

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Monthly report to the Fort Collins City Council and community

June 4, 2009

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ISSUES BEFORE COUNCIL

Mountain Vista Subarea Plan

- The process to update the 1999 Plan initiated in March 2008 is in the final stages of development in preparation for adoption by Council. A second work session is scheduled with City Council on June 9th for staff to obtain direction to proceed with completion of the update.
- Staff is working with the consultants to complete final analysis and update sections of the original Plan document. Summaries of this information will be available for review as completed. The following meetings are scheduled during the last stage of the Update process:

June 9 - City Council Work session

June - July - Boards and Commission review meetings

July 16 - Property owner meeting

July 23 - Public Open House

August 19 - Transportation Board Recommendation

August 20 - Planning and Zoning Board Recommendation

September 15 - City Council Hearing

Economic Health/Financial Issues

- The economic health team will present an economic and financial update to City Council at a work session on June 9th. The presentation will cover the following topics:
 - **Economic Action Plan** - The overall economic goal for the City is to balance high quality economic development with quality community and environmental goals. The City has strong partnerships with diverse organizations, strategic marketing and promotion of the area to new and expanding businesses, and the City continues to focus on retaining and growing quality primary jobs while also focusing on retaining and building the retail sector.
 - **Economic Update** - The City's unemployment rate of 7.7 percent (March; Bureau of Labor Statistics) remains below the national average of 8.5 percent. In 2008, the each of the target industry clusters actually saw job growth.
 - **Financial Update** - In 2009 the City has faced challenges such as broad economic slowdown, decrease in sales tax collections, decrease in use tax collections, and potential financing difficulties for developers. The City has reduced the General Fund by \$5.6 million and Transportation Fund by another \$4.5 million.
 - **Foothills Mall Project** - Staff will present an idea for the City to take a more proactive role in the early planning steps to facilitate the redevelopment of midtown commercial properties. The idea includes using approximately \$200,000 from the existing budget to fund the hiring of an interdisciplinary consulting team to assist staff in developing a vision and implementation plan for the redevelopment Foothills Mall and support the Mason Corridor BRT project.

FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM (AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT - ARRA)

REGIONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE COLLABORATIVE PAVING PROJECT SHIELDS STREET (CR 17)

Total Project Budget: \$3.4 million

Scope of work: 9.5 miles of asphalt overlay in Larimer County, Berthoud, Loveland and Fort Collins.

Project Management: Larimer County with inspection assistance from each agency

Project Status: Plan Review by CDOT

City of Fort Collins Segments

- Within Fort Collins City Limits: \$1.36 million, 3 miles
Funding Source: ARRA Federal Grant, Pavement Management Program
Anticipated Completion: October 2009
 - Segment 10 Mulberry to Prospect (1 mile)
Scope: 3" Mill and Pave
Estimated Cost: \$825,000
 - Segment 9 South of Harmony (Westbury Drive) to Scenic Drive (1 mile)
Scope: Asphalt patching/prep work only (will schedule for 2010 hot in place recycling due to grant funding limitations)
Estimated Cost: \$250,000
 - Segment 7 Trilby to ½ Mile South of Trilby (Registry Ridge) (0.5 mile)
Scope: 2" Overlay
Estimated Cost: \$225,000
 - Segment 6 ½ Mile South of Trilby to Carpenter Road (CR 32)
Scope: 2" Overlay
Estimated Cost: \$55,000 Fort Collins / \$55,000 Larimer County

ECONOMY

Fort Collins Sales and Use Tax (These amounts are for March sales reported in April.)

April 2009 Statistics (as compared to the same period in 2008)

- Total sales tax decreased 4.0%
- Total use tax decreased 50.6%
- Combined total collections were down 12.0%

2009 Totals

- Total sales tax is down 3.6%
- Total use tax is down 26.7%
- Combined total collections are down 7.1%

CAPITAL PROJECTS

STREET MAINTENANCE/PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Annual Program Budget: \$10.2 million Revised Budget: \$9.7 million

Funding Source: Pavement Management Program (Street Maintenance 1/4 Cent Sales Tax, Transportation Fund, General Fund, and various permit fees)

2009 Concrete and Repaving Projects

- Overlay and Sealcoat Project
Project Status: On Schedule
Anticipated Completion: September 2009
Budget Status: On Budget
- A \$500,000 reduction was made to the Pavement Management Program, resulting in the elimination of the slurry seal project and the fall concrete project on Howes Street. Preparatory concrete and asphalt patching will continue in the slurry seal areas with the expectation that streets will be sealed in 2010.
- Concrete repairs were completed in the English Ranch, Fairbrooke, Greenstone and Willow Springs subdivisions in advance of the overlay and sealcoat projects. Concrete repairs also began in the Foothills Green and Ridgewood Hills neighborhoods.
- Streets crews continued milling and paving operations on North Lemay Avenue and West Drake Road in advance of the Hot in Place Recycling project. Routine patching was completed on South Timberline Road near Stetson Creek. Milling and paving in advance of the overlay project began in the English Ranch subdivision.
- Patching was completed in the Greenstone subdivision by Lafarge, the City's overlay contractor. Overlay of the English Ranch area is scheduled for June.

I-25/SH-392 INTERCHANGE DESIGN

Funding Source: Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) - FHWA Estimated

Project Budget: \$1.9 million

Project Status: Final Design

- The System Level Study for this interchange was approved by the Transportation Commission on January 21, 2009. An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Fort Collins, Windsor and CDOT outlining the distribution of the \$1.9 million for the final design

was finalized and signed in February. A kickoff design meeting was held in the last week of February.

- The project team has begun an accelerated design process with a goal of completing the design by August 2009. In May the project team conducted the CDOT 30% Plan review. The project design is moving forward to the final design stage. Staff is working with the City Council and the Town Board to work out some design issues. The accelerated design process puts the project in the best position for any economic stimulus (ARRA) funding that becomes available. The design will follow the intent of all of the guiding principles adopted by the City Council and the Town Board.

COLLEGE AND HARMONY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Funding sources - 2005 Building on Basics (BOB) - Community Enhancement Projects, STP-Metro Federal and State Funds.

Estimated Project Budget - \$5.5 million

Project status: Preliminary and Final Design in 2009. Construction in 2010.

- The goals of the project are to relieve congestion, improve safety, improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities and to rebuild the intersection with concrete pavement. The project also includes the portion of the West Harmony Road Improvements from the BNSF Railroad tracks to College.
- The Project Design Team is currently finalizing conceptual design. Work during May included a 30% plan review and initiation of the right of way process. Construction is planned for spring and summer of 2010. A grant application for an additional \$625,000 was submitted to the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) for Congestion Relief funding.

EAST PROSPECT ROAD LANDSCAPING

Funding Source: 1997 Building Community Choices (BCC) - Community Enhancement Projects

Estimated Project Budget: \$650,000

Project Status: Construction

- Construction efforts continue along the section of East Prospect Road between the Poudre River Bridge and Summit View Drive. The contractor, L&M Enterprises, Inc., installed nearly all the irrigation mainline for the project, as well as the irrigation laterals for the northwest side of the project. With mainline installation occurring in the medians, L&M temporarily shifted their attention from irrigation installation to median grading and shouldering, completing approximately half the project's median work.
- Wanting to minimize the impact to the traveling public, all work was accomplished while keeping one lane of traffic open. The upcoming months will see the continued installation of the irrigation system, along with the beginning of the installation of the planned landscaping.

MASON BIKE TRAIL EXTENSION – SPRING CREEK TO PROSPECT ROAD

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant along with City of Fort Collins contributions

Estimated Project Budget: \$940,000

Project Status: Construction Plan Update

- The project team is performing final construction plan and specifications updates, including incorporating as-builts of the recently completed Stormwater improvement project that runs alongside the bike trail. The construction will extend the Mason bike trail from Spring Creek underpass to Prospect Road. A new pedestrian bridge will be constructed over Spring Creek. CDOT clearance to advertise the project is expected in June/July 2009.

KINNISON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Funding Source: City Bridge Funds along with City Stormwater and Street Department in-kind contributions

Estimated Project Budget: \$100,000

Project Status: Construction completed

- The Kinnison Bridge replacement was completed within the anticipated budget and is open to full traffic. The number of structurally deficient bridges in the Fort Collins inventory has now been reduced from eleven to ten.

DRAKE ROAD WIDENING

Funding Source: Street Oversizing Funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$280,000

Project Status: Construction

- This project is funded through the Street Oversizing Fund and consists of placing pavement, curb and gutter, parkway and sidewalk to two sections along the south side of Drake Road between Taft Hill Road and Overland Trail. Construction began on Monday, May 18, 2009 by Don Kehn Construction, Inc. The first week of work was spent installing erosion control measures, stripping the widening areas and relocating water services. The project is expected to reach substantial completion in approximately six weeks (July 1, 2009) and will be ready for the hot-in-place recycling project by the Pavement Management Program. The hot-in-place project, following the widening project, will provide a new surface for the entire one mile stretch of Drake Road between Taft Hill Road and Overland Trail and is currently scheduled for the week of July 6 through July 10.
- After the completion of both projects, Drake Road will be a four-lane arterial roadway between Taft Hill Road and Overland Trail.

WEST HARMONY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

SENECA TO COLLEGE

Funding sources - 2005 Building on Basics (BOB) - Community Enhancement Projects, Oversizing Development fees and a Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant.

Estimated Project Budget - \$8 million

Project status: Major construction began in March 2009.

Anticipated Completion Date: Seneca to BNSF – August 14, 2009. BNSF to College Ave - 2010 or 2011 construction.

- The goals of the project are to provide solutions to the problems of high accident rates, congestion, and lack of bicycle and pedestrian facilities along West Harmony Road from

Seneca Street on the west to College Avenue on the east, including the Harmony Road / Shields Street intersection.

- The limits of the project are between Seneca Street and College Avenue and include reconstruction of the Harmony/Shields and Harmony/College intersections. Construction of the section just west of the BNSF Railroad was completed in fall 2008. Construction of the Harmony/Shields Intersection and Harmony Road from Seneca to the BNSF Railroad will be completed by August 14, 2009. Harmony Road from the BNSF railroad tracks to College Avenue, including the Harmony/College intersection, is under design at this time.
- Major construction on Harmony Road from Seneca to BNSF railroad tracks including the Harmony/Shields intersection is about 60% complete.
- Harmony Road is closed west of Shields to Seneca. Shields Street is reduced to a two-lane street with limited movement at the Harmony Road intersection. Work completed in May includes sidewalk, curb and gutter, concrete pavement, asphalt pavement, overhead lighting and traffic signal installations. The two projects are on schedule for the June 12 switch to phase 2 construction.
- Phase 2 construction will focus on the east half of the project under a closure that will not permit access to Shields Street from Harmony Road east of Shields. Harmony Road will be closed from Starflower Drive to Shields Street. Harmony Road will have right turn only access to Shields Street from west of Shields Street. This closure will begin on June 13th and remain in effect until mid-July. Shields will continue to allow two-way through traffic for the duration of the construction.
- The remaining section of Harmony Road from the BNSF Railroad to College Avenue is planned to be built in 2010 or 2011 with the College and Harmony Intersection Improvement Project, which is currently being designed.
- For more information and project background visit: fcgov.com/westharmony/

NORTH COLLEGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant, Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant, Hazard Elimination/Safety Program funds, along with City of Fort Collins contributions

Estimated Project Budget: \$5.6 million

Project Status: Review of Corridor Alternatives

- The City of Fort Collins continues work on the North College Corridor Improvements Project from Vine Drive north to the Hickory/Conifer intersection.
- The second public open house was held on Thursday, May 21, 2009. Attendees provided a mix of opinions regarding street width and amenities, including differences regarding bicycle treatments (on-street bike lanes vs. off-street paths), and median widths. Public support exists for an off-street bike path with sidewalk, though concern exists with potential vehicle conflicts. Support also exists for minimizing the median width. Support was voiced for a long-term street realignment option and for the short-term side by side Northbound and Southbound left turn lanes option. In addition, preference was given for an Outdoor/Natural Theme and the Cultural/Artistic Theme.

Next Steps

- The project team is currently examining options relative to bike paths and sidewalk locations, and median widths. The project team will continue work toward developing the preferred

alternative by evaluating corridor alternatives, incorporating public feedback, data collection and analysis.

- It is anticipated that a draft preferred alternative will be presented to the project’s Technical Advisory Committee on June 4, 2009.
- A third Public Open House will be held July 8, 2009 to present the draft preferred alternative.
- Presentations are planned for the Transportation Board and City Council over the next two months.
- The phasing and prioritization plan will be developed for the preferred alternative to correspond to the available funding and potential future funding opportunities.
- Coordination will continue with City Departments, Colorado Department of Transportation, the Technical Advisory Committee, and The North Fort Collins Business Association.

Project Schedule

- 2009 - Planning, community engagement, visioning, alternatives analysis, selection of preferred alternative, and development of priorities for implementation.
- 2009/2010 - Project development, engineering, rights-of-way acquisition
- 2011 - Construction begins

TRAFFIC SIGNAL RETIMING PROJECT

- Through a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant, the Traffic Operations Department is working on a review of the signal timing on all of the major arterial streets within the City. New timing plans are being implemented with an emphasis on minimizing stops and reducing vehicle emissions.
- The project is on-budget and on schedule for completion by the end of 2009. To date, new peak period timing plans have been implemented and evaluated on Harmony Road from Mason Street east. In addition, new peak period plans have been installed on Timberline Road from Prospect to Trilby, Lemay Avenue from Stuart to Lincoln, and Mulberry Street east of College Avenue. The plans on these three streets are currently being fine tuned. We will be conducting evaluations to gauge the effectiveness of those plans.
- The following table summarizes the results of the before and after evaluation of travel times on Harmony Road from Mason to Lady Moon. This 3.6 mile stretch of road includes eleven traffic signals and a speed limit that varies from 35 to 55 mph. As shown in the table, reductions in travel time were achieved in all three peak periods measured. During the p.m. peak period, which is the busiest time on Harmony Road, travel times were reduced by over a minute in each direction. This represents a significant improvement in operations for motorists on this roadway.

Harmony Road Before/After Travel Time Run Comparison (Mason to Lady Moon)

	Before	After	Change (seconds)	% Change
AM Peak (7 – 8 a.m.)				
Eastbound	417 seconds	375 seconds	42	-10%
Westbound	396 seconds	384 seconds	12	-3%

Midday Peak (12 – 1 p.m.)				
Eastbound	479 seconds	422 seconds	57	-12%
Westbound	454 seconds	408 seconds	46	-10%
PM Peak (4:45 – 5:45 p.m.)				
Eastbound	509 seconds	420 seconds	89	-17%
Westbound	572 seconds	505 seconds	67	-12%

CANAL IMPORTATION PONDS AND OUTFALL (CIPO)

Project Description: Joint Stormwater and Natural Areas Restoration project in the Canal Importation Basin and Red Fox Meadows Natural Area.

Project Budget: \$21,500,000

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: On Schedule

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2011

Highlights:

- Completed all work in Avery Park.
- Completed installation of stormsewer and inlets on Springfield Drive.
- Completed installation of inlets at Castlerock and Oakwood.
- Planting of large trees is done in Fairbrooke Pond.
- Began installation of irrigation system in Red Fox Meadows pond site.
- Completed trails around Red Fox Meadows.
- Completed preparation for next phase of concrete paving on Castlerock and asphalt paving on Springfield. Paving to be complete by mid June.
- Final surfacing of the trail around the north and east sides of Red Fox Meadows has been completed.

MULBERRY INTERMEDIATE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – REPLACEMENT PHASE (3)

Project Description: Replacement of existing process equipment and new odor control structures. Excavation for the new aerated sludge basin.

Project Budget: \$1,500,000

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: 64% Complete – Activated Sludge Basin excavation and backfill continues.

Headworks equipment installation underway

Anticipated Completion: September 2009

PROJECT/PROGRAM UPDATES

UNAPPROVED DWELLING UNIT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

- The Unapproved Dwelling Unit (UDU as it is affectionately referred to) Compliance Program is up and running. Citizens are now able to access the program process information, minimum rental housing requirements and permit application on the City's website

(fcgov.com/nbs/pdf/unapproved-dwelling.pdf). The website also contains a phone number, which connects an owner with a staff member who provides assistance with searching the City's address file, looking for the Certificate of Occupancy or other pertinent information about the approved use of the address. The Accella permit system is ready with a new category of permit developed specifically to track and process the Unapproved Dwelling Units permits.

- The mail out informational brochure is nearing the final draft and will be mailed to owners of rental properties in the coming weeks. In the past few weeks, most likely because of a recent *Coloradoan* article on the UDU program, we have received about 2 dozen phone calls from owners, Realtors, and prospective buyers asking about the program and about a few addresses specifically. Although there appears to be some public interest regarding the new requirement that rental properties with 2 or more dwelling units under one roof obtain a Certificate of Occupancy, not one UDU application has been submitted for review and permit as of this writing.

PORTABLE SIGNS IN THE RIGHT OF WAY (ROW)

- Staff has completed a notification mailing to over 250 businesses and addresses within the portable sign boundary addressing the change in ordinance allowing portable signs to be placed in the ROW. The mailing included an introduction letter, pertinent permit and contact information. Next steps will include staff personnel establishing contact with those businesses that staff has not received an application from that possess portable signs in the boundary. The goal remains to have all allowable signs permitted by July 30, 2009. Staff continues to proactively enforce City Code outside of the sign boundary.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

First Friday Gallery Walk – June 5

- The Gallery Walk is scheduled the first Friday of every month from 6-9:00pm. Old Town Fort Collins galleries remain open for this self-guided tour, refreshments are served, and many offer changing exhibits so there is always something new to see each month.
- For additional information please see FortCollinsArts.org

Fort Collins Irish Festival – June 20-21

- The 2nd Annual Fort Collins Irish Festival is returning to historic downtown Fort Collins at Civic Center Park on June 20 – 21. The Festival will feature twelve renowned local, national and international musical groups bringing to Fort Collins the “Musical entertainment event of 2009”.
- It also features the world famous Guinness Gig Rig, great food fare from local downtown restaurants, new exhibits both historical and cultural, along with interactive activities.
- Irish and Celtic Arts, crafts and merchandise as well as a wealth of merchandise from local downtown businesses participating in the 2009 Festival will be present. For full details visit fortcollinsirishfestival.org.

Independence Day Celebration – July 4

- Celebrate America’s Independence with a day and evening full of family-friendly fun activities, events, music and fireworks in Downtown Fort Collins and City Park.
- The Civic Center Entertainment: The activities and entertainment begin at 11:00am in the Civic Center Park (just behind the Justice Center - LaPorte Ave. and Mason St.) and include music, gymnastics, food, snocones, and hotdogs. Lots of food, activity, a petting zoo and craft booths will be in the park along with bounce castles and hands-on games.
- The Old Town Square Entertainment: Live music, a beer garden and good ole American fun are in the square from 11-6:00pm. FREE and open to the public, so bring your blankets, lawn chairs, sunscreen and enjoy the sunshine on July 4th Downtown.
- Transfort will provide free shuttles from the Downtown Transit Center to the fireworks beginning at 5:30pm and attendees will be shuttled back downtown until 10:30pm.
- FIREWORKS: Begin at dusk and are shot over City Park Lake. FREE and open to the public. Listen the Fort Collins Symphony as they usher in the fireworks!
- For complete information, visit www.fcgov.com/july4th

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS QUARTERLY REPORT 1st Quarter 2009

Traffic on fcgov.com:

The quarterly web report includes new metrics to more accurately indicate our traffic to the website:

- Visits (people coming to the site, some may come twice): 426,063
- Absolute Unique Visitors (individuals coming to fcgov.com, no duplication): 278,050
- Pageviews: 1,205,215
- Average Pageviews per Visit: 2.83
- Average Time on Site: 00:02:01
- Top Locations of Visitors: Fort Collins (144,968), Denver (76,161), and Longmont (8,722)

Completed Web Applications:

- **Northern Colorado Spending Transparency Database (NOCOST)** – the NOCOST database provides searchable information to provide insight into City spending. Users can search expenses by type, Service Area, department, or vendor.
- **Travel Request Form** – City employees are now required to complete this online form when requesting travel funds which allows us to better track traveling expenses.
- **Flood Warning Maps** – improved maps now demonstrate rain fall levels throughout the City. Residents can view more than 35 gauges to monitor precipitation levels and determine the threat of flooding.
- **Budget Feedback Tool** – the “How would you fund City priorities” online worksheet asks users to allocate \$100 among Council’s seven key results to garner a better understanding of community priorities.

- **ClimateWise Portal** – Climate Wise partners can enter data and track progress toward greenhouse gas reduction goals and keep tabs on program participation requirements.

Looking Forward:

- **Fcgov.com Website Redesign** - effort underway to improve the ease of navigation, make information easier to find, and update the visuals of the site to be more inline with the Fort Collins brand.
- **Additional Online Budget Feedback** – staff is currently working through ideas to determine new online tools to gather feedback on the 2010-2011 as it moves through the BFO process.

SPOTLIGHT

Communication and Public Involvement Office (CPIO)

- The Communications and Public Involvement Office (CPIO) provides information to residents and the media on City government and services. The office produces the City's utility bill insert City News, provides information for the City's website, fcgov.com, organizes special events, and produces programming for Cable14, the City's government access television channel. The office also helps coordinate special projects for other City departments and provides internal communication to City employees.
- The office employs nine individuals: five dedicated to overall communications and four dedicated to cable services.
- CPIO is guided by three major priorities:
 - **Public Involvement:** Citizens perceive the City as an open, credible, high-performing organization.
 - **Media Relations:** Better use of traditional and new media as a tool for accomplishing the priority above.
 - **Employee Engagement:** Create an atmosphere where employees trust the City and perceive it to be an open, credible, and high-performing organization.
- CPIO coordinates numerous City-wide communication projects and tools, including:
 - **Fcgov.com** – provide information and online forums to gather feedback
 - **City News** – newsletter than accompanies utility bills & online version
 - **Cable 14 programming**
 - **Community at Work radio program** - a 30 minute program about City programs and services hosted by CPIO that airs Thursdays at 5:30 on KRFC – 88.9FM.
 - **2010-2011 Budget** – CPIO coordinates efforts to educate and engage citizens
 - **Emergency Communications** – Maintain and implement the crisis communication plan as needed, including media relations, employee communications, electronic alerts, and timely web updates.
 - **YourVoice** – an online forum spotlighting timely issues and providing an opportunity for feedback, fcgov.com/yourvoice.
 - **Citizen Survey** – Administered every two years, the Citizen Survey measures community perceptions and compares that data to peer cities.
 - **State of the City Address** – An annual update to the community, including a live address given by the Mayor and City Manager and an open forum question and answer period.

- CPIO manages public engagement programs and events, such as:
 - **CityWorks 101** – an eight-week course providing citizens a behind the scenes look at City government and services.
 - **Public workshops and forums**
 - **Thursday Night Music & More** – six week summer concert series done in partnership with Downtown Business Association
- CPIO offers communications support to various departments. The office helps to develop key messages and materials for major projects such as the Mason Corridor and West Nile Virus education. We provide in-house graphic design services, produce marketing materials, create and maintain an extensive photo library and assist with groundbreaking, grand openings and other special events.
- CPIO provides multiple services regarding Media Relations. We write press releases and host press conferences, coordinate the “In the City” columns appearing on Mondays in the *Coloradoan* and other regular columns, assist with Soapboxes, maintain media contact lists, track media coverage and provide employee media training.
- CPIO supports economic outreach and business communication through these efforts:
 - **Economic e-newsletter and fcgov.com/business** –author and manage content
 - **FortZED** –support through graphic design, copywriting, and event planning
 - **FortCollinsInnovation.com** – a site dedicated to resources for entrepreneurs
 - **Shop Fort Collins First** – a partnership designed to promote shopping locally
- CPIO participates in numerous community partnerships:
 - Represent the City of Fort Collins on the Downtown Business Association and the Convention and Visitors Bureau
 - Serve as the City contact for community collaborations such as Game Day Fort Collins, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration and the Community Homecoming parade.
 - Manage implementation of the community-wide branding initiative.
- **Cable 14** is a division of CPIO and offers full video services, including:
 - **Record and broadcast all City Council meetings and Work Session presentations.**
 - **Studio Programs & Discussion Shows** - City at a Glance, Studio 14 & CrossCurrents highlight City services and programs, community partnerships and initiatives and local policy issues.
 - **Fully Produced Videos, Public Service Announcements & Informational Videos**
 - **Online Live Broadcasting** – Allows residents who do not subscribe to Comcast to access live broadcasting online at fcgov.com/cable14.
 - **Video on Demand** – Citizens can download a view programming at their convenience.
- CPIO is responsible for **Internal Communication** efforts, such as:
 - **FortShorts e-newsletter** – sent to all City employees twice a month
 - **Intranet** – manage the main pages on CityNet and several subsites
 - **Employee Events** - coordinate City Works 101 Inside Edition, the summer picnic and employee holiday party
 - **Employee Recognition** - manage the World Class People program and the City Values Thank You Card program

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

POLICE SERVICES

Renn Pleads Not Guilty; Fugitive Bryant Located

- Twenty-one year-old Joshua Renn of Loveland pleaded not guilty to the triple shooting that left 30 year-old Clinton M. Hiney dead and two others injured on January 12. The shooting took place in an apartment in the 1200 block of University Avenue. Renn's trial is slated to start October 6. A second man, Jeremiah Christopher Bryant out on \$15,000 bond since March, failed to appear for his May 7 court date after learning that the charges against him were going to be modified to include first-degree murder. A bench warrant for his arrest was issued by Judge Terry Gilmore after Bryant failed to appear in court.
- Bryant was picked up Thursday evening, May 28 around 8:30 p.m. by the United States Marshall Service Fugitive Location and Apprehension Group (FLAG) and Longmont Police at a residence on Dexter Drive in Longmont. He was taken into custody without incident.

Hare to Stand Trial

- Judge Gilmore ordered Kevin Hare to stand trial on charges of sexual assault and stalking his 18 year-old girlfriend after getting into a fight at his apartment on March 17.

Michael Ashcraft

- Michael Don Ashcraft, a 41 year-old man from Laporte, CO accused of attempting to lure several children into his vehicle in January, was offered a plea deal by prosecutors.
- Specifics of the plea bargain have not been made public. Ashcraft whose next court appearance is scheduled for June 2 remains in custody at the Larimer County Detention Center after being arrested by the Larimer County Sheriff's Office on January 9 and by Fort Collins police on January 16.

Indecent Exposure

- Two 10 year-old girls and a 12 year-old boy were the victims of an indecent exposure May 3 in the 1300 block of West Swallow Road when a man in a dark green mid-1990's Jeep Grand Cherokee pulled up and exposed himself. The man is described as a white male, 20-25 years of age, with a medium, stocky build and short dark blond/brown hair worn in a buzz cut style.

School Resource Program

- The School Resource Officer program received the Masonic Lodge Robert Drysdale award for commitment to excellence on April 29. Over the past 45 years the Masonic Temple has recognized students, individuals, educators & programs for various achievements as well as contributing generously to scholarship funds each year. Fort Collins Police School Resource Officers Dean Cunningham, Tammy Holpuch, Dawn Johnsen, Rich Johnson, Michelle Leschinsky, Maureen Noe, Suzanne Rice, Gary Trujillo, Tom Wagner, Sgt. Joel Tower, and Larimer County Sheriff Deputy Yarberry & Sgt. McCleery (retired) were recognized at the awards ceremony held at the Masonic Temple. Over 400 people attended this year's event.

Charges Dropped in Birks Homicide

- Charges have been dropped by the Larimer County District Attorney's Office against 57 year-old Frank Webb suspected in the September 1998 homicide of Gary Martin Birks. In a written statement the District Attorney's office announced they had "determined based upon the current state of the evidence as it relates to Frank Webb, and after consultation with the Fort Collins Police Department and the family of the victim, that the interests of justice require that the charges against Frank Webb be dismissed."

Traffic Fatalities

- The CRASH team investigated several traffic fatalities this month. Shortly before 1 a.m. on May 2, Maxwell Scott Dinkel was killed in a single-car rollover crash in the 2600 block of E. Prospect Road. A week later on May 8, just after 10 p.m., 27 year-old Luciano Herrero-Garcia was struck by an eastbound 2001 Volkswagen Jetta as he tried to run across E. Harmony Road near the intersection S. Stover Street. Herrero-Garcia was transported to the Medical Center of the Rockies and died shortly after arrival.

Two Bank Robberies in 2 Days

- Two bank robberies occurred in May. On May 11 shortly before 5 p.m. a white male approximately 45 years-old displayed a handgun and robbed the Cache Bank and Trust at 100 S. College Avenue. The next day a younger (25-30 year-old) man robbed the Guaranty Bank and Trust located at 1210 E. Mulberry Street. In both cases, the suspects made off with an undisclosed amount of money and no one was injured. Fort Collins has seen 6 bank robberies so far this year. Suspects have either been identified or arrested in 4 of the 6 robberies.

Sexual Assault

- Twenty-five year-old Eva Bosch has been arrested for sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust. Bosch was arrested May 11. A court-imposed gag order has been imposed so details of the incident are not available for release.

Graffiti

- Police have received several reports of graffiti this month. On May 10 graffiti was found on fences, mailboxes, building, and vehicles in the area of W. Stuart and Yorkshire. The suspect(s) used black paint to spray multiple different markings in the area. The Criminal Impact Unit (CIU) is investigating and noted they see increases in graffiti at both the beginning and end of school year. This is oftentimes done by kids "claiming" gang affiliation, yet is not indicative of an increase in gang membership. Statistics from the graffiti abatement program showed 551 incidents reported in 2007, 563 reports in 2008, and 296 so far in 2009.

Garcia Faces New Charges

- John Carlos Garcia, accused of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old Loveland girl earlier this year, is facing new charges of first-degree assault with a deadly weapon which occurred as a result of an attack on a fellow inmate at LCDC. Garcia's lawyer has asked Judge James Hiatt to reschedule the original hearing so the new charges can also be addressed at a preliminary hearing. Garcia already faces charges of sexual assault of a minor and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Police Services Awards Ceremony

- The 17th Annual Fort Collins Police Services Awards ceremony was held May 20 at the Griffin Concert Hall at Colorado State University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall. At this year's ceremony, awards and citations were presented to citizens, City and police employees and medals were given to police employees for outstanding police actions.

Church Burglary

- The Word of Life Lutheran Church, 3207 S. Taft Hill Road, reported a burglary believed to have occurred sometime on May 17 and May 19. An unknown person(s) forced entry into the building, however nothing was taken.
- Since September 2008, 21 churches in Fort Collins and 1 in Larimer County have been burglarized. On January 12, 2009, 46 year-old Ward Richard Young was arrested for the October 19, 2008 burglary to the St. John's Lutheran Church. Young is also a suspect in the other church burglaries which occurred prior to his arrest. Twenty-eight year-old Derek Modak was arrested on February 13, 2009 along with 2 juvenile males for the January 16, 2009 burglary to the Westminister Presbyterian Church. The recent church burglary does not appear to be connected to the previous burglaries.

POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY (PFA)

New Fire Station 4

- Work continues in all aspects related to the new station 4 at Drake Road and South Taft Hill Road. Crews have been busy preparing the site to lay the foundation. An article in the *Coloradoan* discussed the deconstruction project of the residence on the property. The project is being supervised by The National Center for Craftsmanship. This project will divert materials from the landfill to be reused or recycled.

Safety House in Schools Program

- The Safety House Program concluded in May. Thirty-three schools were visited with the Safety House and some were lucky enough to see "Bootz the Clown" aka FF Ray Gillan. This popular program teaches general home fire and life safety information. It returned last school year and has grown due to the hard work of one firefighter assigned to the program. The goal is to educate all second-graders in the thirty-five schools.

Burn Safety Presentation

- A new program discusses burn awareness, how not to get burned and the consequences of playing with fire. The program rolled out to a class at Kinnard Jr. High School. The presentation was put on by two Burn Survivors; one is a firefighter with PFA and one is a volunteer at PFA. The program was well received and we will be looking at new venues for the 2009-2010 school year.

CityWorks 101

- PFA hosted another event to allow citizens to learn about different City services. PFA crews took part in this very worthwhile community centered program that educates citizens about the inner-workings of certain governmental departments. PFA crews were able to give the group of 'students' general information about PFA, then allow them to perform vehicle extrication, spray a fire hose and to witness what it is like for fire and ambulance crews to work together to save a 'patient' in cardiac arrest.

PFA Fire Safety Education Fund

- Whole Foods Market on South College Avenue held a fundraiser on May 16 to benefit this fund. A pancake breakfast hosted by the staff at the market raised \$1500. Money from this fund, administered by The Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, is used to purchase smoke alarms for people who cannot afford them and safety education materials.

Fatal fire

- On Sunday, May 24, a fire occurred at the El Palomino Motel, 1220 N. College Avenue. One person was injured and subsequently died on Thursday, May 28. There has been extensive coverage in the *Coloradoan*.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CURRENT PLANNING SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT

Received 12 Development Application/Minor Amendment submittals in May, 2009. YTD, submittals are up 13% over 2008.

CONCEPTUAL REVIEWS/FOLLOW UPS – MAY, 2009:

Project
Accessory Building with Habitable Space CSU Parking Lot (SURF) Medical Office Expansion Commercial Building Addition Barn Conversion to Habitable Space Registry Ridge Park

STAFF REVIEWS – MAY, 2009:

Type	Project	Process	Description
Exemption to Land Use Code	Centre Avenue Residences	LUC	Request to allow residential building heights of 4 stories on the property at the NE corner of Centre Ave and Worthington St. The allowable height on this property is 3 stories, and the building height standard is set forth in Section 4.27(D)(4)(a) of the City’s Land Use Code. Ultimately, the applicant is proposing to submit a Project Development Plan (PDP) for 3 buildings, each containing 10

			<p>dwelling units, on the 2.4 acre site. The target market is for seniors wanting to live in an upscale condominium project in a convenient location close to a variety of services.</p> <p>Location: NE corner of Centre Ave and Worthington St.</p> <p>Zoning: E - Employment Zone District.</p>
PDP	Crossroads Safehouse	LUC	<p>Request to change the use and renovate 421 Parker St. This proposed sustainable project is a one story building and contains 27,000 sq ft and is the former home of Columbine Care Nursing Home. The new use would be a shelter for victims of domestic violence and capable of housing up to 75 residents. There would be eight to ten staff during the day and two to three staff at night. There would be no expansion of the building beyond the current footprint, but the entrances would be made more secure and a security gate would be added to the parking lot. Entrances on Parker St and Whedbee St would be closed. The existing portion of the parking lot that is gravel will be re-graded to a new concrete pan. The concrete pan will drain to Whedbee St.</p> <p>Location: 421 Parker St.</p> <p>Zoning: LMN – Low Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood.</p>
Addition of Permitted Use	Rocky Mountain Archery	LUC	<p>Request for an Addition of a Permitted Use to allow Unlimited Indoor Recreational Use and Facility (over 5,000 sq ft) to the property located at 4518 Innovation Drive. This use is currently not allowed in the existing zoned HC - Harmony Corridor District. The proposal</p>

			<p>includes an 11,600 square foot facility on .63 acre for Rocky Mountain Archery. It will be a full service archery pro-shop and indoor shooting range and will perform tuning and repair on all types of archery equipment, provide any and all of the archery supplies that anyone involved in the sport could need and manage a top of the line indoor facility for numerous shooting leagues and statewide tournaments.</p> <p>Location: 4518 Innovation Drive.</p> <p>Zoning: HC – Harmony Corridor.</p>
PDP	East Vine Storage	LUC	<p>Proposal for 64,000 sq ft of indoor storage as well as outdoor storage for up to 847 RVs.</p> <p>Location: 3805 E. Vine Dr – N of Vine Dr, S of Mulberry St and E of I-25.</p> <p>Zoning: I – Industrial.</p>
Major Amendment	Penny Flats	LUC	<p>Major amendment revises Buildings 3 and 4 of the original approved PDP from 4 story buildings with a maximum height of 54' to 6 story buildings with a maximum height of 84'. Proposing to increase from 147 units to 170 residential units and increase square footage from 200,838 sq ft to 222,831 sq ft. Also proposing to decrease commercial use from 29,246 sq ft to 25,400 sq ft and increasing the number of parking spaces from 317 to 323 spaces.</p> <p>Location: Block 33, at the NW corner of Maple St and Mason St.</p> <p>Zoning: D – Downtown District.</p>
PDP	Colorado Iron & Metal	LUC	<p>Request to move the outdoor light industrial and recycling business</p>

			<p>activities for Colorado Iron and Metal from the existing site at 1400 E Mulberry St to a new 5.72 acre location on Buckingham St. A Minor Amendment has been approved for the first phase of this project to change the use of the existing building at 903 Buckingham St from "Warehouse and Distribution" to "Light Industrial (Steel Fabrication) and Office". The new site contains an existing 31,050 sq ft building. Two additional buildings are proposed in the second phase of construction: a 3,800 sq ft recycling facility and a 1,600 sq ft machine shop (light industrial).</p> <p>Location: 903 Buckingham St, on the S side of Buckingham St, between N Lemay Ave and 3rd St.</p> <p>Zoning: I – Industrial.</p>
PDP	Poudre Valley Plaza – AT&T Wireless Telecommunication Facility	LUC	<p>This is a request to construct an AT&T Wireless Telecommunications Facility in the parking lot at the NE corner of the Poudre Valley Plaza Center. The proposed facility would contain a 55’ high “stealth” pole, 20” in diameter, with antennas in a sheath 30” in diameter on the upper 22’ of the pole. There would be an 11’6” high equipment shelter building, partially enclosed, in a 6’ high solid wall at the base of the pole.</p> <p>Location: SE corner of W Horsetooth Rd and S Shields St.</p> <p>Zoning: NC – Neighborhood Commercial.</p>
PDP	Union Place PDP	LUC	<p>Request for a 58 unit community that will include 8 single family homes, 10 duplex units, 40 multi-family townhome style units, and 3 mixed-use commercial buildings with an</p>

			<p>undetermined number of additional residential units above. There could be as many as 44 affordable housing units. Access to the site would be from Willox Ln and a future Mason St extension.</p> <p>Location: 10.2 acres on the S side of W Willox Ln just to the W of the McDonald's Restaurant/Shell Gas Station.</p> <p>Zoning: CN – Commercial N College.</p>
PDP	Retreat at 1200 Plum Street	LUC	<p>Luxury student housing apartment project consisting of 197 units in 5 buildings. The two larger buildings A&B contain 90 and 83 units respectively and are located on Plum Street between Aster and Columbine. These buildings are proposed to be 70' in height. Buildings C, D and E are smaller buildings containing 8 units each and are 50' in height. A parking structure is south of Building E, along the Scott Avenue frontage. The parking structure contains 314 spaces and is proposed to be 50' high. On-street parking is also available.</p> <p>Location: The site is located on 2.63 acres of land W of Colorado State University in the 700 block of West Plum St.</p> <p>Zoning: CC – Community Commercial.</p>

HEARINGS – MAY, 2009:

Type	Project	Hearing Type Outcome	Description
PDP	Retreat at Plum	Admin	See Description under “Staff Review”

		Hearing Approved w/ Conditions	section above.
PDP	Aspen Dental Care PDP	Admin Hearing Approved w/ Conditions	<p>This is a request for a new 2,600 sq ft, single story dental office building. The building is to be 19'6" high. The property is 19,575 sq ft (.45 acre) in size. New paved parking areas for 19 vehicles will be added as part of the development plan. This site will be accessed from S Timberline Rd via a shared driveway with the neighboring animal hospital. There will be a secondary driveway connection into the Sunstone Neighborhood Center to the south.</p> <p>Location: 3838 S Timberline Rd, just S of the Countryside Animal Hospital.</p> <p>Zoning: LMN – Low Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood.</p>
PDP	Grant Street Corners	Admin Hearing Approved	<p>This is a request is for one new single-family detached residence fronting on Grant St and three new carriage houses fronting on the mid-block alley that runs N/S between W Mulberry St and W Myrtle St. A replat of Lots 13-20 of Block 1 of the Westlawn Addition is part of this request. The new plat will be Lots 1-7 of Grant Street Corners. The seven existing single-family residences on the properties will remain. One detached garage facing Grant St will be removed.</p> <p>Location: NW corner of Grant St and W Myrtle St.</p> <p>Zoning: NCM – Neighborhood Conservation Medium Density.</p>

ODP	North College Marketplace	<p>P&Z Hearing</p> <p>Approved with Conditions</p>	<p>Request to modify two (2) standards set forth in the City of Fort Collins Land Use Code (LUC). The property is undeveloped; however, a supermarket-anchored shopping center is being proposed. The parcel is approximately 27 acres in size. The requests for modifications of standards are as follows:</p> <p>Section 3.2.2(L) Parking Stall Dimensions, Subsection 3.2.2(L)(1) Standard Spaces. This section requires that Two-Way Drive Aisle Widths for 60 degree angled parking be a minimum of 24 feet. The applicant is requesting a width of 22 feet.</p> <p>Section 3.5.3(B) Relationship of Buildings to Streets, Walkways and Parking, Subsection 3.5.3(B)(1) Orientation to a Connecting Walkway. This section requires that at least one (1) main entrance of any commercial or mixed-use building face and open directly onto a connecting walkway with pedestrian frontage. Two (2) buildings being proposed in the shopping center would not satisfy this requirement.</p> <p>The Planning and Zoning Board will be only considering these two (2) requests for modifications of standards at this time. The entire shopping center development plan will go the Board at a public hearing in the future.</p> <p>Location: NE corner of N College Ave and E Willox Ln</p> <p>Zoning: CCN - Community Commercial North College.</p>
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NEW SUBMITTALS – MAY, 2009:

Type	Project	Process	Description
PDP	1101 W. Oak Street	LUC	Request to construct a new 2-car detached garage with habitable space. The lot currently contains one single family residence. Location: 1101 W. Oak St. Zoning: NCL – Neighborhood Conservation Low Density.
Major Amendment	Casey’s Car Wash	LUC	Request to remodel a portion of the existing self-serve car wash into a small novelty retail store and café with patio. Location: 4315 S. Mason – W of S College Ave, S of W Drake Rd, E of S Shields St and N of W Horsetooth Rd. Zoning: C – Commercial.

NEW SUBMITTALS (REVISED PLANS) – MAY, 2009:

Type	Project	Process	Description
PDP	Union Place PDP	LUC	See Description under “Staff Review” section above.

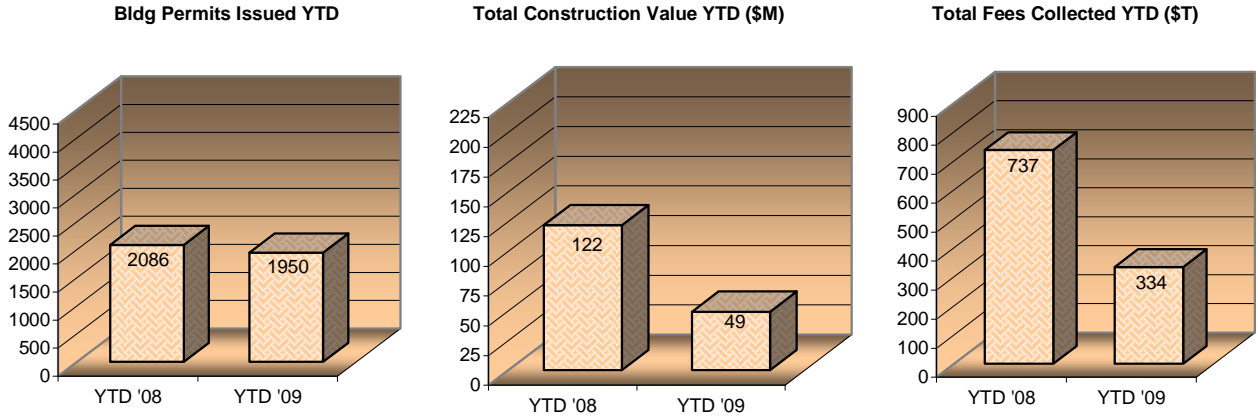
NEW SUBMITTALS (FINAL PLANS) – MAY, 2009:

Type	Project	Process	Description
PDP	318 W. Myrtle Townhomes	LUC	This is a request to remodel and add a second story onto the existing house at 318 W Myrtle St and add 4 new two story townhome dwelling units to be attached to the N end of the existing house. Each new dwelling unit will contain 2 bedrooms and will be 836 to

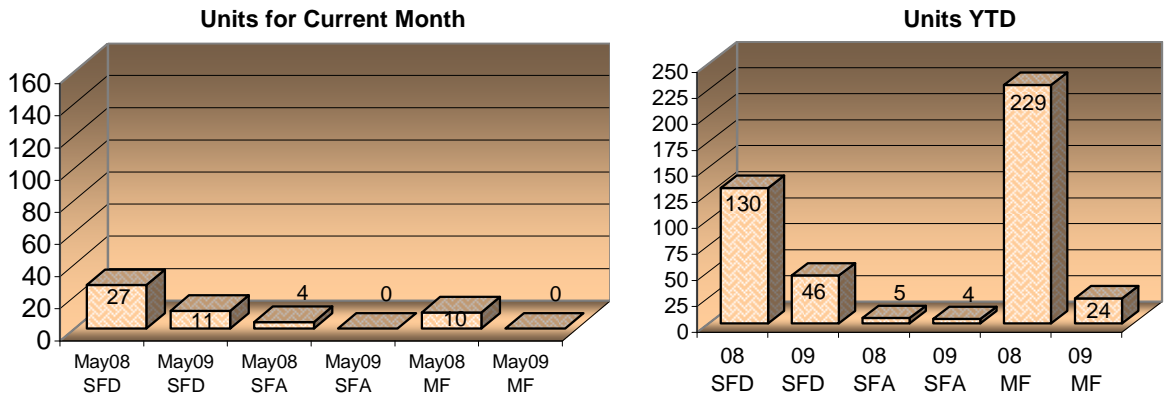
			<p>960 sq ft in size. A new parking lot for 8 vehicles will be added to the N end of the property. This lot will be accessed from the alley along the E side of the property.</p> <p>Location: 318 W Myrtle St; on the N side of W Myrtle St, between S Howes St and S Meldrum St.</p> <p>Zoning: NCB-Neighborhood Conservation, Buffer.</p>
PDP	Aspen Dental	LUC	See Description under “Hearings” section above.
PDP	Whitman Storage Facility	LUC	<p>Request to add Recreational Vehicle, Boat and Truck Storage use (screened storage in an unroofed area) on the southerly one-half (0.9 acre) of the commercially zoned portion of the property at 209 E Skyway Dr. The proposed use currently is not permitted in the C, Commercial District; however, City Council recently approved an ordinance that allows an applicant to request that a use permitted in the City of Fort Collins be added on a property/site in a particular zone district.</p> <p>Location: S side of E Skyway Dr, E of S College Ave.</p> <p>Zoning: RL – Low Density Residential (easterly 1/3) and C – Commercial (westerly 2/3) zone districts.</p>

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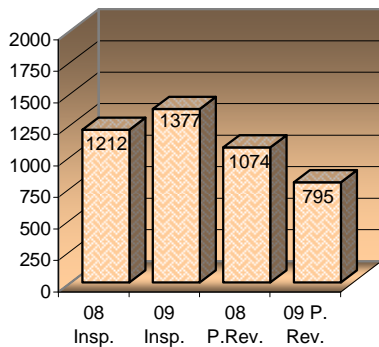
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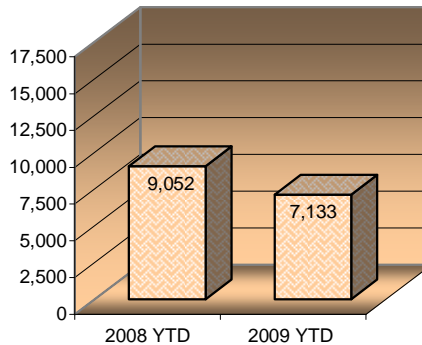
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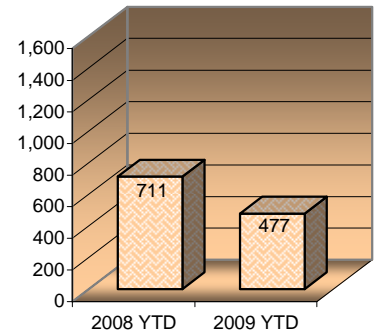
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