please do not allow any motor vehicles (including buses) on the corridor. Just take a look at Denver's 16<sup>th</sup> street mall. The busses are a real problem. Keep buses off the Mason Street corridor for safety and air quality.

#### 14. SURVEY

You're wasting taxpayer money. Get a life-- Get real—

The envelope is a degrading act on your part. The questionnaire does not easily fit the envelope!!!

Thank you for being pro-active. It is what makes FTC so special.

Felt that some of the questions were weighted toward influencing answers to affirm air pollution problems.

Very good survey! Thanks for making our air quality a priority issue.

“We each have to do our part” and you've started by handing out these questionnaires. Thanks.

I think this survey is like crying wolf—scaring people. If they see a puff of smoke, then we have a pollution problem. Not so! Too bad.

Let's make this the last survey and see some action!

Keep up the good work!

I think this is a good idea, but this survey is just too long. I bet few people take the time to respond due to length, not interest.

This type of survey is a waste of taxpayer money. The survey is poorly worded and designed to get a liberal answer.

I am happy this survey is being done. FTC is a great place to live and I want to help keep it that way.

Information gathered based on surveys does not represent factual information, just opinions and should be treated as such. Since most households have two primary residents, surveys such as this one should have a way for each person to answer questions that are a matter of opinion.

Congratulation for producing a completely unscientific survey. I fear that the results, a collection of opinions on carefully selected questions, will be used as environmental fodder to shape City policy. A use which is altogether inappropriate. Will you be including all comments in the survey results?

I appreciate the opportunity to voice (write) my opinion. I only hope you get a good response.

#### 15. TRAFFIC FLOW

Increase taxes to do signals.

Better timing of traffic lights for different volumes of traffic. Sometimes it is possible to go from Horsetooth to Mulberry without stopping (on College Ave.). The turn lanes have been a great help.

FTC is a regional medical, shopping and educational center for surrounding states. If we want to keep promoting CSU, Poudre Valley Hospital and other medical clinics, the Mall, eateries and recreation destinations, FTC will need to promote smooth flowing traffic and learn to live with/traffic.

The biggest problem is traffic flow. The city is continuously adding lights and slowing flow. As the city grows toward I-25 and Loveland, the flow decreases due to lights even though there is more traffic. Lights must be removed along major corridors. Access should be limited and side streets used to get to businesses and stores along these corridors. Suggested corridors are Harmony, College, Mulberry, Shields, Timberline, etc.

Need an alternative truck route located north of Anheuser Busch to connect with I-25. Air pollution and noise pollution would be lessened.

Again, I write about the traffic problem. I worked in Denver a while back and commuted. I found that I spent about 1/3 of the time getting home right here in FTC after turning off the Interstate. The roads and traffic lights are not meeting the requirements of a fast growing city like FTC.

In many ways, I feel the City's planning is short sighted, i.e., the Vine Street truck bypass. This bypass should go across at Owl Canyon. Example: new bridge at Remington and Welch without bike path under road.

Provide a bypass road around the city.

I also thought of the need for a meaningful, real bypass-- routing 287 traffic to I-25 via an Owl Canyon route would do much more than moving the problem a few-hundred kilometers within the city.

Fixing the traffic control system to decrease the amount of time spent accelerating, decelerating, and idling would help significantly (to reduce air pollution).

The city's strategy to reduce pollution seems to be: make it so tough and dangerous to drive all the reasonable people will take the bus! You (the City) are not addressing real, future transportation needs. I expect a population of 200,000 in five years with 2 ½ times the vehicles. Existing infrastructure isn't sufficient for future (or present) needs. We need a fast way to get north to south and east to west.

City staff should focus on moving traffic through town smoothly. Alternative transportation doesn't work here.

Just so that you are aware, I am an air quality scientist working for one of the many local environmental companies in FTC. Answer is fairly simple—it's cars and trucks. And the more we grow the more cars and trucks there will be. We must improve traffic flow. Acceleration, deceleration and idling account for 75% of the pollution from cars and a good deal of that is from acceleration. Time the lights, eliminate the sensors on side streets, and keep traffic moving!

With all the urban sprawl, FTC will definitely see more and more cars on the roads. The traffic problem is already huge. Growth is inevitable and the city needs to be smart about it. They need to plan ahead and make roads bigger with more overpasses so there aren't so many stoplights. The city already has more than enough stoplights.

The city never planned to move traffic adequately. Not enough through streets for the amount of traffic we have.

Synchronized lights will help more than anything with car pollution

Mason street plan will force traffic onto College, Lemay and Shields. It will not solve the air problem. It will benefit mostly those who walk/bike and live south to come to restaurants downtown—"old town." Railroads will never allow use of tracks. As stated, Vine Street or others close to the city truck route must go far north (Owl Canyon) to be helpful to air problem and other concerns. Restricting traffic/auto use while allowing city/county sprawl is at counter-purpose. The City must work with the County!!

We need more left turn and right turn lanes to expedite traffic flow and prevent idling motors.

Your traffic lights are the worst in lack of coordination I've found.

Need to plan and construct improved road system, more four-lane thoroughfares, less stop and go congestion.

Your street signal system needs to be improved. I do not like sitting at stop lights for long periods of time—not just for air quality, but I'm alone. My car doors are always locked, but safety is as big a concern. Sitting next to someone who is blaring a car stereo is not healthy either. There are a vast number of exhaust-belching vehicles that have no rear license plates in this state. If you have a regulation, enforce it.

I feel the amount of time my vehicle runs to go four miles each way to work has grown by 30% over the last few years. We're polluting terribly because of stagnant traffic—this stinks!

Synchronize stoplights.

Do away with the useless one-way streets. These start no where and go no where but create a big problem to set stoplights. I have frequently counted over 100 cars stopped at one time at the corner of College and Mulberry. This is caused a lot by the one-way streets. This means over 100 cars ongoing, idling and accelerating constantly during rush hours. These are the worst pollution times of any motor vehicle. If we do need one-way streets, use Mason St. south along the railroad clear out of town and Remington from Spring Creek north.

With the growing population, and more cars and diesel vehicles on our streets, pollution is here to stay. A truck by-pass or restrictions on truck travel through the city would improve pollution some.

I live south of Horsetooth in Arborgate. I can't open windows on the north side because of pollution—noise and dust included. Problem increased when speed limit went up to 40 miles per hour. Traffic is heavy and fast.

Repave roads instead of chip seal—chip and seal generates a lot of dust. Loose gravel is dangerous to bicyclists and chips car windows and car paint. Also, gravel is left in the bike lanes.

Vehicle idling time is a major cause of air pollution in FTC. We have to start planning to build overpasses over railroad crossings at major intersections. Expensive yes—but we have to start somewhere. How many cars stand idling each day while waiting for trains to pass? Hundreds? Thousands? I would like some math whiz to calculate how many hours each day cars are running while waiting for trains. Thanks for doing this survey.

I would also like to see better traffic light timing so a trip across town doesn't take 25 minutes—used to only take 5-10! Also, need more incentives to drive less.

Traffic congestion is the major air pollution problem. The time added up daily as cars just idle at stoplights is unbelievable. Timing of traffic lights, more right-turn-only intersections so no traffic light is needed, and timely road repairs to get the road fully opened up in days or weeks instead of months will reduce air pollution greatly!

A by-pass (truck route) needs to be built ASAP north of the Budweiser plant to keep trucks out of town.

If the train tracks (major ones) were rerouted there would be less stops and goes for cars.

Timing traffic lights should be the biggest concern.

As I see it, the heavy traffic time is around 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on. Because of LONG lines at red lights, many cars can't make it through one or sometimes two green lights. Mountain/College corner is very bad! Others are almost as bad where traffic is heavy at certain times. Can the lights be better adjusted for heavy traffic times as well as lighter traffic times?

Traffic light control will lead to smooth, less aggressive driving and much less pollution.

More buses in FTC are not the answer, but improved signals, which are timed properly, will make our quality of life better.

I really think timing the lights would really help.

#### 16. TRANSFORT

I voted for Transfort tax—don't think there is very good alternative transportation right now; need to improve.

I do not support the expansion of the bus system to solve air pollution, as it is not that effective. The buses are grossly underutilized. The bus lobby has a "drive them and they will ride," philosophy that does not work. Most routes could be handled by a small, airport-type 15-seater bus rather than the "big city" buses we see empty!

Transfort should be upgraded but within the existing budget.

I would take the bus if the **Stop** were closer to my home.

Please fix the pollution-causing Transfort buses.

Need north/south and east/west bus routes to simplify routing.

The bus routes are really bad. I used the bus in Denver and Chicago because the routes traveled in straight lines on regular intervals.

Get all buses to stop “long idling” at all shopping malls if they park longer than one minute. Initiate a new route for Sunday from the “Y” on North College to at least south of College Avenue (say, Barnes & Noble Bookstore) so we old folks are not stuck at home and maybe more people will take the bus!

I find it very sad that the tax was not passed to improve public transportation. I think people need to be more educated on how much we really need that service. If it isn't convenient, we won't use it.

I live near the intersection of Overland Trail and Mulberry. Why are there no bus stops near here? There is a very large community here and we would have to walk to Elizabeth/Overland intersection to catch the bus. Are there financial incentives for commuters to take the bus--i.e., a reduced annual pass or monthly passes like CSU students get?

We really need to improve the bus service in this town, especially in the evenings and weekend (Sunday).

The hundreds of cars driven to high schools could easily be replaced with a few buses. Hewlett-Packard and Budweiser could transport employees via busses. “Park and ride” systems should be encouraged.

Ask high school students and CSU students to reduce their driving. Provide more shuttle service to the mall, movie theaters, old town and outlet malls, etc.

Establish a better bus schedule.

We need to act on this situation (air pollution) “before” it gets as bad as Denver. FTC people need to come up with ways to use the buses all night long as opposed to having all different types of vehicles on the road. The buses also need to go further in their routes, as not everyone works right downtown. The businesses are building eastward and we need to provide for the transportation there and back.

Riding the bus to do errands (shopping) isn't an option due to the merchandise I have to lug around. Also, what am I to do with the merchandise I already have bought when I visit several stores in a row? I can't leave it on the bus . . .

Increase Transfort routes to major employers in the area—HP, Anheuser, Advanced Energy, etc.

Provide bus routes north to Wellington and increase frequency of buses. It takes too long to get anywhere conveniently. A trip from one end of town to the other shouldn't take an hour.

Transfort could be better. I would ride it if it didn't take 45 minutes to get to work three miles away.

No, we do not need more tax dollars thrown at this (transit). We do need more and better roads to move traffic faster.

Most people driving to work cannot ride bikes because they have to have materials along. Many of us work too far away or are physically unable to ride bikes there. That idea is not really applicable. Buses don't run there either after six p.m. when I work. Walking is done for pleasure, but is unrealistic for work/travel due to distances involved. We do not want to subsidize the bus more than we do now.

Not many people use the Transfort system. Spend the money more appropriately.

The bus in FTC is for CSU, elders and "freebies." I have to drive to even catch a bus. The bus system is non-funded because most people don't pay.

Transfort is a ridiculous waste of taxpayer money. You should come back to reality and accept that Transfort will never be used enough to have a significant, positive impact.

We must focus on improving mass transit availability. Currently it is only possible to use mass transit if one both works and lives in the extremely small area of town served by Transfort. If no workable mass transit is developed, then everyone will continue to operate his or her cars.

The air here seems good. Everything is better in Colorado! I don't get out much, but have seen buses with poor exhaust here, but air quality still seems good to me.

I would utilize Transfort more if the buses came to the stop near my house more often than every thirty minutes. Also, I was disappointed to learn that the transit tax wasn't approved. Transfort services need to be expanded. Great move putting the bike racks on buses.

To get people to ride Transfort you need to provide better routes and incentive programs. Also, by all the large businesses moving south of town you force consumers to drive further to run their errands.

We need mass transit and a rail system along the Front Range.

I feel the buses are not safe to allow my 12 year old to ride to swimming, etc., and various other places. Thus, I drive her. Perhaps you could change my image of bus passengers, although my 16 year-old says the people who ride are "scary." That's enough to convince me not to let them ride. They both did last year all summer long and were very uncomfortable in doing so.

Biking and walking are becoming very dangerous and intimidating because of higher speed limits. You need to create trails that go over/under major intersections; otherwise people are too afraid to use alternate routes.

The City consistently gives a mixed message about time spent driving by widening roads and not improving Transfort service routes and frequency. Please think about running busses in the SE part of town. We seldom go to “old town” or the university (CSU).

I believe air pollution is becoming more of a problem and will continue to grow with more residents. I also think having bus service to Denver or linking with RTD could help. Congestion on I-25 affects our city too. Train transport would also be ideal.

Give up on the big Transfort buses!

Do not make the mistake again of a bond issue mixing public transportation with traffic control/pollution issues.

I would consider using the bus if times were more convenient. I don't have time to sit and wait 30-45 minutes for a bus when I get off work.

In my mind the continued increase in auto traffic has to reduce air quality unless alternative transportation becomes a mindset for all of us (not likely). Public transportation must be made more appealing and perhaps mandatory for certain large industrial organizations.

Expand city bus service. I voted for the tax!

I live outside the city limits and the nearest bus stop is 1.5 to 2 miles away.

The big empty buses are a pet peeve. What a waste of money!

I won't ride a Transfort bus until they start sending the right message. I think it is terrible that they advertise cars on buses. It sends a bad message to those waiting at the bus stops. “Buy a car for glamour and excitement.” Don't you know that they are selling to the people who are without cars? I've been telling people this for years. Don't advertise cars and dealerships on City buses. It is a disgrace. Why don't you just shoot yourself in the foot while you're at it?

Transfort needs to re-think their position on full-size buses. They need to get smaller busses until ridership increases to the point it is economical and makes sense. I see too many full size buses with five people riding.

The bus service is so poor it can be considered non-existent!!

Please increase the availability of Transfort. I would gladly ride the bus to work if it was convenient to catch.

Reduce the size of buses, increase routes and operate later in the day.

Buses, both City and School, are awful with black plumes filling the air. This must be stopped.

17. YARD EQUIPMENT AND YARD-RELATED POLLUTION

I find it disturbing to think someone is contemplating any sort of regulating of mowing a lawn. You people have too much time on your hands. Please mind your own business and quit trying to spend tax dollars on frivolous surveys.

It looks as if we have a (air quality) problem, but I don't see that getting rid of mowers will help much.

Colorado is not a natural environment for the kind of grass grown in our yards, not only do they require too much water, but the lawnmowers used to trim them are a significant source of air pollutants (there is little or no emissions equipment on lawnmowers). The City/County should advocate "Zeroscaping" and other incentives—like reduction of property taxes, etc.

Leaf burning should be banned! It serves no purpose but to pollute the air and move debris from one place to another. Ban ditch burning. There has to be another way.

Even Bar-B-Q grills can be obnoxious, and compost piles and dogs and cats

You ask a lot of lawn mower questions. I have a hard time believing this is much of a problem.

How about Bar-B-Q grills? Or leaf-blowers—lots of noise in fall.