



City Manager's

UPDATE

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY

■ August 11, 2016

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ISSUES BEFORE COUNCIL

AUGUST 16 COUNCIL MEETING

- **Setting Ballot Language for November 8, 2016 Special Election to be held in Conjunction with the Larimer County General Election. - postponed to 9/6/16**
 - Setting ballot language regarding Keep Fort Collins Great (KFCG) Sales and Use Tax
- **Majestic Place Annexation and Zoning (Second Reading)**
 - Annexing and zoning property located at the southeast corner of Trilby and Timberline.
- **Utilities Low-Income Assistance program-Income Qualified Rate (IQR) (First Reading)**
 - Propose a discounted rate structure for low income households for electric, water, and wastewater utility services
- **Strategic Plan Adoption**
 - Adoption of the City's 2016 Strategic Plan that was reviewed by Council during a work session on March 22.
- **Initiating the Poudre River Annexation and Zoning (resolution - consent)**
 - Initiating annexation proceedings for the Poudre River Annexation and Zoning, located between Lee Martinez Community Park and Linden Street.
- **Expressing Support for the Larimer County Ballot Issue for the Mental Health, Detox/Substance Abuse Facility and Services (resolution-consent)**
 - Propose a resolution in support of the Larimer County November 8, 2016 ballot issue for the Mental Health, Detox/Substance Abuse Facility and Services. The issue calls for a county-wide sales tax of .25 cents on \$100 dollars, beginning January 1, 2017, to build, improve, maintain, and operate a treatment and detox facility for mental health, alcohol and drug abuse, and associated support services in connection with this facility.
- **Staff report: Healthy Homes/Indoor Air Quality Programs**
 - Celebrate the 5 year anniversary and progress of the Healthy Homes program; discuss the community engagement and partnerships developed over the past 5 years; and inform Council of the continuing enhancement to the radon program.
- **Staff report: Restorative Justice Program**
 - Presentation on success of Restorative Justice program, an alternative method of holding a young offender accountable by facilitating a meeting with the offender, the victim/victim representative and members of the community to determine the harm done by the crime, and how to repair the harm.

AUGUST 23 WORK SESSION

- **Railroad Issues:**
 - Grade Separated Railroad Crossing Prioritization
 - Discussion regarding the effects of the railroad capital improvement projects completed in Greeley, and priority locations for grade separated crossings at railroad crossings in Fort Collins.
 - Vine/Lemay/BNSF Project
 - Discussion of the Alternatives Analysis where Realigned Lemay Avenue crosses the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railway and Vine Drive. Seek Council approval for the Staff recommendation of the Preferred Alternative. Other topics: project benefits, design and construction schedules, and funding scenarios.
- **Broadband Strategic Plan**
 - Discussion and presentation of feasibility work to date and next steps.

AUGUST 30 WORK SESSION

- **Entertainment District**
 - Provide an overview of Entertainment Districts, which allows patrons to carry their alcoholic beverages outside into a defined common consumption area. Staff will be seeking Council direction whether to proceed with proposed Code language to permit Entertainment Districts.
- **Climate Action Plan Progress**
 - Review the elements of the Climate Action Plan and the draft roadmap to achieve the 2020 goals of a 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below 2005 levels;
 - Share examples how the initiatives associated with the Climate Action Plan benefit families, small businesses, and all community members;
 - Illustrate how the City has creatively funded residential energy efficiency (evolution of on-bill financing from City funded to 3rd party funded) and the scalability of these funding models as other programs mature and are vetted;
 - Describe how other communities are funding climate-related work;
 - Review the overall next steps, including the process for finalizing the 2020 roadmap, including messaging and engagement strategies around climate action.
- **Wildlife Management Guidelines Review) and Potential Land Use Code Changes Related to Prairie Dog Management**
 - Review Natural Area Department's "Wildlife Management Guidelines" that were last reviewed by City Council in 2008. While the Guidelines pertain to wildlife on City-owned natural areas, the review will be oriented in particular to prairie dog management. Staff will also discuss potential changes to a number of Land Use Code requirements related to the protection, removal, and mitigation of impacts to prairie dog colonies on development sites.
- **Managing Traffic Congestion in Fort Collins**
 - Review of current and historic traffic congestion conditions in Fort Collins and discussion of policies, efforts and plans underway to help mitigate problem areas.

SEPTEMBER 6 COUNCIL MEETING

- **Resolution Setting 2017-2018 Budget Public Hearings**
- **Community Recycling Ordinance**
 - Add recycling requirements for businesses and apartment complexes by 2020, as well as update the residential trash and recycling (Pay-As-YouThrow) requirements.
- **I-25/SH 392 Interchange Corridor Activity Center design standards**
 - Consider proposed revisions to the I-25/SH 392 Interchange Corridor Activity Center design standards.
- **Staff report: Downtown Poudre River Project**
 - Update City Council on the design of the Poudre River Whitewater Park project, located along the Poudre River east of College Avenue and south of Vine Drive.

SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTION

MONTHLY & YEAR TO DATE

JUNE SUMMARY OVER PRIOR YEAR

	Month	Year to Date
Sales Tax Collected:	8.5%	5.3%
Use Tax Collected Excluding Rebates:	-40.0%	-10.4%

Sales and Use Tax Collected Excluding Rebates: -3.2%

1.8%

Year to date, sales and use tax collections excluding rebates are up 1.8% and total \$67.0 million.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

CITYWIDE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS PROJECT

Funding Source: KFCG/BOB Funds
Estimated Project Budget: \$450,000
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- This project provides a complete City sidewalk inventory, identifies sidewalk inadequacies, and identifies inadequate handicap accessibilities according to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.
- 37,741 accessible ramps have been identified as acceptable, substandard, or missing in accordance with the ADA requirements.

Project Updates:

- Upcoming project locations: Preparing for installation of temporary sidewalk along Willow to Linden. Light and Power is moving light pole at Stuart and Welch for new sidewalk near Riffenburgh Elementary. Communication efforts are beginning with property owners regarding missing segments.
- Current projects: Staff began construction on access to bus stops along West Elizabeth. Staff began construction on arterial ramps. Staff has completed work near O'Dea, Harris Elementary, and CSU Early Childhood Development for access to schools program. Staff has completed 8,865'+ of the Pedestrian Improvement Program. Staff is finalizing easement agreements for work along Stover and Strachan. Staff is continuing to collaborate with CSU staff regarding final layout for the NRRC connection between Centre Avenue and MAX Spring Creek Station. CSU is reviewing legal implications with the lease with the GSA regarding a pedestrian easement for NRRC.

More information is available at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/pedneeds.php>

SHIELDS STREET AND DRAKE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Funding Source: Federal Hazard Elimination Grant (90%)/Local Match (10%)
Estimated Project Budget: \$986,000
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- The main goal of this project is to reduce the accident rate that occurs at this intersection by installing dedicated right turn lanes in the north and southbound movements. A reduced movement concept is also being considered to the Raintree Dr./Davidson Rd. intersection 400 feet south of Shields and Drake.
- As a result of meeting Federal requirements this project is anticipated to go to construction in the summer of 2016.



Project Updates:

- The project began on July 18.
- Tree removal, general excavation and existing utility exploration have been occurring during the month of July.
- Contractor is cognizant of lane rental fee and has been responsible in using lane closures only when warranted by work – keeping traffic delays in this area to a minimum.

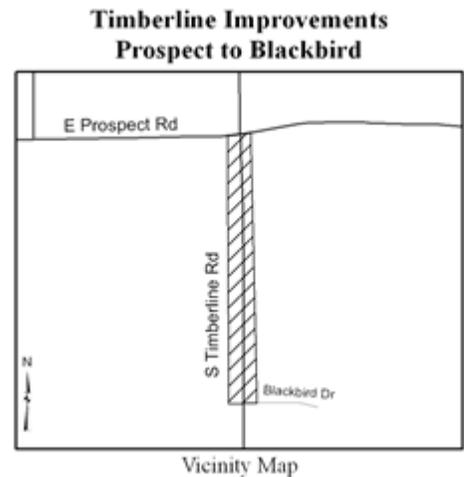
More information is available at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/shields-drake.php>

TIMBERLINE IMPROVEMENTS – PROSPECT TO BLACKBIRD

Funding Source: Building on Basics (BOB)
Estimated Project Budget: \$5.0m
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- The goals of this project are to improve air quality, reduce vehicle wait time and reduce the accident rate by constructing a free-right turn and acceleration lane from eastbound Prospect to southbound Timberline; as identified in our Arterial Intersection Prioritization Study.
- The 2005 ballot language stated this project will expand Timberline Road to four (4) lane arterial standards including:
 - Travel lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes and landscaped medians.
 - Improvements to the Prospect and Timberline intersection and all its approaches to add additional turn lanes.
- The project will add a sidewalk connection for southbound Timberline from Prospect to Blackbird.
- The project is likely a Two Phase project (Phase One – Roadway work 2016, Phase Two – Great Western Maintenance and Signal Improvements).
- Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2016.



Project Updates:

- Mountain Constructors focused on Prospect medians, storm sewer inlets and pipe, and roadway widening along Timberline Road.
- As of July 15, the grain silos are relocated.
- As August moves forward, traffic congestion will become worse due to the contractor using more lane rental to complete the contract work.

More information is available at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/prospect-timberline.php>

DOWNTOWN RIVER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS

Funding Source: Federal Grants/Local Funds/DDA Funds
Estimated Project Budget: \$1.4M
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- The City has completed two design projects within the Downtown River District: 1. Developing an implementation plan for improvements along Jefferson Street between



College Avenue and the Mountain /Lincoln intersection based on the available budget, and 2. Developing a conceptual design for improvements along Willow Street between North College Avenue and Linden Street.

Project Updates:

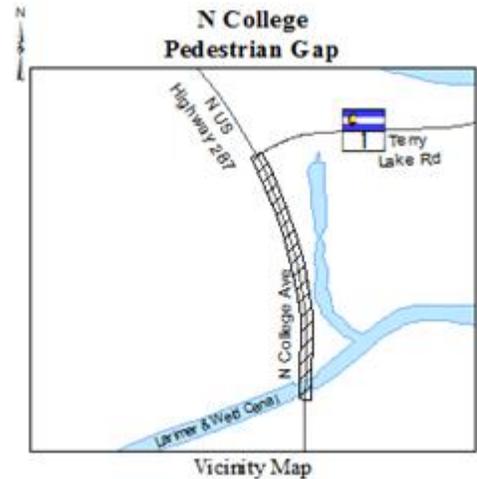
- Staff continues coordination with various agencies in an effort to better understand existing utilities, planned utility improvements, and other services provided within the Jefferson Street Improvements project’s vicinity.
- Upcoming months will see continued utility coordination, public engagement, environmental investigations, and refined plan development.

NORTH COLLEGE PEDESTRIAN GAP

Funding Source: CMAQ Grant/URA Contribution/Pedestrian Program Funds
Estimated Project Budget: \$900,000
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- The primary goal of this project is to complete a gap in pedestrian infrastructure from Highway 1 to the south side of the Larimer & Weld Canal.
- This project will construct a pedestrian connection crossing the Larimer & Weld Canal extending north to SH 1 (Terry Lake Rd). The project impacts a federal highway, and is located outside the City limits but within the Growth Management Area.



Project Updates:

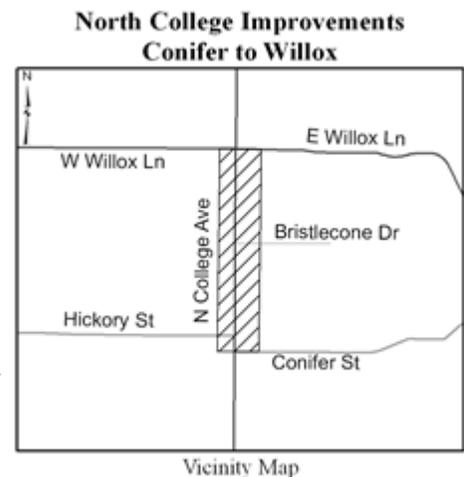
- Staff has developed conceptual level pedestrian connection alternatives. Based on conceptual level cost estimates, existing funding will not be sufficient to construct improvements on both sides of the road.
- Larimer County and City staff are coordinating to apply for federal grant funding. The additional funding would enable multimodal improvements on both sides of the road. [Successful applicants will be notified by the end of 2016, with funding available as early as mid-2017.](#)
- [Staff has initiated the preliminary engineering design and environmental investigation phases. The preliminary engineering phase will design improvements on both sides of the road so as to be best prepared in the event additional funds are awarded to the project.](#)
- Staff continues to coordinate with both Larimer County and Colorado Department of Transportation staff to define planned improvements.

NORTH COLLEGE IMPROVEMENTS – CONIFER TO WILLOX

Funding Source: Federal Grants/Local Matching Funds
Estimated Project Budget: \$12m
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- The intent of this project is to design and construct improvements along North College Avenue from the Conifer/Hickory intersection to Willox Lane, bringing this section of North College up to four-lane arterial standards as defined by the Larimer County Urban Area Street



Standards. Both medians and sections of the planned rear access roads are included in the project.

Project Updates:

- The contractor still has minor landscaping repairs for adjacent property owners and CDOT contract closeout. This work has been ongoing through July.
- All work within the roadway is completed.

LINCOLN CORRIDOR PROJECT – 1ST STREET TO LEMAY AVENUE

Funding Source: General Fund Reserves, Street Oversizing Fund, previously committed developer local street obligations, savings from Woodward interim improvements

Estimated Project Budget: \$6.5m

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- This phase of the overall Lincoln corridor plan includes improvements along Lincoln Avenue between 1st Street and Lemay Avenue.
- Subsequent phases include improvements to the Poudre River Bridge and improvements along Lincoln Avenue to Jefferson Street.
- Project intent is to create a multi-modal design along Lincoln Avenue that will include creating a street with a unique identity, improving the mobility, safety, and experience for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and vehicles, and creating an environment where local businesses can thrive.

Project Updates:

- Construction starts the first week of August.

COLLEGE AND PROSPECT INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

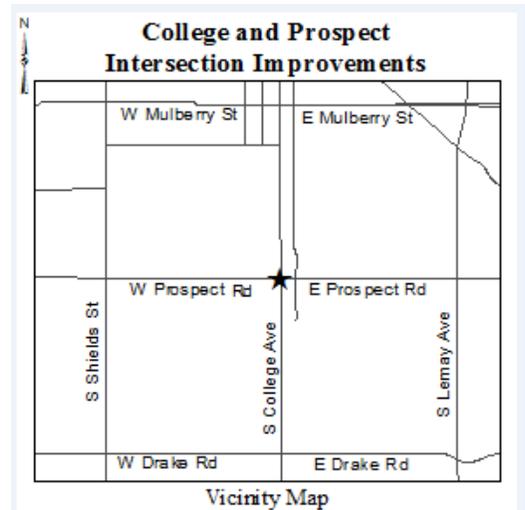
Funding Source: Mid-Budget Approval of 2016 Capital Projects Fund

Estimated Project Budget: \$2.7 M

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- The Colorado State University (CSU) Medical Center project at the northwest corner of this intersection, presented an opportunity for the City to address other existing deficiencies which were identified in the *2011 Arterial Intersection Prioritization Study*.
- The goals of the project are to address safety, operational, and congestion issues primarily focused on Prospect Road by:
 - Adding turn lane capacity to existing turn lanes
 - Constructing new turn lanes and medians on Prospect Road
 - Improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- The City and Colorado State will work collaboratively on the intersection improvements, with each entity funding their own design and construction obligations.



Project Updates:

- ROW process moving forward for commercial properties. Staff is working with residential owners on design options and ROW.
- Project is at 30% design. Staff is evaluating options and impacts of design, ROW and construction schedule for 2017 or 2018. Update memo was sent to Council 7/21/16.
- Staff is coordinating design and construction with CSU Medical Center schedule. CSU plans to finalize design this fall and begin construction early in 2017.

More information available at: <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/college-prospect.php>

VINE AND LEMAY BNSF IMPROVEMENTS

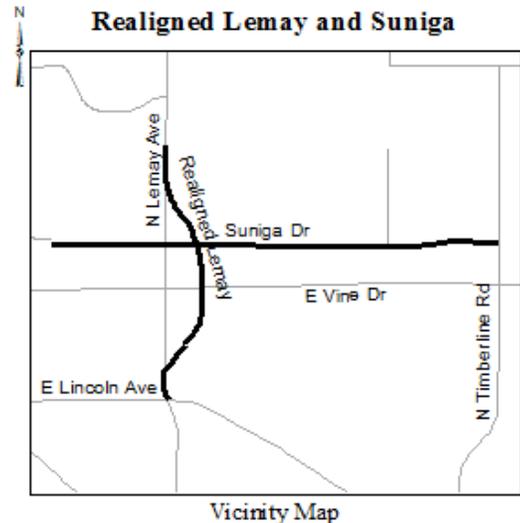
Funding Source: Keep Fort Collins Great (KFCG)

Estimated Project Budget: \$1.0 M

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- The existing Vine and Lemay intersection, which includes the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway crossing, is severely congested with limited options to expand through or turn lane capacity due to land use constraints.
- Lemay Avenue realignment and intersection improvements have been prioritized as the City's #1 Transportation Capital Improvement Project
 - The realignment has been on the City's Master Street Plan since the mid-1980's
 - The project area is included within the City's Mountain Vista Subarea Plan which was created as a long-term planning vision for the northeast section of Fort Collins
 - The improvements will construct a new roadway and intersection slightly northeast of the existing Vine and Lemay intersection. The new intersection will be realigned Lemay and Suniga Drive.
- The City is investigating a number of interim and ultimate solutions that include new at-grade intersections or overpass/underpass of the BNSF Railway and existing Vine Drive



Project Updates:

- AECOM and City staff have developed a communication and public outreach plan as preparation for collecting public feedback related to alternative crossings of the BNSF Railway.
- Staff is currently working on right-of-way acquisitions and an alternatives analysis report, as well as moving towards a 30% design. Coordinating schedules with Stormwater work in the area for excavation of the NECCO backbone, and detention pond to use the fill material for realigned Lemay.
- Staff will present a project status update at the August 23 Council Work Session.

More information is available at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/vine-lemay.php>

LINCOLN CORRIDOR PROJECT – POUDBRE RIVER BRIDGE TO 1ST STREET

Funding Source: BOB 2.0

Estimated Project Budget: \$5.4m

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- This phase of the overall Lincoln corridor plan includes replacement of the Poudre River bridge and road between the bridge and 1st Street.
- Project intent is to add to the ongoing Lincoln Corridor project creating a street with a unique identity, improving the mobility, safety, and experience for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and vehicles, to include an enhanced bridge that will meet the intent of the overall project.

Project Updates:

- 65% design submittal due August 1.
- Construction start date estimated first week of December.

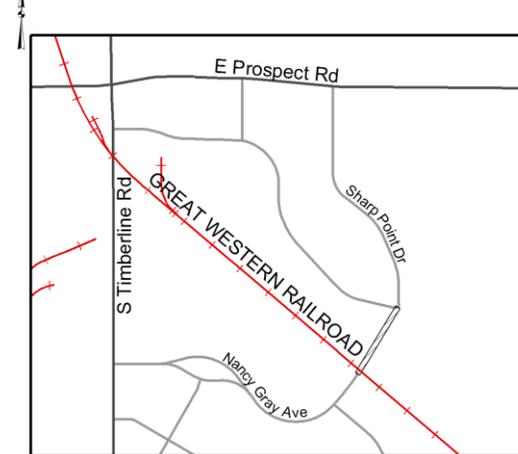
SHARP POINT/NANCY GRAY CONNECTION

Funding Source: Street Oversizing
 Estimated Project Budget: \$1 M
 Status: On Schedule

Project Details:

- The City Master Street Plan identifies Sharp Point Drive and Nancy Gray Avenue connected across the Great Western Railroad tracks.
- City Staff has identified the connection as a priority due to the following:
 - Recent development to the south

Sharp Point/Nancy Gray Connection



Vicinity Map

COLORADO STATE PROJECT COORDINATION

Funding Source: Colorado State
 Estimated Project Budget: None
 Status: On Schedule

Project Details:

- Prospect and Center bicycle and pedestrian underpass, along with Center Avenue improvements between Bay Farm and Lake
- Elizabeth and Shields feasibility study of grade separation, along with surface intersection improvements to improve safety and relieve congestion
- Laurel / Washington and Laurel / Sherwood pedestrian enhancements
- Whitcomb sidewalk improvements (east side) Prospect to Lake
- Whitcomb sanitary sewer line (stadium flow)
- College and Lake (northbound left turn lane improvements)
- Lake and Center intersection improvements
- Lake Street bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- Game Day Operations Plan

Project Updates:

- Prospect lane closures at Center continued through end of May, with the underpass to be completed in August.
- Elizabeth and Shields Communication, Public Outreach and Design / Build Team selection occurred in May.
- Whitcomb sanitary project construction began in May 2016.

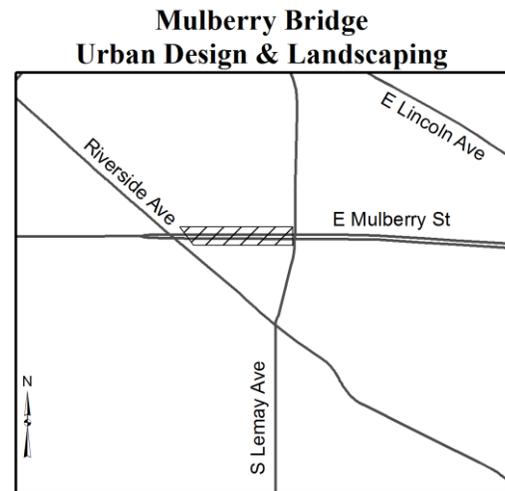
More information available at <http://source.colostate.edu/construction-and-parking/>

MULBERRY BRIDGE URBAN DESIGN AND LANDSCAPING

Funding Source: City of Fort Collins
Estimated Project Budget: \$750,000
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- This project will complete the landscaping and urban design improvements along the section of Mulberry Street between Lemay Avenue and Riverside Avenue to a level consistent with City standards.
- Planned improvements will coordinate and be consistent with recently constructed improvements on Lemay Avenue north of Mulberry Street, along the Poudre River Trail, and developments within the project's general vicinity.



Vicinity Map

Project Updates:

- The City has executed construction contracts with Korby Landscape to construct the landscape and urban design improvements.
- The City will use an on-call contract with Connell Resources to attach decorative cable to the bridge pillars.
- Preliminary landscape work outside of the roadway, and not impacting traffic, has started.
- Work impacting traffic will take place after East Prospect Road is reopened.

More information available at: <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/mulberryenhancement.php>

CAPITAL PROJECTS – UTILITIES

AVERY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CONVERSION

Funding Source: System Improvement & Additions
Estimated Phase 1B Project Budget: \$475,000.
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- 354 Avery Park Neighborhood Lot Conversion
- Phase 1B: Rear lot conversion (84 lots) design
- Contractor, City and homeowner coordination
- Potholing and mainline boring
- Primary vault installation
- Streetlight upgrade
- New meter socket installation by a contract electrician
- Cable make-up and pulling
- Energize

Project Updates:

- Potholing is ongoing



Transformer Setting

- Mainline boring is complete
- Contracted electricians are installing meter sockets
- Project coordination and homeowner communications are ongoing
- Installation of primary vaults – two of seven are complete
- Cable make-up and pulling is underway

DRAKE TO LAKE STREET DUCT BANK

Funding Source: Development Fees
 Estimated Project Budget: \$600,000
 Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- 1.2 miles of duct bank
- Design, easements, and project coordination
- Locates and pot holing, excavation, and construction
- [Flagging permit from the railroad](#)
- Duct bank, vault and conduit installation, and cable pulling
- Electric termination, and reenergizing

Project Updates:

- Work continues and the utilities easements and permits
- Construction schedule coordination continues with CSU /CSurf/Prospect lane closures
- Completed construction of the duct bank on Bay road to the Southside of Sherwood lateral
- Installed vaults and duct bank on Lake Street to the railroad tracks
- Waiting for dewatering permit from the State of Colorado
- Repaving is ongoing



Duct Bank Installation

EAST HARMONY DUCT BANK – TIMBERLINE TO ZIEGLER

Funding Source: Development Fees
 Estimated Project Budget: \$1,500,000
 Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- Three Phase Project
- Phase 2: 1.1 miles of duct bank installation
- Design, route identification, and project coordination
- Permits, easements, and Right-of-way permits
- Locates, pot holing, excavation and construction
- Duct bank, vault, conduit, and cable installation
- Electric termination and reenergizing

Project Updates:

- Section one of six bores is complete
- Waiting for the railroad permit
- The twelve vault installation is underway



Duct Bank Prep

BOXELDER CREEK OUTFALL

Funding Source: Fort Collins and Timnath Escrow Fund
Estimated Project Budget: \$4,100,000
Status: On Schedule

Project Details:

- 6 – 12' wide x 4' high RCBC under East Prospect
- 2 – 14' wide x 5' high RCBC on Boxelder Creek under East Prospect
- New siphon to replace existing flume on Lake Canal at Boxelder Creek

Upcoming Work:

- Replacement of Bridge on Boxelder Creek on East Prospect Under Construction



Setting precast concrete boxes for the Boxelder overflow spillway

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY CHLORINE CONTACT BASIN

Funding Source: Water
Estimated Project Budget: \$9,243,000
Status: On Schedule

Project Details:

- Crews setting shoring for first elevated slab placement

Upcoming Work:

- Form work, rebar for slabs and walls
- Install influent and effluent pipelines
- Start-up and commission



CCB shoring set-up for the elevated slabs

MICHIGAN DITCH TUNNEL

Funding Source: Water
Estimated Project Budget: \$8,308,000
Status: On Budget, On Schedule

Project Details:

- Work continues 7 days a week
- Inlet structure construction started

- Tunnel is 360' into the mountain

Upcoming Work:

- Road maintenance
- Hobas carrier pipe delivery will be in August
- Coordination with Colorado State Parks



Inside the Tunnel

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

POLICE SERVICES

Patrol Officers handled 9,800 incidents during the month of July (historically one of the highest months for call volume), resulting in 1,854 criminal cases. Transient/Homeless related calls for service continue to average a 40% increase over last year, and are a source of significant resource demands. As many as 35 transient/homeless related calls for service are being handled by day shift officers in a 10 hour period.

The Neighborhood Enforcement Team, working with regional federal, state and local agencies, worked on two prostitution operations with the intent of impacting both the supply and demand for the sex trade in the city of Fort Collins and Northern Colorado. The operations were geared for the week of Cheyenne Frontier Days to impact the increase in ads posted by traveling prostitutes during this high traffic time in this region. Ten males were arrested for soliciting prostitution on the first day of the operation and five suspected prostitutes/escorts were cited for various crimes on the second day. All the women were interviewed to determine their possible victimization in the human trafficking industry.

Patrol officers increased presence along the South College corridor on weekend nights in July in an effort to impact the behaviors associated with cruising. Several citations were issued during this specific time frame. The violations included exhibition of acceleration, reckless driving, speed contests, unreasonable noise, and trespassing. This is an ongoing concern that fluctuates seasonally throughout the year.

Fireworks enforcement and education was again a focus leading up to the 4th of July holiday. During the 8 night special enforcement period, a total of 445 fireworks complaints were received (many are duplicative calls on the same incident). Of those 445 complaints, over half were received within a 5 hour window of time on July 4th. Thirty-two citations were issued for illegal fireworks during this enforcement period with a significant amount of fireworks seized.

Hiring and training are continual challenges at Police Services. Current processes for police officers, records technicians, dispatchers, and technical positions are currently underway. There are two officer trainees in the police academy and nine officers attending the in-house training program.

POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY

Notable Poudre Fire Authority responses

July 1 – PFA launched a new social media campaign called "Firehouse Faces." The intent is to take community members behind the scenes of our organization and introduce them to the wonderful people who provide services to the community 24/7/365 and make PFA great.

July 3 – Firefighters rescued five people from a lake southeast of Wellington after the wind picked up, making it so they couldn't get back to shore. There were no reported injuries.

Crews were dispatched to Cobb Lake, located east of Interstate 25, after a 911 caller reported several people were in the middle of the lake and unable to get out of the water. When firefighters arrived on scene, they confirmed there were five people -- an adult and four juveniles -- in the water, clinging to a single-person kayak. Two rescue swimmers and PFA's rescue boat brought the five people to shore, where they were seen by PVH/UC Health emergency medical services professionals.

Fortunately, everyone was wearing personal floatation devices, or PFDs. Anyone recreating in or near water should wear PFDs.



July 4 – The holiday proved busy for our crews.

1. PFA firefighters responded about 5:30 p.m. to the **Cathy Fromme Prairie Natural Area** in Fort Collins where a fire burned roughly 2 acres. First-arriving crews got on scene to find a fire burning in a grassy area about 100 feet to the northwest of the natural area parking lot. They got the fire under control at 6:10 p.m. The fire was declared out at about 7 p.m. The trail was closed for roughly an hour during that time, re-opening just before 6:15 p.m. The cause of the fire was determined to be related to fireworks.
2. **Lady Moon Fire:** PFA firefighters were mopping up after a fire broke out about 6:15 p.m. in southeast Fort Collins. They got control of the fire about 7:25 p.m. The fire burned south of East Harmony Road, moving along a ditch line in a field. Smoke was visible throughout the area, and Strauss Cabin Road -- also known as Larimer County Road 7 -- was temporarily closed as crews fought the fire. Investigators determined the fire started when a hay baler threw off sparks. Thanks to our partners at [Loveland Fire Rescue Authority](#) for helping us with this fire.

July 5 – Thanks to the *The Coloradoan* for coming out to capture the inaugural use of our *BullEx* virtual fire attack board. The board simulates various types of fires and is waterproof, able to withstand spray from a hose. PFA won't stop training with real fire. However, this tool allows for a training alternative that's cheaper and more efficient, allowing for quicker training evolutions. View the video at <http://bit.ly/bullexpfa>.

July 12 – A heartfelt thanks goes to Pete Taylor, a volunteer firefighter who retired after 14 years. You have sacrificed for and served this community. Your PFA family will miss you.

July 22 – We likely learned this as children: "Move to the right for sirens and lights" and stop. Still, there are motorists who don't obey the law and create potentially unsafe conditions for PFA firefighters and other emergency responders. Learn more about how you can help at bit.ly/movetotherightinfo.

This message is part of a larger "Move to the Right" campaign that includes education in new- and older adult-driving schools; public messaging on social media; and partnerships with local media to reach a broader audience.



July 30 - The Inlet Bay Marina - Poker Run (fundraiser for volunteer Station 9, by Horsetooth Reservoir) was a great success, with more than \$6,000 being raised for the station. The individual who championed the cause this year was a patient, with Station 9 volunteers the first to arrive on scene when she was in an accident in 2015. She took it upon herself to run the event and donate much of her and her husband's time to show her appreciation for the care volunteers gave and the dedication they showed in helping her through a very rough day.

Additional Information

PFA's three newest engines will be delivered to Poudre Fire Authority before the end of August. The engines were built by Rosenbauer LLC, in Wyoming, Minnesota. These engines will be stationed at Stations 4, 6 and 8. The engines employ state-of-the art technology and are "Green Star," which means they utilize battery power, instead of fuel when at idle, resulting in less fuel burned and a decreased footprint. One of the three engines utilizes a rebuilt engine and transmission from the apparatus being replaced, providing a large cost savings.



BUILDING AND PLANNING ACTIVITY

YEAR TO DATE COMPARISONS

	2015 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change
Development Project Submittals Rec'd	220	222	+0.91%
Conceptual/Preliminary Design Reviews/Staff Reviews Performed	119	184	+54.62%
Building Permits Issued	5,537	4,195	-24.24%
Building Permit Valuations (\$M)	\$286.29	\$257.66	-10%

Building Inspections Performed	19,506	17,682	-9.35%
Plan Reviews Performed	1,423	1,523	+7.03%

Overall development review revenues are \$565,609 over projection for 2016 as of July 31st, with Development Review over by \$423,990 and Engineering Development Review over by \$141,619.

PROJECTS OF NOTE-STATUS AND UPDATES

Development/Planning Projects of Note

Status/Updates

Capstone Cottages	The Capstone Cottages Final Development Plan is currently being reviewed by staff.
Downtown Plan	The Plan is in Phase 4 – Document Development. Staff will be presenting a draft plan to the public and boards and commissions beginning in August. Anticipated adoption for Fall 2016.
Fireworks Committee	<p>A committee comprised of Fort Collins Police, Poudre Fire Authority, CPIO, and Neighborhood Services staff has been meeting to coordinate efforts around outreach, education and enforcement related to fireworks. Additional efforts to get ready for July 4th included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to City Council on June 7, 2016 • Press release and articles in the Coloradoan • Social media • Work with Parks Staff to ensure additional signage was placed along the parade route and through City Park during the event. <p>The committee plans to have a follow-up meeting to discuss results and any needed updates/changes to codes and process.</p>
Foothills Mall Redevelopment	<p>Construction is wrapping up smoothly. Weekly meetings with City Staff and the developer have been suspended. Such meetings will be scheduled as needed. Increase in number of tenant finish permits being issued throughout the site. Inspection workloads on-site are increasing but still manageable with staff resources.</p> <p>Residential construction is fully underway. The first phase includes Lot 6 (Community Building and one multi-family building) on the southernmost edge of the site along Stanford and Lot 4 (five multi-family buildings and the swimming pool) located midway along Stanford. There continues to be some concern about noise; however, the contractor is adhering to all City requirements and is generally not working over the weekends, giving residents some reprieve. Work is anticipated to last for approximately 24 months for this portion of the construction.</p>
I-25/392 Interchange Corridor Activity Center (CAC) design standards	Revisions to the I25/SH 392 Interchange Corridor Activity Center design standards are scheduled for review by the Fort Collins P&Z on August 11 and City Council on

	September 6.
Lincoln Corridor Plan – Neighborhood Project Implementation	Of the ten funded neighborhood projects, six are complete and four are ongoing (neighborhood artwork, Streets Facility park enhancements, brewery wayfinding, and alley improvements). The artist selected for the neighborhood artwork project met again with the Neighborhood Advisory Committee on July 13, and outreach and planning for the park are in progress. The committee will have additional meetings during the summer, including Neighborhood Ice Cream Social on August 10 to showcase the neighborhood projects and gather additional input from the public.
Food Truck Vendor Requirements	The Planning and Zoning Board made a recommendation on prospective Land Use Code changes to Council on June 9. City Council passed First reading of the ordinance on this item on June 21, 2016. Second Reading has been postponed until Nov. 15 th to allow for more public dialogue.
Neighborhood Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications plan was been developed • New website has been created • Pilot program – currently accepting applications; closed August 5th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 14 applications received so far ○ Have group on North College that is extremely excited to get started ▪ Collaborating closely with FCbikes for the September Open Streets event that will include getting support for neighborhood organizing efforts ▪ Will be doing some art projects as part of this that they hope to put throughout their neighborhoods ▪ Has done a lot of work with the mobile home parks to get them excited about organizing, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schedule and agendas currently being developed for initial meetings • Working with Martin Carcasson/CSU Center for Public Deliberation to develop leadership/participatory democracy curriculum – bought him out of one of his classes so he can give us focused time and effort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exploring opportunities with the Kettering Foundation ○ Researching best practices and most current ideas around neighborhood democracy ○ Exploring programs available through existing organizations and partnering ○ Will result in actual curriculum and plan
Oakridge Crossing	Oakridge Crossing is a proposed mixed-use project located in the Oakridge Business Park. The project includes several modifications of standards to the Fort Collins Land Use Code. The Planning and Zoning Board considered it at their July 14 th hearing. The Oakridge Crossing Project Development Plan and the Modification of Standards to

	Sections 3.2.2(K)(1)(a) and 4.26(D)(6)(b)(2) were approved by the Planning and Zoning Board. The modification of standard to Section 4.26(D)(6)(b)(3) was denied.
Old Town Neighborhood Plan and Design Guidelines	The Plan is in Phase 4 – Implementation and Document Development. Staff will be presenting a draft plan to the public and boards and commissions beginning in August. Anticipated adoption for Fall 2016. For more information on the project please visit the project webpage at http://fcgov.com/otnp . Additional outreach opportunities will be available this summer.
Smoking Ordinance Expansion Options	<p>Signage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developed a more regulatory-focused sign that is being proposed for the perimeter of the Downtown No-Smoking Zone and for specific problem areas Downtown. Approval was obtained – installs will begin in the next week ○ Requesting approval to add sidewalk signage similar to Dismount Zone <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Code Compliance continues to provide education in the Downtown area and for special events <p>Enforcement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus for the first year (through December, 2016) is on education and outreach with little emphasis on writing tickets; however, some have been written.
Social Host	<p>Education and Outreach committee has been established.</p> <p>Work continues to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education campaign ready to roll out in August. ○ Enforcement of new ordinance scheduled to begin in August/September
West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phase IV (plan development/adoption) is in progress and the draft plan is available online at fcgov.com/westelizabeth. The public comment period has been extended through the end of August, and the plan is expected to come before Council for consideration of adoption in mid-October.
Electronic Plan Review	First Reading of the Electronic Plan Review Appropriation Ordinance was passed on July 5, 2016. Second reading on July 19 was approved. Staff is working towards implementation.

PROJECTS UNDER APPEAL

320 Maple Mixed-Use Project Development Plan

320 Maple, an Administrative Type 1 project, is a proposal for a three-story, mixed-use building with partial fourth-story loft spaces to be located on the northeast corner of Maple and Meldrum Streets. On April 25th, this proposal was heard and denied by the Type 1 Administrative Hearing Officer. On May 9th, the Hearing Officer's decision was appealed by the applicant. The City Council heard the appeal on July 12, 2016.

Findings from Appeal of 320 Maple Development Proposal from July 12 Council Appeal:

Council considered adoption of the resolution of findings for the Council appeal hearing regarding the 320 Maple development plan. The plan had been denied by the administrative hearing officer. Council overturned the hearing officer's decision, so the proposal may proceed.

SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A brief survey about the future of solid waste in Larimer County wrapped up on July 31. The survey asked how residents currently dispose of their garbage, recyclables, food scraps and yard trimmings, as well as their priorities in addressing future waste and recycling options. The results will help shape a series of facilitated public forums. Elected officials and staff across the county have formed a Regional Watershed Coalition to help move the region from a waste disposal management approach to one of resource recovery and materials management. Forums on the project will be held in September throughout the county, including a meeting in Fort Collins from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, September 17. *Read more* about the fall forums.

The updated Community Recycling Ordinance includes slight changes to the way trash haulers charge for single-family trash and recycling service as well as a requirement that businesses and apartment complexes recycle by 2020. A draft ordinance is scheduled to go to City Council on September 6. Keep updated and learn more at www.fcgov.com/recycling/update.php.

On August 22, the new Timberline Recycling Center will be open at 1903 Timberline Road. The new location will continue to be available seven days a week during daylight hours. In addition, the new Timberline Recycling Center will include a hard-to-recycle section for a \$5 entrance fee and an additional fee will be charged for some materials. *Learn more* about the new center at fcgov.com/recycling/timberline.php.

On July 21, the Larimer County Board of Health presented the 2016 Public Health Hero Award to Mary Pat Aardrup and Selina Lujan, the creator and the coordinator, respectively, of the City of Fort Collins' Healthy Homes program. The Healthy Homes program is designed to improve indoor air quality to protect the health of children and adults by providing free home assessments to Fort Collins residents. By the end of July 2015, the City program had completed 555 assessments. *Read more* about the award at <http://www.larimer.org/news/newsDetail.cfm?id=4281>.

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

The deadline was August 4 to pre-apply for \$1.6 million in grant funding dedicated to the creation of affordable housing. Pre-applications to the City were accepted July 14 - August 4. Successful pre-applicants received almost immediate notification of eligibility to proceed with a formal submittal. The deadline for final submittals is Thursday, August 25. For more information, contact Beth Rosen at 970.221.6812 or brosen@fcgov.com.

ECONOMIC HEALTH

The City of Fort Collins and Innosphere, the community's business incubator, will co-host a business contest around understanding and quantifying actual electric vehicle charging patterns in Fort Collins. The electric vehicle or EV challenge opened July 21. Finalists in the competition will present at Colorado State University's 21st Century Energy Transition Symposium September 28-29. *Read more* about the competition and how to enter at <http://fortzed.com/innovate-fort-collins/>.