

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Monthly report to the Fort Collins City Council and community

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ISSUES BEFORE COUNCIL

Windy Gap Firing Project

- A presentation on the Windy Gap Firing Project will be made to City Council at the August 11, 2009 work session. City staff as well as representatives from the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and the Platte River Power Authority will participate in the presentation.
- The Windy Gap Firing Project is a regional project to provide water storage capacity for various Northern Front Range water providers that own a portion of the original Windy Gap Project, which currently uses storage space available in the Colorado-Big Thompson Project.
- Platte River Power Authority is a participant in the project with the objective of making its water supplies for the Rawhide Energy Station more reliable and to meet obligations it has under a cooperative agreement with the City of Fort Collins.
- For the last several years the Windy Gap Firing Project has been subject to an extensive environmental permitting process. A draft Environmental Impact Statement was released to the public in August 2008.

Transit Strategic Plan

- Transfort staff will return to City Council on August 18th to present the updated 2009 Transfort Strategic Operating Plan (TSOP), with a staff recommendation for adoption. The proposed TSOP was prepared by a City staff from Transfort, Transportation Planning, and the consultant team with extensive public input over the past year. The primary elements of the TSOP include goals, operating plans, financial plans, implementation, and action items.

North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement

- **Project Status: Finalize Preferred Alternative and Begin Phasing Discussion**
The City of Fort Collins is continuing to participate on the North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as members of the study's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Project Status

- The TAC accepted the project team's recommendation to include the following elements as part of the Preferred Alternative:
 - **Commuter rail alignment:** The commuter rail alignment includes service from downtown Fort Collins to downtown Denver Union Station via connection to RTD's planned commuter rail service. In Fort Collins, stops are planned at the Downtown Transit Center, CSU, and South Transit Center. In Longmont, the rail alignment will proceed to Erie and connect to North Metro line near Colorado Boulevard and Highway 7. Travel time for the Erie alignment was determined to improve by 13 minutes and increase ridership by 30%-40% over the Boulder alignment.
 - **Single Tracking:** Single-tracking with passing tracks at five locations instead of double-tracking the alignment provides a 20% decrease in commuter rail capital costs and maintains the service plan but could impact reliability.
 - **Express Bus on Harmony Road** between the South Transit Center (commuter rail station) and I-25. This service provides minimal competition with commuter rail and

- has strong community support. The expected level of ridership is low and is subject to ongoing analysis.
- I-25 Reduced Median Width: A reduced median width could accommodate two additional travel lanes (10 lanes total), and capital costs could decrease 15%-25% due to lower right-of-way and bridge impacts. This would also reduce aquatic impacts.
- The total cost of the Preferred Alternative is estimated at \$2.45 Billion.

Next Steps

- The project team will begin conducting a series of meetings regarding phasing options. The following factors will be used as part of this process:
 - Address I-25 safety
 - Preserve I-25 infrastructure
 - Improve mobility
 - Coordinate with community plans
 - Consider long-term vision with near-term implementation
 - Implement cost-effective solutions
- The phasing workshops will identify Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)'s safety and infrastructure preservation requirements, and review the three highway/transit phasing strategies/scenarios:
 - Balanced highway and transit
 - Greater focus on highway
 - Greater focus on transit
- The strategies/scenarios will need to be framed based on the fiscal amount of investment required versus the amount of available funds.
- Currently, the highest rated near-term phasing project elements include express bus service from Fort Collins to Denver, and I-25 interchange improvements north of SH 66. The highest rated mid-term phasing elements are express bus service from Fort Collins to Denver International Airport, and I-25 widening south of SH 66. The highest rated long-term phasing elements include commuter rail service from Longmont to Fort Collins, and I-25 widening north and south of SH 66.

Project Schedule

- The first phasing workshop will be held on August 27.
- Meetings are planned every five weeks, with 2-3 total meetings anticipated. The goal is to complete the phasing plan by the end of 2009, and incorporate results into the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).
- City staff would like to present an update of the North I-25 EIS to the City Council at the October 27 work session.

Soapstone Grazing Management

- Natural Areas staff will meet with City Council at the August 25 work session to discuss grazing management on Soapstone Prairie Natural Area. Topics of discussion will include:
 - Overall management of Soapstone is guided by the Soapstone Prairie Natural Area Management Plan, which identifies conservation targets, or natural and cultural resources of highest conservation value.
 - Grazing plays a critical role in managing for conservation targets, but also carries the potential for negative impacts.

- Grazing within the shortgrass prairie habitat is an important management tool to create grassland mosaics important to wildlife conservation.
- Grazing within the shrubland habitat is part of an integrated weed management program that incorporates mechanical control, sheep grazing, herbicide use, and biological controls.
- Conservation targets are monitored and results used to adjust grazing management and minimize negative impacts.
- The Utilities Department and Natural Areas are collaborating in the management of city owned properties within this region.
- A partnership around genetically pure bison continues to be pursued. If successful, Soapstone will play a role in the conservation of bison as a species.
- Soapstone is currently grazed by a local cattle grazing association and a sheep producer. The existing lease will expire at the end of 2010.
- Natural Areas staff plans to advertise a “Request for Proposals” (RFP) for a new grazing lease on Soapstone Prairie and the neighboring Natural Areas-owned Bernard Ranch and Round Butte Ranch this fall. The grazing lease would be an annual lease renewable for 10 years and it would start in 2011. All operation types that can assist the Natural Areas Program in managing for conservation targets will be considered.
- Natural Areas staff will be seeking input from Council on staff’s approach to grazing management and intent to advertise a grazing RFP.

Occupancy Ordinance Study

- Corona Research completed and submitted the final *“Economic and Market Impact Study: Follow-up Study Impact of the Three-Unrelated Persons Ordinance Enforcement”*.
- The purpose of the study was to determine the impacts of the first two years of enforcement of the amended Occupancy Ordinance by:
 - estimating the number of violator households,
 - conducting a public perception survey,
 - examining changes in rental prices and vacancy rates, and
 - interviewing key groups affected by the ordinance to examine its real-world impacts and any unanticipated outcomes.
- The Final Report has been distributed to City Council members and to the Occupancy Ordinance Stakeholder Committee.
- The Final Report will be available on the City’s website by mid-August. City Council will discuss the Report at the August 25, 2009 Work Session.

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

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

- Fort Collins Police Services, in partnership with Larimer County and the City of Loveland, was awarded a JAG Grant as a part of the Federal Stimulus funding.
- The partners will receive \$444,818 to replace regional radio equipment which is crucial to regional law enforcement communication. The grant will support the regional 800 MHz radio improvement project.

- The grant will be for the full amount for which the partners applied and required no matching funds. Fort Collins will serve as fiscal agent over the grant budget period which runs through February 2013.

COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant

- Police Services did not receive the requested grant targeted at funding to law enforcement agencies.
- Fort Collins, along with 7,200 police agencies nationwide applied for a portion of \$1 Billion in stimulus funding. Of the 103 communities in Colorado applying for the grant, 13 agencies received awards totaling \$5 million.
- The purpose of the grants was to create and preserve jobs and to increase community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts.
- Police Services sought funding for 4 officers to District 1 downtown substation and 6 detectives to Criminal Impact Unit.

ARRA REGIONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT

SHIELDS STREET (CR 17)

Total Project Budget: \$3.4 million

Budget Status: On Budget

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: On Schedule

- **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
 - This project has been awarded to Lafarge, Inc.
 - An aggressive schedule is in motion to mill and pave the one mile segment from Prospect Road to Mulberry Street on Shields Street beginning with manhole adjustments the week of August 3rd.
 - The week of August 10th will include the milling and patching operations followed by paving the one mile segment starting August 14th through the weekend.
 - It is anticipated that all work will be completed by Sunday evening August 17th.
 - Extensive coordination has been conducted with appropriate CSU representatives and further public outreach will be handled between the Engineering and Communications Department.

ECONOMY

Fort Collins Sales and Use Tax (These amounts are for May sales reported in June)

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

- Total sales tax decreased 1.8%
- Total use tax decreased 55.1%
- Combined total collections were down 8.9%

2009 Totals

- Total sales tax is down 4.3%
- Total use tax is down 30.8%
- Combined total collections are down 8.2%

CAPITAL PROJECTS

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 installation of storm sewer and inlets on Taft Hill Road, Prospect Road and Suffolk Drive into Fairbrooke Pond.
- Completed installation of irrigation system in Kane Pond site.
- Completed surfacing and opened trail connection to Stuart Street and opened north and east trail around Red Fox Meadows.
- 95% complete with outdoor classrooms in Kane and Fairbrooke Ponds.
- Completed installation of 7' x 3' box culvert storm sewer from Fairbrooke Pond to Suffolk Street.

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: 81% Complete – Waiting for biofilter roof for installation

Anticipated Completion: September 2009

MULBERRY INTERMEDIATE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – REPLACEMENT PHASE (4)

Project Description: Construction of Activated Sludge Basin, mechanical buildings, new final clarifier mechanisms, remaining odor control facilities, and other site improvements

Project Budget: \$16,500,000

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: 5%- Constructing Activated Sludge Basin slab

Anticipated Completion: January 2011

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT (STREET MAINTENANCE) PROGRAM

Annual Program Budget: \$10.1 million

2009 REVISED Budget: \$8.9 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

- Concrete repairs are currently being conducted on Remington Street between Prospect Road and Locust Street in advance of CSU fall classes beginning. Concrete repairs also continue to be made along Shields Street between Prospect and Mulberry in advance of the ARRA project.
- Streets crews completed milling and paving operations on Riverside Avenue between Lemay Avenue and Mulberry with relatively little impact. The final paving operation was completed Sunday July 26th by Lafarge. Streets crews will be concentrating on the removal of Remington Street materials where pavement failure has been achieved and years of successive overlays have been installed to the point that cross slopes could begin to pose a risk.
- The Hot in Place Recycling project completed the Lemay Avenue alignment from Vine Drive to Forrest Hills Road and Vine Drive from Linden Street to Lemay Avenue. Also completed with this project was the entire mile section of Drake Road from Overland Trail to Taft Hill Road. This paving operation completed the capital improvement project to widen the section of road and is now uniform with 2 full lanes of travel in each direction, center turn lanes and six foot wide bike lanes. In addition to providing a higher level of service to the residents on the west side of Fort Collins, this will also provide a much needed relief to fall football game traffic.

EAST PROSPECT ROAD LANDSCAPING

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

Estimated Project Budget: \$650,000

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: On Schedule

- The month of July marked an important project milestone, with the contractor, L&M Enterprises, Inc., substantially completing the project.
- In order to reach this milestone, the remaining landscaping was installed, including the installation of nearly 6000 native grass plugs within the medians, the irrigation system was tested, provided with power, and put into service, and the site was cleaned of construction debris.
- Over the next month, L&M will address any punch list items identified for the improvements in order to achieve final completion for the project.
- A maintenance plan for the newly constructed improvements will also be developed to ensure the landscaping and irrigation system is properly maintained. As has been the case during the duration of the project, all work was accomplished while keeping one lane of traffic open.

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

Budget Status: On Budget

Project status: On Schedule

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 they 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 90% complete.
- Harmony Road is now open between Seneca and Shields Street. Harmony Road is currently closed east of Shields Street to Starflower Drive. Shields Street is currently reduced to a two-lane street with right turns only at the Harmony Road intersection.
- Phase 2 construction is nearing completion. Phase 2 work completed in June consisted of installing the east half of the Harmony/Shields concrete intersection, curb/gutter, sidewalk, fly-ash subgrade treatment, road base, and bottom lifts of asphalt. Utility relocates and traffic pole installations were also completed in July.
- Top lift asphalt paving began on August 3. The Harmony/Shields intersection and West Harmony Road are scheduled to reopen on August 10, 2009.
- Harmony and Shields landscape installations will begin in mid-August and be completed by mid-September. This work will require lane closures along Harmony and Shields.

- 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: <http://www.fcgov.com/westharmony/>

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

Budget Status: On Budget

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 W. Harmony Road Improvements from the BNSF Railroad tracks to College.
- The Project Design Team is currently finalizing conceptual design.
- Work during July included work on Preliminary Design items such as storm water design, property owner discussions, and pavement design. Construction is planned for spring and summer of 2010.

DRAKE ROAD WIDENING

Funding Source: Street Oversizing Funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$280,000

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: On Schedule

- This project is funded through the Street Oversizing Fund and consisted 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.
- Substantial completion was reached on July 18th by the Contractor. The hot-in-place recycling was also completed under the supervision of the Pavement Management Program.
- All traffic control devices have been removed for this stretch of roadway and it is fully open to the traveling public.
- The Contractor will be installing small sections of fence the week of August 3.

SHIELDS AND TRILBY TURN LANE IMPROVEMENTS

Funding Source: Larimer County Regional Road Fee

Estimated Project Budget: \$125,000

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: On Schedule

- The City of Fort Collins Engineering Department's Capital Projects group and the Larimer County Engineering Department are constructing turn lane improvements at the Shields Street and Trilby Road intersection.
- Construction began on Monday, July 27th. The Contractor will be Connell Resources Inc. through the Larimer County on-call contract.
- The improvements are expected to be complete by August 7th.

- The primary benefit of the intersection improvements will be reduced vehicle wait time on Shields.
- The project includes a new right turn lane from northbound Shields to eastbound Trilby and extending the existing left turn lane from southbound Shields to eastbound Trilby, as well as shoulder construction, slope grading and traffic signal work.
- Construction on the intersection will result in lane periodic lane shifts and slower vehicle speeds.
- The improvements will be completed prior to the beginning of the ARRA Regional Road Maintenance Project, which includes an asphalt overlay for this intersection.

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

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: On schedule

- The construction bids opened the end of July—awaiting CDOT approval to award contract
- Construction is expected to start mid August.
- 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.

I-25 / SH 392 INTERCHANGE DESIGN

Funding Source: CDOT- FHWA Estimated Project Budget: \$1.9 million

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: On Schedule

- The System Level Study for this interchange was approved by the Transportation Commission on January 21, 2009.
- An 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 is proceeding forward with the accelerated design process with a goal of completing the design by August 2009.
- At a Joint Wall Type Selection Meeting between the City and the Town in June the Project Team received unanimous direction to proceed with a natural stone faced wall design for the interchange.
- The project team continues to work with adjacent property owners that will be affected by the interchange footprint.
- The project team also continues study potential wetland mitigation sites.
- The accelerated design process puts the project in the best position for any economic stimulus 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.

PROJECT/PROGRAM UPDATES

PORTABLE SIGNS IN THE RIGHT OF WAY

- Staff began to proactively enforce the portable sign code beginning Monday August 3, 2009, issuing right-of-way violation notices to those not in compliance.
- Approximately two dozen permits have been approved to date. There remains an equal amount of businesses that have been contacted and given the information to submit the required application.
- Staff will be strongly encouraging the completion of the permits for these businesses with the consequence of not being able to display their sign until all required information has been received and approved.

STREETS DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- July was a record month at the crushing/recycling center, with 15,030 tons of material sold. This amount is almost double what was sold in 2008 at 8,088 tons.
- The City Streets Crit Bike races held at the Streets Facility were a success between June-July. There were four races and huge turnouts at each event. In the words of DK Kemp, "Team Ciclismo, The Fort Collins Velodrome Association, The Cycologist Bike shop, the Blacksheep Jr. Racing Team, and the Streets Dept. worked together like a finely tuned integrated Campagnola groupset." The planning group wants to come back next year and the Streets Department would be happy to host once again.
- The increase in moisture has kept staff busy with mowing operations. They are mowing the sixth round on Harmony Road including the I-25 Interchange. Typically staff mows six rounds in an entire season so it is expected that there will be a need to mow several more times before the end of this season.
- Colorado Springs Public Works recently sent representatives to spend the day at the Streets Department. Both shops discussed and brainstormed operator training opportunities and shared in-house training ideas and programs. The group also toured the Streets Facility and the crushing/recycling operations plant.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The French Nest Open Air Market – August 8

- The French Nest is Fort Collins' first open-air vintage, antique, and artisan market.
- The French Nest market debuts in Civic Center Park on May 16th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will continue every second Saturday between July and October (July 11th, August 8th, September 12th, and October 10th).
- "It's a destination, a place where you can spend the entire morning; a little shopping, a little eating..." says co-owner Alissa Bush. The market will also feature live music and some food vendors. Call 970-231-1397 or email info@thefrenchnestmarket.com for more information.

Bohemian Nights at New West Fest – August 14-16

- Approximately 136 years ago Fort Collins was established along the banks of the Cache la Poudre River and this August the community will celebrate this birthday with Northern Colorado's largest festival, Bohemian Nights at NewWestFest.
- The festival will be held August 14, 15 & 16, 2009 and is located in Historic Old Town Fort Collins.
- In its 21st year this FREE weekend showcases over 300 arts, crafts and food booths, Kids' World, Kids' Music Adventure, a children's carnival, two beer gardens, and seven stages of continuous entertainment highlighting Northern Colorado and the Front Range's wonderfully talented artists.
- The festival is proud to host Bohemian Nights music lineup providing music all weekend long with over 50 Colorado bands and 2 national headliners. Visit downtownfortcollins.com/dba.php/nwfest/ for full details.

12th Annual Annie Walk & Pet Fest – August 22

- Join Annie the Railroad Dog in Library Park (201 Peterson Street) on August 22 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon as we celebrate the 12th Annual Annie Walk & Pet Fest.
- This community tradition is a tribute to Annie, a stray collie mix who was adopted by railroad workers in 1934. She spent her life as an unofficial ambassador to Fort Collins, greeting passengers at the train depot and acting as a bright, welcoming presence during the bleak years of the '30s and '40s.
- Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., followed by prize drawings, a 1.5 mile walk and pancake breakfast in Library Park. Contests, activities and festivities continue until 12:00 noon.
- Visit poudrelibraries.org/news/index.html#anniewalk for more details.

SPOTLIGHT

City of Fort Collins Recreation Department

- **Recreation Participation and Revenues Remain Stable**
 - Recreation participation numbers and revenue have remained fairly balanced during the recession. Recreation has experienced a revenue reduction in some areas (City Park Pool, senior programs, Senior Center rentals, dance and fitness, trips and travel, The Farm and child development) and increases in others (youth sports, ice programs, Mulberry Pool, Northside Aztlan Community Center drop-in, arts and crafts, and tennis programs), comparing to 2008 to 2009.
 - The recreation Department has seen an increase in reduced fee applications and expenses for low-income residents. Recreation total revenues are down \$5,780 or 0.19%.
- **NRPA Gold Medal Award Nomination**
 - The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), recently selected the City of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation Department as a finalist for the

2009 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management.

- Demonstrating excellence in long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development and professional development the City of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation Department ranks as one of the top four parks and recreation agencies in our population range of 100,001 to 250,000. Along with the City of Fort Collins, the other finalists for the Gold Medal Awards in the 100,001 to 250,000 population category include the City of Peoria (Arizona), Fox Valley Park District (Illinois,) and Pleasure Driveway and Park District (Illinois). The City of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation Department previously won the award in 1986. The NRPA Gold Medal Award video can be seen at fcgov.com/recreation.

▪ **Innovative Architecture and Design Award**

- ‘Recreation Management’ magazine has named the Northside Aztlan Community Center a winner of its seventh annual Innovative Architecture and Design Awards for 2009. Northside Aztlan Community Center, one of the first LEED Gold certified recreation facilities in the country, was selected based on its performance in the following categories: recreational value, indoor and outdoor appearance, originality of plan and design, craftsmanship, and functional and operational elements.
- Nominees were evaluated and selected by a of panel judges made up of landscape and LEED certified architects, design principals, project managers and engineers.

▪ **Collaborations and Partnerships**

- The Recreation Department continues to build innovative and unique partnerships throughout the community. Partnerships focus on programs and opportunities for community members and involve a variety of organizations. Recreation has recently built community partnerships with Poudre Valley Health System (PVHS), Columbine Health System and Poudre School District. In addition, the department has actively pursued internal partnerships with Transportation, Police Services and Cultural Services. These partnerships are based on identifying opportunities within the community, developing innovative solutions and building sustainable partnerships.

▪ **Recreation Increases Tourism and Visitors**

- The City of Fort Collins Recreation Department frequently contributes to tourism through state and regional sporting events and competitions. Edora Pool Ice Center (EPIC) has recently hosted state and regional swim and ice competitions that brought hundreds of people to Fort Collins. A total of seven ice skating and swimming events have been held so far this year. These events include a Regional Skate Fest Competition, girls and boys State High School Swim Championships, and the State Long Course Championships. The State Long Course Championships brought over 800 swimmers and families to Fort Collins for the weekend.
- Recreation’s youth sports program hosted the CARA Hershey Track State Meet this summer and brought over 810 participants and their family members to Fort Collins. The track meet included families from across Colorado including Durango, Grand Junction, Alamosa, Glenwood Springs and Meeker. Over 500 participants came from the Denver metro area.

- **Customer Service Initiative**
 - Recreation has embarked on an extensive customer service initiative that will concentrate on unifying and updating the department’s customer service policies, practices and processes. The customer service initiative will enable the department’s wide-spread customer service team to build a cohesive identity and serve the community in a more consistent manner. The new policy’s goal is to create a culture of exceptional customer service and build an environment of initiative, integrity and respect. Customer service sessions are scheduled during the month of September.

- **Opportunity Awareness Campaign**
 - The Recreation Department launched a year-long promotion titled “What moves you?” The campaign features community leaders, participants and citizens. Recreation recruited 15 “recreation champions” to endorse, promote and encourage participation in recreational opportunities. The campaign features this partial list of recreation champions:
 - Rulon Stacey – Poudre Valley Health Systems, CEO and President
 - Kim Jordan - New Belgium Brewing Company, CEO and Founder
 - Yvonne Myers - Columbine Health System, Director
 - Dr. Diana Wall – Colorado State University School of Global Environmental Sustainability, Director
 - Sonny Lubick - community leader
 - Brownie McGraw - community leader
 - The Subdudes – musicians, community members
 - Guillermo Medina – Poudre School District Principal, Irish Elementary
 - Erin Popovich – Para-Olympian, gold medalist, community member

 - The campaign appears in Northern Colorado Business Report, *The Coloradoan*, various online venues and Comcast cable. Recreation secured “media partners” to decrease costs and more than double the value of print and cable advertising for the campaign.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

POLICE SERVICES

Officers responded to over 8300 incidents (calls for service) in July which resulted in 1777 cases. Some of the noteworthy incidents follow:

Shootings

- A 17 year-old boy suffered injuries from a self-inflicted gun shot and was transported to the Medical Center of the Rockies for treatment of a gunshot wound to the abdomen. The juvenile, an ex-gang member originally from Las Vegas, had been temporarily living with relatives and has rejoined his family in Las Vegas.
- On July 15, police responded to a report of shots fired in the 1800 block of Silvergate Road. A 63 year-old man fired 3 shots as a former housemate left. A conflict between the two men had been brewing for some time.

- On July 25, police responded to a report of a gang disturbance at 1644 E. Pitkin Street where approximately 10 males gathered in the parking lot of the apartment complex and began fighting. Shots were fired. No one was injured.

Stabbings

- Eighteen year-old man was stabbed while in the alley at 23 Old Town Square. A minute later, officers responded to a report of a fight at 1550 Blue Spruce Drive and discovered a 34 year-old man had been stabbed. Later that night, Sheriff Deputies responding to reports of a fight at 2025 N. College and found two people with stab wounds.
- On July 26 police received a call from a 19 year-old man reporting he had been stabbed about 30 minutes earlier in the park to the east of his trailer at 2500 E. Harmony Road. Investigating officers were unable to locate any evidence of an assault and several people in the area did not see or hear anything.

Aggravated Robbery

- On July 25, police responded to a report of an armed robbery in the parking lot at 2535 S. College Avenue. The victim was trying to buy marijuana when he was robbed at gunpoint by the drug dealers. The suspect's vehicle was located a short time later and a high risk traffic stop occurred at Purdue Road and Tulane Drive.
- Nineteen year-old Mario Harris and 28 year-old Van Clyde Peacock were arrested for aggravated robbery and transported to the Larimer County Detention Center. Harris also faces an additional charge of possession of a weapon by a previous offender.

Fatal Traffic Crashes

- On July 1, a 46 year-old woman was critically injured when the car she was driving hit a tree near Prospect and Specht Point Road. The driver had to be extricated from the car and was transported to Medical Center of the Rockies where she died several days later of injuries sustained in the crash.
- On July 2, a 16 year-old Windsor resident was killed when the Toyota Corolla driven by his 17 year-old brother turned in front of oncoming traffic at the intersection of E. Harmony Road and Lady Moon Drive.
- The investigation into the fatal June 19 motorcycle crash on East Harmony Road and Snow Mesa Drive has concluded the motorcycle was traveling between 72 and 80 mph in a 55 mph zone when it started a 181-foot skid just before broad siding a van. No criminal charges are expected to be filed against the driver of the van.

Methamphetamine Lab and Apartment Fire

- The Northern Colorado Drug Task Force arrested 3 men after conducting a July 15 search warrant at 4545 Wheaton Drive for a possible meth manufacturing operation. This investigation is related to the July 5 two-alarm apartment fire at 1714 Stover Street which displaced 20 people and damaged six units.

Everbridge Emergency Notification System

- The Everbridge Emergency Notification System was used on two separate occasions in July to help locate two missing at-risk adults. On both occasions, the notification launch was successful and each missing person was found.

Crime Prevention Activities

- The Crime Prevention Specialist spoke to 237 people in July at various events. Thirty-eight telephone calls were also handled with questions ranging from alarms to dealing with difficult people. A breakdown of activity follows:
 - Neighborhood Watch (SW Neighborhoods), 15 attended
 - Dealing With Difficult People (DMV 3 offices), 60 attended
 - Home Security Survey, disabled resident, 1 attended
 - RESTORE, 38 attended (Restorative Justice for juvenile shoplifters)
 - Neighborhood Watch, Butch Cassidy (CARE Housing), 33 attended
 - Innkeeper Safety (Larimer Co. Innkeeper Association), 18 attended
 - Child Safety (3 to 5 year olds), Northside Aztlan Community Center, 25 attended
 - What Cops Do, Aztlan (teen group), 12 attended
 - Neighborhood Watch, Storybook Subdivision, 35 attended

Crime Prevention Tip

The most common crime in July continued to be trespass to vehicles with several reports of car windows broken and purses stolen while victims attended church services. Burglaries were also up (“breaking” or entering a residence, business, or garage).

- Remember to either keep valuables with you or secured and stored out of sight in your vehicle.
- Take a few extra precautions by adding good lighting and locks around your home or business. Photo cell sensors that provide light during hours of darkness and turns off during the day are a good way to deter crime.
- All exterior doors should have dead bolt locks with a bolt that goes at least 1-inch into the strike plate. Check the screws in the strike plate to be sure they not only go through the molding, but also into the frame (3 to 3 ½ inches long) as well.
- Close your garage door to keep unwanted persons out.
- Call police if you see or hear anything that is suspicious or unusual.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

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SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT

CURRENT PLANNING

Received 15 Development Application/Minor Amendment submittals in July, 2009. YTD, submittals are up 8% over 2008.

CONCEPTUAL REVIEWS/FOLLOW UPS – JULY, 2009:

Project
Parcel Division International Business Park Corporate Headquarter Building Rooftop Patio

Mini-Warehouse Storage Facility
 Change of Use
 Replat
 Parcel division and platting

STAFF REVIEWS – JULY, 2009:

Type	Project	Process	Description
Modification of Standards	Meldrum Street Townhomes	LUC	<p>Request for a modification of standards for Meldrum Townhomes in order to accommodate the unit's requirements for accessible living and bedroom space, therefore pushing more of the structure to the rear of the lot.</p> <p>Location: 221, 223, 225 & 227 N Meldrum.</p> <p>Zoning: NCB – Neighborhood Conservation Buffer</p>
Basic Development Review	Provincetowne Neighborhood Park	LUC	<p>The project is a 10 acre, City of Fort Collins neighborhood park in the Provincetown neighborhood. The park site provides a small restroom, picnic shelter, pump house, playground, soccer field, basketball court, kids BMX area, skate park, seating areas and shade trees. The project also includes two trails for the Natural Resources Department.</p>
PDP	Rocky Mountain Archery	LUC	<p>Request to construct an 11,266 sq ft building for archery range and pro shop within the Golden Meadow Industrial Park. The site is vacant and contains 27,600 square feet. The primary use is indoor recreation with ancillary retail sales and service of equipment.</p> <p>Location: 4518 Innovation Dr.</p> <p>Zoning: HC – Harmony Corridor.</p>

PDP	731 W. Olive	LUC	<p>Request to run water service to detached garage for a pump and maintenance equipment for a water feature in the yard.</p> <p>Location: 731 W Olive St, on the corner of Olive and Grant.</p> <p>Zoning: NCL -Neighborhood Conservation, Low-Density.</p>
PDP	Apartments at Presidio	LUC	<p>Request to develop Tract J of the Harmony Technology Park for a 13.5 acre multi-family apartment project containing 240 dwelling units. There would be one garage space per unit. The parcel is unplatted. Precision Drive would be extended as a public street and form the northern boundary of this site.</p> <p>Location: In the Harmony Technology Park S of E Harmony Rd, N of E Trilby Rd, W of I-25, and E of Ziegler Rd.</p> <p>Zoning: HC – Harmony Corridor.</p>
PDP	Chase Bank at Rigden Farms	LUC	<p>Request to construct a new 4,195 sq ft Chase Bank with 3 drive-up lanes on .885 acres in Lot 1 of Rigden Farm 15th Filing. This application includes a request for two Modification of Standards: 1) For the number of parking spaces required to the number of bank employees, and 2) A modification to the "build to line" standard, due to the landscape of Tract A at the corner and the curved property line. Rigden Farm 15th Filing, Lot 1 is currently in the process of replatting at the time of this application (project #11-09.)</p> <p>Location: SE corner of S Timberline Rd and Custer Dr.</p>

Zoning: NC - Neighborhood Commercial.

HEARINGS – JULY, 2009:

Type	Project	Hearing Type Outcome	Description
Update	Transit Strategic Plan Update	P&Z Hearing Approved	This is a request for a recommendation to City Council regarding the update to the Transit Strategic Plan (TSP), which serves the Fort Collins Urbanized Area and to address adopted City Plan Policies relating to transit services. The TSP update is a collaborative partnership among the City of Fort Collins-Transfort, City of Loveland Transit (COLT), and the Poudre School District (PSD). The planning effort has focused on fostering a dialogue with the community, developing near-term and build-out phases for improvements, and crafting a financial plan that provides practical funding sources for implementation.
Improvement Project	North College Corridor Improvement Project – Phase II, Vine Drive to the Hickory/Conifer Intersection	P&Z Hearing Approved	This is a request for a recommendation to City Council for the July 28th City Council work session. The project area includes the portion of N College Avenue/US287 from Vine Dr north to the intersection of Hickory/Conifer streets. Recommended improvements for this project include curb, gutter and minor street patching; redefinition and consolidation of driveways; bike lanes and sidewalks, new streetscape and other necessary improvements such as storm water facilities. Due to funding limitations, full build out of this project is expected to be done in phases as funding becomes available.

PDP	Union Place	Administrative Approved	<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 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	Jennings Subdivision PDP (formerly known as 609 City Park Ave PDP)	Administrative Approved	<p>This is a request to sub-divide an approximately 14,805 sq ft lot containing an existing one-story, single family home and detached garage on the south side of the property into two lots. A second single family home is proposed to be built on the newly created lot.</p> <p>Location: 609 City Park Avenue, on the NW corner of Crestmore Pl and City Park Ave.</p> <p>Zoning: RL - Low-Density Residential.</p>

NEW SUBMITTALS – JULY, 2009:

Type	Project	Process	Description
PDP	Rocky Mountain Archery	LUC	See Description under “Staff Review” section above.
PDP	731 W. Olive	LUC	See Description under “Staff Review” section above.

PDP	Apartments at Presidio	LUC	See Description under “Staff Review” section above.
PDP	Chase Bank at Rigden Farms	LUC	See Description under “Staff Review” section above.
Annexation & Zoning	Riverwalk	LUC	<p>Request for Annexation and Zoning of a 265.65 acre property known as Riverwalk. The annexation and development of the property will establish a southern "gateway" to the City of Fort Collins. The proposed mixed-use project will include 1,000 dwelling units, of which 500 dwelling units are proposed to be affordable housing and approximately 3,000,000 sq ft of commercial area. Riverwalk will be a walkable community with a natural waterway through the middle of the project. The zoning currently being proposed is T - Transitional, pending re-zoning to the proposed "Gateway" zoning district currently being finalized by the City, or such other final zoning district as may be appropriate for the intended mixed use development.</p> <p>Location: SW corner of I-25 and E Harmony Rd.</p>

NEW SUBMITTALS (REVISED PLANS) – JULY, 2009:

Type	Project	Process	Description
Major Amendment	SunTerrace Townhomes (Old Town N Replat)	LUC	<p>Request for a 56 unit townhome development to be established through a Major Amendment to the approved Final Plan for the Old Town North Subdivision (file #28-99). The project includes a replat of Blocks 6 and 9. The replat of Block 9 will create attached single-family lots from the previously defined detached single unit lots found in Block 9.</p> <p>Location: NW corner of Cajetan St</p>

			and Redwood St. Zoning: CCN – Community Commercial, N College.
PDP	Chase Bank at Rigden Farms	LUC	See Description under “Staff Review” section above.
PDP	Crossroads Safehouse	LUC	Request to change the use and renovate the site. This proposed sustainable project is a one story building and contains 27,000 sq ft. 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. The existing portion of the parking lot that is gravel will be re-graded to a new concrete pan. Zoning: LMN – Low Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood.
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 (FINAL PLANS) – JULY, 2009:

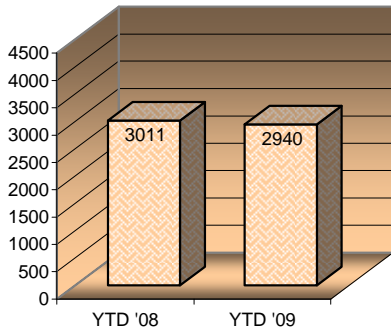
Type	Project	Process	Description
PDP	Center Avenue Residences	LUC	Request for a development containing (3), four-story multi-family buildings

			<p>with 10 dwelling units per building situated on a 2.4 acre site. The target market is for mature adults desiring to live in upscale condominiums. Parking would be provided in underground garages and surface parking.</p> <p>Location: NE corner of Centre Ave and Worthington Dr.</p> <p>Zoning: E - Employment.</p>
PDP	Grant Street Corners	LUC	<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>
PDP	Jennings Subdivision PDP (formerly known as 609 City Park Ave PDP)	LUC	<p>See Description under “Hearings” section above.</p>

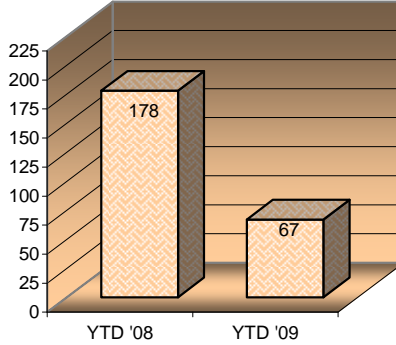
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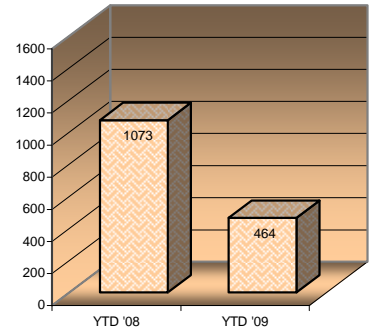
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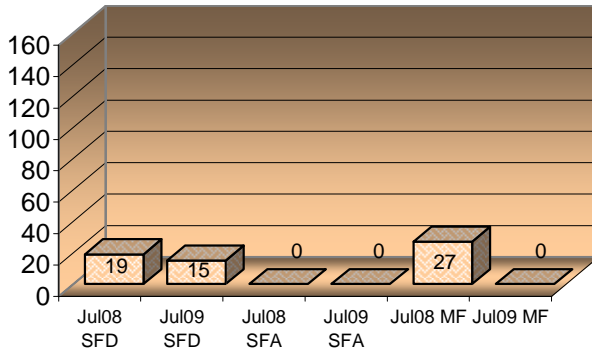


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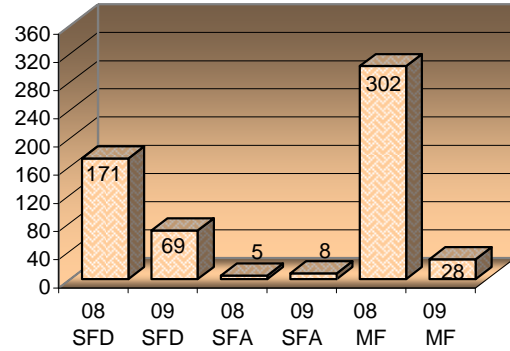


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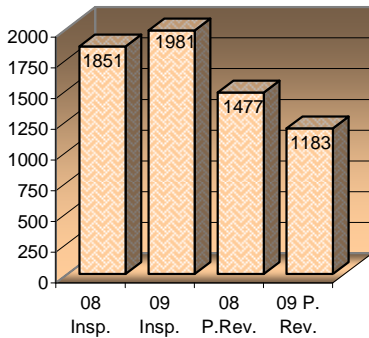
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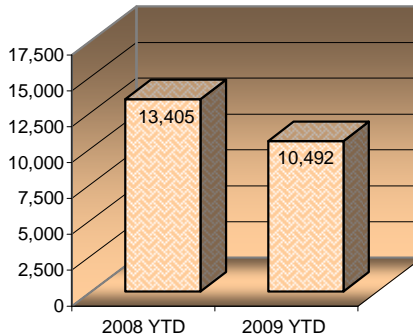
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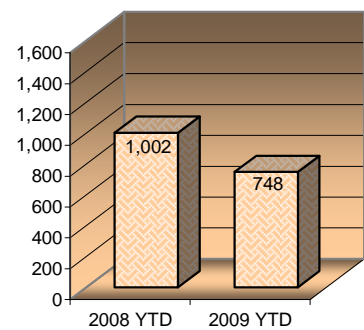
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