

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Monthly report to the Fort Collins City Council and community

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ISSUES BEFORE COUNCIL

City Manager's 2010-2011 Recommended Budget

- The City Manager's 2010-2011 Recommended Budget will be available September 4 and City Council wants your input as they review the budget. Residents can weigh in on the specifics of the budget in a variety of ways and all comments will be shared with City Council.
- **Online at fcgov.com/yourvoice/**
 - Beginning September 4, residents can view the entire budget online and comment on individual services.
- **Regular Council Meetings and Public Hearings**
 - **September 15, 6 p.m. and October 6, 6 p.m.** at City Hall, 300 Laporte Ave.
 - Residents can address City Council member directly as part of the formal public meeting process.

North College Improvements Project – Phase II: Vine Drive to the Hickory/Conifer intersection

The City of Fort Collins is concluding the conceptual design phase of the North College Corridor Improvements Project – Phase II, Vine Drive north to the Hickory/Conifer intersection.

Project Status

- A third public Open House was held July 8th to present the draft preferred conceptual design and phasing and implementation plan. The public was supportive of the project and conceptual design.
- Staff presented the preferred conceptual design and phasing options and requested recommendations for City Council at the following meetings:
 - Commission on Disabilities (COD) (July 9)
 - Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) (July 13)
 - Transportation Board (July 15)
 - Planning and Zoning Board (July 16)
 - North Fort Collins Business Association (NFCBA) (July 22)
- The project team presented the preferred conceptual design and preferred phasing option at the City Council work session July 28th. Recommendations from Boards and Commissions were provided at this meeting. City Council indicated initial support of the conceptual design and recommended phasing option. City Council also indicated initial support for considering the transfer of the remaining Truck Route funding of approximately \$1.8 million into the North College Improvements project.
- The September 1st City Council meeting represented the completion of the Conceptual Design phase of the project. As planned, the Engineering department will be taking the lead project management role in the next phases of the project with Transportation Planning moving into a support role.

Current Estimated Project Budget: \$6.2 million (City's Building on Basics funding and federal funds)

Next Steps

- The project team is working with the consultant to finalize the scope, fee and schedule for the preliminary and final engineering phases of the project. The preliminary and final engineering contract is expected to be completed by the second week in September.
- Coordination will continue with City departments, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Technical Advisory Committee, and the North Fort Collins Business Association.

Project Schedule

- 2009 – Conceptual Design phase - Planning, community engagement, visioning, alternatives analysis, selection of preferred alternative, and development of priorities for implementation.
- 2009/2010 –Preliminary Engineering and Final Design
- 2010 - Rights of way acquisition
- 2011 - Construction begins

Budget Status

- Due to funding limitations, the project will be built in phases. A phasing and implementation plan is included in the Conceptual Design report. This phasing plan corresponds to current and potential funding sources. City Council indicated support for phasing option 1 (full edge improvements including street and landscaping) at the July 28th work session.
- At the July 28th City Council work session, City Council requested staff investigate means to fund complete edge improvements to Conifer Street. In response, City Staff is working with the Urban Renewal Authority as a potential funding source.
- City staff is pursuing additional funding with the Colorado Department of Transportation which includes Hazard Elimination and Safety funding for the Hickory/Conifer intersection and resurfacing funds throughout the corridor.
- Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) funding will be pursued in December of 2009.
- Additional funding opportunities will continue to be explored.

Mountain Vista Subarea Plan Update

- At the August 11 Council work session, Council indicated its desire to consider adoption of the Mountain Vista Subarea Plan update item scheduled for September 15, 2009.
- At the August 19 Transportation Board Meeting, a recommendation to support adoption of the Mountain Vista Subarea Plan update, and related amendments to the Master Street Plan, was approved by a vote of (7 - 2) in favor.
- At the August 20 Planning and Zoning Board Hearing, a recommendation to support adoption of the Mountain Vista Subarea Plan update, and related amendments to the City Structure Plan, North College Corridor Plan, Northside Neighborhoods Plan, and Zoning map, was approved by a vote of (4 - 1) in favor.

Rocky Mountain Innovation Initiative (RMI2) Items

- On September 15th, the Urban Renewal Authority will consider the Redevelopment Agreement and the New Market Tax Credit Loan Documents associated with the Rocky Mountain Innovation Initiative's new facility project.

- **Redevelopment Agreement** - This document will stipulate the amount and terms associated with the Tax Increment revenue dedication to the project. The applicant has requested \$2.8 million in dedication; staff supports this amount.
- **New Market Tax Credit Loan Documents** - The project has the unique opportunity to leverage the New Market Tax Credit program sponsored by the Federal Government. The program will bring approximately \$1.8 million in equity to the project. The City will act as the leverage lender, therefore, the Board will review these documents and consider authorizing the Executive Director to sign these documents at the closing projected to occur in November.

Wheelchairs in Bike Lanes

- The current Fort Collins Traffic Code makes it illegal for pedestrians -- including those traveling in wheelchairs -- to use streets in locations where sidewalks exist. Several citizens have requested changes to the Code that would allow wheelchair users the option to use on-street bike lanes in lieu of a sidewalk. They have noted that in many instances the condition of sidewalks is such that travel by wheelchair is difficult or even impossible.
- Staff is working on a draft ordinance that would allow pedestrians in some circumstances to use the street even where sidewalks exist. Staff met with the Commission on Disability on August 13 and again on August 27 to discuss the draft ordinance. Staff is revising the draft ordinance and plans to meet with the Commission on Disability again on September 10 to review a final draft. The ordinance will come to City Council on October 6 for First Reading.

Trash Services Study

- Changes to City Code related to trash service were approved by City Council in May 2009.
- These changes modify the community's Pay-as-You-Throw ordinance, effective September 1, 2009.
- By January 1, 2010, haulers will also be required to provide large, single-stream recycling containers to their customers. Some of the haulers are already offering and delivering these polycarts to their customers.
- On August 28, a Request for Proposals was issued for the Trash Services Pilot District. A pre-bid meeting with potential proposers will be held September 10. Proposals will be accepted until October 2. Interviews with top proposers are scheduled for October 13.
- City Council is planning to conduct a public hearing regarding the final proposal on November 17 during the Regular Council meeting. The hearing will include a detailed description of the proposed district contract.
- Enabling legislation to establish the Trash Services Pilot District is currently scheduled for First Reading on December 1. Ordinances will include establishing the Trash Services Fee, an appropriations ordinance, and other miscellaneous Code changes related to implementation.
- If all milestones are met over the coming months, District service would begin in approximately March 2010.

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

ARRA Regional Road Maintenance Project - Shields Street (Cr 17)

Total Project Budget: \$3.4 million

Scope of work: 9.5 miles of asphalt overlay in Larimer County

Project Management: Larimer County

Project Status: Under Construction

Within Fort Collins City Limits: \$1.36 million, 3 miles

Funding Source: ARRA Federal Grant, Pavement Management Program

Anticipated Completion: October 2009

- The 1 mile segment from Prospect Road to Mulberry Street was completed on August 15th.
- The Fort Collins segments south of Harmony Road will be completed in September.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant - \$1.3 Million

- Staff has submitted the initial application for funding under this block grant program. The City has received an allocation of \$1.3 Million.
- Staff is finalizing a specific list of projects for funding through the grant.
- Projects will focus on energy efficiency and conservation needs both internal to City Buildings and operations, and external for community programs.
- The first \$40,000 was due to be received August 23, but it has not yet been allocated from the Department of Energy (DOE).
- Specific project applications are to be completed by September 30. The City expects to receive the balance of funds in the 1st Quarter, 2010.

ECONOMY

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

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

- Total sales tax decreased 4.7%
- Total use tax increased 9.5%
- Combined total collections were down 2.8%

2009 Totals

- Total sales tax is down 4.4%
- Total use tax is down 25.4%
- Combined total collections are down 7.4%

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 all work at Suffolk Drive including inlets, curb and gutter, paving and sidewalks with the exception of final landscape touchup.
- Completed installation of main irrigation line and tap from Suffolk Drive north as well as backflow assembly and vault installed and tested.
- Outdoor classrooms in Kane and Fairbrooke Ponds are now complete.
- Completed all work in Fairbrooke Pond except final tree planting and landscaping.
- Installation of 7' x 3' box culvert storm sewer from Fairbrooke Pond to Suffolk Street was completed.
- Sidewalk along east side of Taft Hill Road south of Prospect and along Kane Pond was poured and work is nearly complete on new curb and gutter along the same section of roadway.
- Installation of handrail on all concrete structures was completed and work began on final protective coatings to be applied to all concrete structures.
- Final sawing and sealing of all joints in the concrete paving on Prospect Road and Castlerock Drive was completed.
- Completed installation of 3' x 5' box culvert from Bryan Street east to New Mercer Ditch as well as new inlets on Constitution Drive. This work solves a long standing serious local drainage problem. Flatwork remains to be done along with landscaping which will be done next month.
- Began punchlist work on work orders 1 – 6.

All major construction activities have been completed and work will be limited to restoration efforts over the next 12 – 15 months. The major construction activities will resume in late 2010 to allow for the closure of West Elizabeth during the summer of 2011 when the installation of the 84 inch diameter storm sewer pipeline will resume. This will allow the road to be closed while Colorado State University is out of session. This schedule is being driven by the delay in project funding. Schedule for the project to be completed is still fall 2011.

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: 85% Complete – Biofilter Roof scheduled for delivery first week in Sept
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: 7%- Activated Sludge Basin slab complete. Starting ASB wall pours

Anticipated Completion: January 2011

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT (STREET MAINTENANCE) PROGRAM

Annual Program Budget: \$10.1 million

2009 REVISED Budget: \$7.7 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

- Concrete and asphalt repairs were eliminated in the Southridge Greens, Lexington Greens and Stetson Creek neighborhoods due to budget reductions.
- Concrete repair was completed on Remington Street, between Prospect Road and Locust Street, and in the Northbrook area in advance of asphalt paving operations. Concrete repairs also continued on Howes Street between Olive and Laporte.
- Streets crews completed milling and paving operations in the Northbrook area and on Remington Street between Locust and Prospect. Repair to a phone line damaged during construction operations on Remington has caused a substantial delay to placement of the asphalt overlay. Originally scheduled for mid-August, the overlay has been postponed to mid-September.

I-25 / SH-392 INTERCHANGE DESIGN

Funding Source: Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Estimated Project Budget: \$1.9 million

Budget Status: On Budget

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.
- Design at 95% and final changes to be complete by mid September.
- 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 project team is working on a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funding application due in mid September.

COLLEGE AND HARMONY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Funding sources - 2005 Building on Basics (BOB) - Community Enhancement Projects, STP-Metro Federal, Congestion Relief-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 August included work on Preliminary Design items such as storm water design, property owner discussions, and pavement design.
- In August, the Engineering Department received \$625,000 in Congestion Relief funds through the Consolidated Call for Projects from the NFRMPO
- Construction is planned for spring and summer of 2010.

EAST PROSPECT ROAD LANDSCAPING

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

Estimated Project Budget: \$650,000

Project Status: Construction

- After verifying all punch list items had been addressed by the contractor, L&M Enterprises, Inc., the City's Engineering Department accepted the final completion of the East Prospect Road Landscaping Project.
- A six foot wide recycled asphalt shoulder was installed along both sides of Prospect Road within the project limits. The goal of the shouldering was to provide a designated emergency refuge zone that did not impact the newly constructed landscaping and irrigation improvements.
- A maintenance plan for the newly constructed improvements was developed to ensure the landscaping and irrigation system will be properly maintained. Bids for this work were

solicited with the expectation that an annual maintenance contract will be in place by September.

- As has been the case during the duration of the project, all work was accomplished while keeping one lane of traffic open.

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: Construction Bid Advertised

- The goal of this project is to extend the Mason bike trail from Spring Creek underpass to Prospect Road. A new pedestrian bridge will be constructed over Spring Creek.
- The construction bids were opened July 28.
- CDOT has not yet granted concurrence to award the project. Once CDOT grants final approval of the contractor, construction shall commence.

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 beginning 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 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 of 2008.
- Construction of the Harmony/Shields Intersection and Harmony Road from Seneca to the BNSF Railroad were completed in August 2009.
- Harmony Road from the BNSF railroad tracks to College Avenue, including the Harmony/College intersection, is under design at this time.
- The project reached a significant milestone with the substantial completion of Harmony Road from Seneca to BNSF railroad tracks including the Harmony/Shields intersection.
- The roadways and intersection were completely reopened on August 9, 2009. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 13, 2009 and was attended by City Mayor Doug Hutchinson, City Manager Darin Atteberry, Front Range Community College staff, City Planning, Development and Transportation staff, and contractors' staff.

- In August, contractors completed top lift asphalt paving, concrete sidewalks, installed a temporary asphalt sidewalk, and final grading and seeding.
- City crews provided signing, striping, traffic signals, and removed the traffic control devices in early August.
- Harmony and Shields landscape installations began on August 25 and will continue thru early October. 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: fcgov.com/westharmony/

DRAKE ROAD WIDENING

Funding Source: Street Oversizing Funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$280,000

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: On Schedule

- This project was 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.
- The project is complete and open to traffic.

SHIELDS AND TRILBY TURN LANE IMPROVEMENTS

Funding Source: Larimer County Regional Road Fee

Estimated Project Budget: \$125,000

Project Status: Complete

- The goal of this project was to construct a right turn lane and extend the left turn lane to relieve congestion, reduce carbon emissions and increase the ease of traffic flow through the intersection. This project was developed as a collaborative effort between the City's Engineering Department and Larimer County's Public Works Department.
- The Contractor completed the turn lane improvements in mid-August.
- At this time, the intersection is fully open to traffic with a new right turn lane (northbound to eastbound) and an extended left turn lane from southbound to eastbound.
- This intersection will undergo an asphalt overlay in September as part of the ARRA Regional Road Maintenance Project.

PROJECT/PROGRAM UPDATES

Portable Signs in the Right-of-Way

- Staff continues to proactively enforce the portable sign Code. Non-compliant signs/businesses have been issued violation notices.
- Enforcement of signs placed outside of the portable sign boundary has increased, and thus, more contact has been made in the last month with businesses regarding the portable sign Municipal Code language.

WEBSITE QUARTERLY REPORT – 2nd Quarter 2009

Quarterly Web (fcgov.com) traffic report (2nd quarter):

- Visits (people coming to the site, some may come multiple times): 453,096
- Absolute Unique Visitors (individuals coming to fcgov.com, no duplication): 258,823
- Pageviews: 1,475,611
- Average Pageviews per Visit: 3.26
- Average Time on Site: 00:02:22
- Top Locations of Visitors: Fort Collins (168,025), Denver (81,844), and Longmont (8,351)

Completed:

- Open Book: local government's spending transparency database. Users can search expenses by type, Service Area, department, or vendor. Employee earnings are also available.
- Lincoln Center Site Redesign: Enhanced design allow Lincoln Center staff to better promote events.
- City Manager's Proposed Budget Online - Browse by outcome; funded and unfunded offers are viewable, along with projected budget dollars. Citizens can also submit their comments.
- Police Recruiting Website: New website to improve how Police Services communicates to and attracts qualified applicants.
- New Golf Website: New website to better promote City golf courses.
- New Flood Warning Website: Dynamic map showing real-time rainfall and streamflow data from several weather station locations.

Looking Forward:

- Fcgov.com Website Redesign - Complete redesign to simplify navigation and improve search engine optimization.
- Consolidation of citizen requests into a central location.
- Revamped event calendar.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Girls' Night Out Shopping Event – September 4

- This is a great shopping event tailor-made for the ladies. Come enjoy great friends, shopping and special treats at all of the participating stores.
- This event is put on by the *Fort Collins Coloradoan* and sponsored by Poudre Valley Hospital. The Downtown Business Association is a partner in this event helping to provide a great downtown experience to the ladies of the community.
- For a full list of participating stores, visit downtownfortcollins.com/events.php/detail/21/3
- The First Friday Gallery Walk, held the first Friday of every month from 6:00-9:00 p.m., occurs during this shopping event. Old Town Fort Collins galleries remain open for this self-

guided tour, refreshments are served, and many galleries offer changing exhibits so there is always something new to see each month.

TriMedia Film Festival – September 11-13

- The TriMedia Film Festival, Northern Colorado's first national-profile film competition and festival, will bring independent film, TV pilots and theatre performances to Fort Collins Sept. 11-13, 2009. The 4th annual three-day festival will spotlight groundbreaking short and feature-length films from all over the world, as well as TV pilots and original theatre performances.
- The four Downtown venues to host the festival are the Lincoln Center, Bas Bleu Theatre, Lory Student Center and Lyric Cinema Cafe. Individual tickets can be purchased at the door at the time of performances. Discounted advance passes are available at the Lincoln Center Box Office, by phone at (970) 221-6730 or online at fcgov.com/lctix. Special pricing for groups, seniors and students is available.
- For more ticket information and a detailed festival schedule visit TriMediaFestival.org

14th Annual Cemetery Stroll – September 19

- Experience the rich history of Fort Collins by attending this annual Cemetery Stroll. Live actors will be celebrating our city's history at this year's "Caps, Pins, & Caring: A History of Nursing in Ft. Collins". Performances are at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Grandview Cemetery 1900 W. Mountain Ave. and cost \$6/person/performance.
- Join the "Stroll" as it celebrates our heritage in Fort Collins and Larimer County. It is a unique peek into the past! This is an opportunity to meet those whose vision helped to shape and heal our community. Not only will you have the opportunity to meet early residents and learn about their contributions to the community, but you will explore the meanings of the designs, shapes and characteristics of their gravestones.
- For more information call 970-221-6644 or visit fcgov.com/recreation.

SPOTLIGHT

City of Fort Collins Advance Planning Department

- *At-A-Glance:* Advance Planning provides city planning, affordable housing, and historic preservation. We also manage both the Urban Renewal Authority and federal housing/public service grants. Advance Planning totals 12 staff, including planners, grant administrators, designers, and administrative support.
- *City Plan:* Our most significant responsibility is *City Plan*, a comprehensive, policy document strategically guiding our community goals of economic health, environmental stewardship, attainable housing, quality built environments, and transportation choices. Updates to both *City Plan* and the *Transportation Master Plan* are slated for 2010-11, and will delve into new issue areas including sustainability, health, arts and culture, finance, and connectivity to the region.

- *Plan Van Tours:* Our award-winning, highly-rated Plan Van tours continue to roll. Several are planned throughout October to celebrate National Planning Month. Citizens are encouraged to take advantage of this terrific occasion to have one-on-one conversations with planners about projects, past and present, and see planning in action! Please visit fcgov.com/planvan for more information.
- *Urban Renewal Authority (URA) and North College:* Advance Planning has produced the adopted *North College Corridor Plan* and *North College Urban Renewal Plan* and is finishing up a *North College Infrastructure Financing Plan*, listing 21 infrastructure projects with top priorities and strategies for funding the next few top priority projects. The URA Board has approved tax increment financing (TIF) for four projects totaling \$13 million in direct project contributions. These projects will generate approximately \$24 million in property tax increment for the North College plan area. *Upcoming Ground Breakings:* Union Place and the North College Marketplace, near the College Ave./Willox intersection, will break ground in the next 3-4 weeks. These ground breaking events will be open to the public and represent the two largest North College URA development projects.
- *Strategic Planning for 2009:* Currently underway is an update to the ten year-old *Mountain Vista Subarea Plan*, scheduled for City Council adoption on September 15, 2009. Advance Planning also retained a design firm and managed schematic design of a specially-tailored wayfinding sign system for downtown, including routes leading into the downtown area. Our latest adopted plan, *South College Corridor Plan*, was completed in March 2009, with extensive involvement of the community. For the Harmony/I-25 Gateway, also known as “Riverwalk,” we provided key analysis to guide the City’s policy discussions and intensive negotiations with the neighboring Town of Timnath over this crucial Fort Collins gateway area.
- *Historic Preservation:* A consultant, hired this spring, is assessing our preservation program and will be suggesting improvements. Our Landmark Rehabilitation Loans continue to both preserve our neighborhoods and stimulate our economy; ten projects were funded, infusing \$93,000 into Fort Collins.
- *Federal Grants and Stimulus Money:* Advance Planning administers federal grants for affordable housing projects through a competitive process, as well as City Affordable Housing Fund and Human Services Program monies. We also provide long-term monitoring to ensure compliance with federal regulations, and work with community agencies to find solutions to community problems like homelessness. In conjunction with these federal/local funds, we received American Recovery Act funding provided through a special allocation of funds called CDBG-R. This Recovery Act funding is providing rent assistance for 160 households facing eviction and is also providing the dollars needed to bring a 40-year-old, 82-unit affordable housing project to long-term viability with energy efficient upgrades.
- *Land Bank:* Advance Planning manages a Land Bank Program, which is the City's only long-term strategy to proactively promote affordable housing production. Since 2002, five sites were purchased, enabling the City to hold and eventually sell these properties to an affordable housing developer at below market cost.

- *Affordable Housing:* In an effort to reduce the costs associated with building affordable housing, the City offers development incentives if at least 10% of the dwelling units are priced for households at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). *Affordable Housing Needs Assessment:* The update of the Affordable Housing Needs and Strategies Report will document pertinent data on the available supply and demand for certain types of affordable housing units for low income families and individuals. It will also establish priorities for addressing gaps in the supply of certain types of affordable units, and present a strategic plan for addressing the wide variety of housing needs.
- *Census:* We are the official city liaison for Census data. For the balance of 2009 and in the early months of 2010, we will establish a local Complete Count Committee to augment the promotional activities of the Census Bureau to increase the awareness and the importance of the 2010 Census to the people of Fort Collins.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Police Officers responded to 8829 incidents (calls for service) in August which resulted in 1758 cases. Some of the noteworthy incidents follow:

Weapons Calls

- August 23, two men sitting in a parked car in the driveway at 1300 Welch Street reported that two men in a green 4-door sedan drove up and fired a shotgun out the window, hitting a white Buick. No one was injured. This case, believed to be gang related, is under investigation.
- 19 year-old Rigor Buensuceso Medina was arrested on August 22 after police responded to a report of a man holding a knife and shouting obscenities in public near the intersection of Constitution Avenue and Scarborough Drive. After repeated verbal commands to drop the weapon, Medina complied and was booked at Larimer County Detention Center (LCDC) on charges of:
 - Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol;
 - Disorderly conduct - Words and Gestures;
 - Disorderly conduct - Displaying a deadly weapon.

Sexually Violent Predator

- Martin Wayne Lundin, a sexually violent predator (SVP), has been released from the Department of Corrections and is now living at the Larimer County Community Corrections halfway house. Lundin pled guilty in November 2002 to Sex Assault on a Child while in a position of Trust for an incident involving a seven year old female. Lundin was sentenced to the Colorado Department of Corrections for 8 years and sex offender intensive supervised probation (SOISP) for no less than 10 years to a maximum of the rest of his natural life. He was temporarily released on March 24, 2009 and sent back to jail for a lack of residence on April 9 when the Montclair Lodge refused to accept him. He has completed his sentence and is now on parole and residing at the halfway house. A SVP community meeting was held on August 27.

Sexual Assaults on Minors

- 32 year-old JJ Luis Alejandro was arrested August 26 for several incidents involving 5 juvenile females which occurred from March through August 2009. Alejandro was booked at Larimer County Detention Center on:
 - 5 counts - Contributing to the Delinquency of a minor (F4)
 - 3 counts - Harassment (M3)
 - 4 counts - Sexual Assault on a Child (F4)
 - 1 count - Sexual Assault (M1)
 - 1 count - Sexual Assault on a Child (pattern of abuse) (F3)

Aggravated Robbery

- Joseph William Fraser, 37, was arrested August 15 for robbery of the Kwik Stop Liquor on S. College Avenue and Lemay Liquors at 737 S. Lemay Avenue. A witness saw Fraser leave the Lemay Liquors store on foot and provided a detailed description of the robber to police. Officers in the area arrested Fraser on 2 counts of aggravated robbery and 1 count of obstruction of a police officer.

Miscellaneous Arrests

- 22-year-old Gavriela Gonzales-Aguilar of Greeley was arrested for misdemeanor theft of merchandise from the Foothills Fashion Mall. She was accompanied by two other women from Greeley who are all suspected of stealing merchandise from stores in the Foothills Mall.
- Jeremy Stephen Velasquez, 28, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for possession of a weapon by a previous offender for the July 25 shooting incident at 1644 E. Pitkin Street. The shooting occurred as rival gang members in the parking lot of the apartment complex were leaving. No motive has been established and no one was targeted. Velasquez is believed to have fired the gun into the area, hitting a car before leaving. Velasquez was picked up August 18 after being involved in a physical disturbance in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart store (1250 E. Magnolia Street).

Fatal Traffic Crashes

- The investigation into the fatal traffic crash at Harmony Road and Lady Moon Drive has been completed. The driver of the 2005 Toyota Corolla, Michael Agnew, was cited for Careless Driving and No Seatbelt.
- Urangua "SiSi" Mijiddorj, a 14-year-old bicyclist involved in a traffic collision at Iowa Drive and Drake Road, died from injuries sustained in the crash with a Nissan Pathfinder driven by Christopher Christian, 38, of Fort Collins. Christian was eastbound on Drake when he collided with Mijiddorj who was northbound on Iowa Drive attempting to cross Drake.
- The investigation continues into the August 22 fatal crash that killed 23 year-old Christopher Burnett. The driver of a Nissan Xterra turned in front of Burnett's northbound motorcycle on Lemay Avenue at Mansfield Drive. The motorcycle struck the rear of the Xterra before traveling into oncoming traffic, and collided with a Honda van. Burnett died at the scene. Speed and alcohol are believed to be contributing factors to the accident.

Northern Colorado Drug Task Force (NCDTF)

- 15 people have been indicted on 44 felony counts after a multistate cocaine distribution investigation that partially operated in the northern Colorado area. Two men indicted are

accused of selling drugs to a Fort Collins man, 23-year-old Kyle Michalka. Michalka was taken into custody without incident by the NCDTF and Fort Collins police on August 5 at his apartment on Davidson Drive and has been charged with violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act.

Everbridge Emergency Notification System

- An 11-year-old boy who went missing the afternoon of August 18 from the Wal-Mart store (1250 E. Magnolia Street) after a disagreement with his parents over school supplies, was found safe at home that evening. An emergency notification message was sent via the Everbridge system around 8 p.m. to 5700 contacts within a 1 mile radius of the store. The boy walked partially home to Wellington before receiving a ride home from a stranger. His uncle was at the house and contacted his parents and police to report the boy had arrived home safely.

DUI Checkpoint

- Local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with the Larimer County DUI Taskforce, hosted a multi-agency DUI Sobriety Checkpoint in Fort Collins on August 28. Twenty-six people were arrested for DUI.

Bridal Shop Closure

- Police have received approximately 90 complaints after Mountain Avenue Bridal closed without delivering wedding dresses ordered and in some cases, paid for in advance. Police are investigating the complaints to determine if any criminal activity occurred.

Crime Prevention Activities

The Crime Prevention Specialist spoke to well over 300 people at various activities this month in addition to the Neighborhood Night Out event. Forty-five telephone calls were handled ranging from questions about how to start a Neighborhood Watch to teaching children about potentially dangerous situations. A breakdown of activity follows:

- Larimer County Fair Booth, 250 people contacted
- Neighborhood Night Out, numerous people attend
- Home Security, 1 attended
- CPTED Drake Professional Park, 2 attended
- Harvest Park NW, 20 attended
- Kid Safety, Christ Center Church, 28 attended

Crime Prevention Tip

This month's crime prevention tip is easy. . . *“lock up and document”*.

Lock your car doors and remove valuables from plain sight. Lock your doors and windows at home. Close the garage door and if you notice your neighbor's garage door open, please call them and let them know. Keep a record of your property (serial numbers, photographs, etc.) to aid in identification and recovery should it be stolen.

Many owners of stolen property do not have any proof or recording of their property. To aid in the recovery of items, record your property on an inventory sheet that includes the make, model, AND SERIAL NUMBER. With the serial number recorded, police have a better chance of

reuniting victims with their property. If the stolen item ends up at a pawn shop, police are able to match up serial numbers with pawned items. You can also check out an engraver from the Patrol Division by calling 221-6555.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

CURRENT PLANNING:

Received 14 Development Application/Minor Amendment submittals in August, 2009. YTD, submittals are up 5% over 2008.

SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT

CONCEPTUAL REVIEWS/FOLLOW UPS – AUGUST, 2009:

Project
Parking Expansion Addition of Permitted Use (Agricultural Uses and Group Home) Brewery Change of Use (Single Family to Bed & Breakfast/Child Care Facility) Replat to Change Dwelling Type Tennis Court Relocation 4-Story Apartment Building Store Expansion Addition of Permitted Use (Repair) Reduction of Park Size to Create Buildable Lots

STAFF REVIEWS – AUGUST, 2009:

Type	Project	Process	Description
PDP	731 W. Olive	LUC	Request to run water service to detached garage for a pump and maintenance equipment for a water feature in the yard. Location: 731 W Olive St, on the corner of Olive and Grant. Zoning: NCL -Neighborhood Conservation, Low-Density.
PDP	Crossroads Safehouse	LUC	Request to change the use and renovate. 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

			<p>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.</p> <p>Zoning: LMN – Low Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood.</p>
Major Amendment	Casey’s Car Wash	LUC	<p>Request to remodel a portion of the existing self-serve car wash into a small novelty retail store and café with patio.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Zoning: C – Commercial.</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> <p>Zoning: NC - Neighborhood</p>

			Commercial.
PDP	Jennings Subdivision PDP (formerly known as 609 City Park Ave PDP)	LUC	<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>
PDP	Centre Avenue Residences	LUC	<p>Request for a development containing (3), four-story multi-family buildings 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	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>

			Zoning: HC – Harmony Corridor.
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>
Rezoning	Christ Center Community Church	LUC	<p>Request to rezone the approximately 23.5 acre site owned by Christ Center Community Church from the current RL - Low Density Residential, to LMN - Low Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood to allow for future development in a use compatible with the church and the surrounding neighborhood. The property currently includes the church and its associated parking on the west portion of the site, and open land on the east portion.</p> <p>Location: 2700 S. Lemay Avenue, on the SE corner of E. Drake Rd and S. Lemay Ave.</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</p>

			<p>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>
Major Amendment	McClelland’s Creek, 3 rd Filing	LUC	<p>Request for a Major Amendment and replat to McClelland's Creek, 2nd Filing, adjusting the lot sizes resulting in an additional 21 lots. No changes will be made to the sewer and water infrastructure except for the additional services to the new lots and the internal street network. Stormwater elements will not be changed. Two external roads, Kechter and Strauss Cabin, will be slightly revised based on the updated traffic analysis. Landscaping and site plans will be modified to add neighborhood playground areas, a community garden, and low water consumption landscape elements.</p> <p>Location: SW corner of Kechter Rd and Strauss Cabin Rd (S. County Rd 7).</p> <p>Zoning: LMN - Low Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood.</p>
ODP	Inverness Innovation Park	LUC	<p>Request for an Overall Development Plan containing 7.681 acres for Inverness Innovation Park. The permitted land uses of the current zoning support the proposed land uses</p>

			<p>of this project, which include commercial/retail and industrial. The ODP development will include improvements to existing E Vine Dr to bring it to current street standards per its current street classification. Improvements will include bike lanes, public pedestrian walkways and street tree plantings. A Project Development Plan for the first phase of development, RMI2 at Inverness Innovation Park, was submitted concurrently with this ODP.</p> <p>Location: N side of E Vine Dr including parcels addressed 300 through 500 E Vine Dr; S side of E Vine Dr; the parcel addressed as 213 E Vine Dr; and the vacant lot to the E of that address.</p> <p>Zoning: CCN - Community Commercial North College District (N side of E Vine Dr) and CCR - Community Commercial-Poudre River District (S side of E Vine Dr.)</p>
PDP	RMI2 at Inverness Innovation Park PDP	LUC	<p>Request for construction of a new facility for Rocky Mountain Innovations Initiative (RMI2) to include two proposed buildings on a 2.085 acre site. The project will allow RMI2 to operate from a single centralized location. The first phase will include a building with 28,890 sq ft designated for office/conference/community room uses and 3,000 sq ft designated for industrial use as a research laboratory. A 3-story, 23,400 sq ft building is proposed for a future phase 2. The project will meet LEED Gold requirements.</p> <p>Location: N side of E Vine Dr between Jerome Dr and Redwood St.</p> <p>Zoning: CCN - Community Commercial North College District.</p>

PDP	Union Place	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 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>
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HEARINGS – AUGUST, 2009:

Type	Project	Hearing Type Outcome	Description
Plan Update	Mountain Vista Subarea	<p>P&Z Hearing</p> <p>Approved</p>	<p>Request for a recommendation to City Council for adoption of the Update to the Mountain Vista Subarea Plan and related items, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment to City Plan including the City Structure Plan map. • Amendment to the N College Corridor Plan, an element of City Plan. • Amendment to the Northside Neighborhoods Plan, an element of City Plan. • Amendment to the City of Fort Collins Zoning map. <p>The Mountain Vista Subarea Plan, an element of City Plan is projected to accommodate a significant portion of the City's future growth with</p>

			<p>approximately 1,500 acres of vacant land. The update will refine the adopted vision, framework plan map, policies, and implementation actions identified to achieve the Plan in the future.</p> <p>The Mountain Vista Subarea Plan, originally adopted on March 16, 1999, laid a framework for a large, primarily undeveloped area of northeast Fort Collins. Over these past 10 years, staff has responded to numerous requests for changes to this plan. The Plan update process which started in March, 2008, will address these identified issues based on new information, and is anticipated for completion in August, 2009.</p>
Modification of Standards	Meldrum Street Townhomes	<p>Admin Hearing</p> <p>Approved with Conditions</p>	<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>
Major Amendment	Penny Flats	<p>Admin Hearing</p> <p>Approved</p>	<p>Request for a mixed-use residential/commercial block. The project includes 147 dwelling units (7 affordable) and 29,246 sq ft of commercial space on 2.619 acres.</p> <p>Location: NW corner of Maple St and N Mason St.</p> <p>Zoning: D – Downtown District.</p>
Major Amendment	SunTerrace Townhomes (Old Town N Replat)	Admin Hearing	Request for a 56 unit townhome development to be established through a Major Amendment to the

		Approved with Conditions	<p>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 and Redwood St.</p> <p>Zoning: CCN – Community Commercial, N College.</p>
PDP	Rocky Mountain Archery	Admin Hearing Approved	<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>

NEW SUBMITTALS – AUGUST, 2009:

Type	Project	Process	Description
Major Amendment	McClelland's Creek, 3 rd Filing	LUC	See Description under "Staff Review" section above.
Rezoning	Christ Center Community Church	LUC	See Description under "Staff Review" section above.
ODP	Inverness Innovation Park	LUC	See Description under "Staff Review" section above.
PDP	RMI2 at Inverness Innovation Park	LUC	See Description under "Staff Review" section above.
PDP	1121 Remington Street	LUC	Request to extend a drain and water line from existing utility service to an accessory building located at the rear

			<p>of property.</p> <p>Location: NE corner of Remington St and Edwards St.</p> <p>Zoning: NCB – Neighborhood Conservation Buffer.</p>
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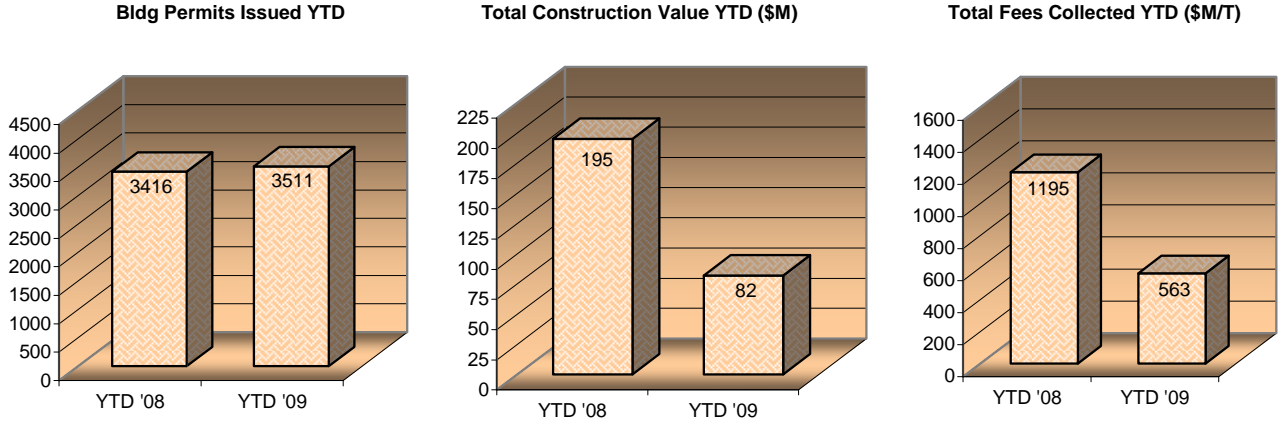
NEW SUBMITTALS (REVISED PLANS) – AUGUST, 2009:

Type	Project	Process	Description
PDP	1101 West Oak Street	LUC	<p>Request to construct a new 2-car detached garage with habitable space. The lot currently contains one single family residence.</p> <p>Location: 1101 W Oak St.</p> <p>Zoning: NCL – Neighborhood Conservation Low Density.</p>

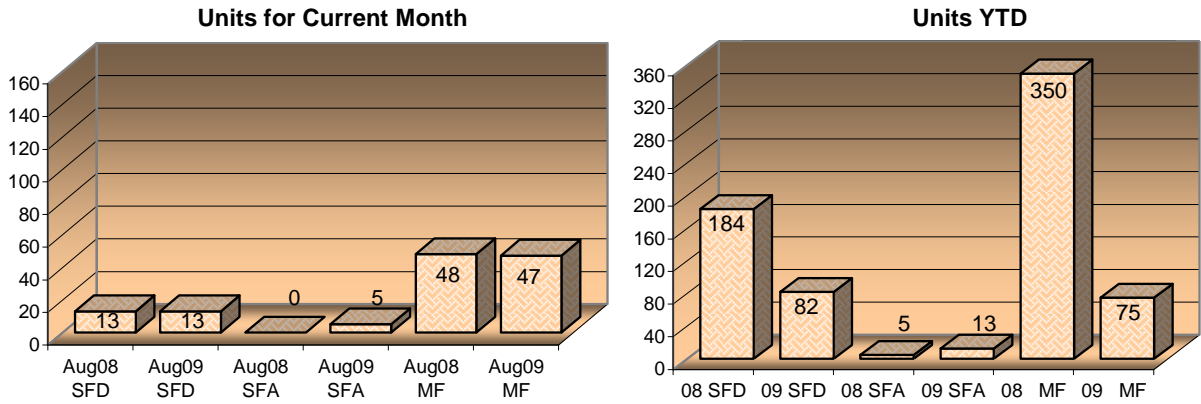
NEW SUBMITTALS (FINAL PLANS) – AUGUST, 2009:

Type	Project	Process	Description
PDP	Union Place	LUC	See Description under “Staff Review” section above.
PDP	SunTerrace Townhomes (Old Town North Replat)	LUC	See Description under “Hearings” section above.

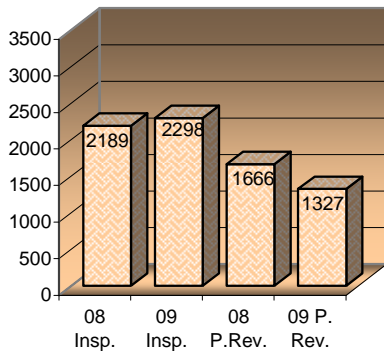
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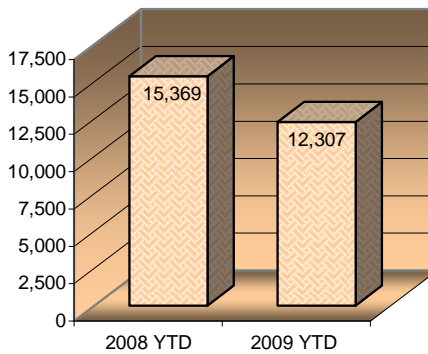
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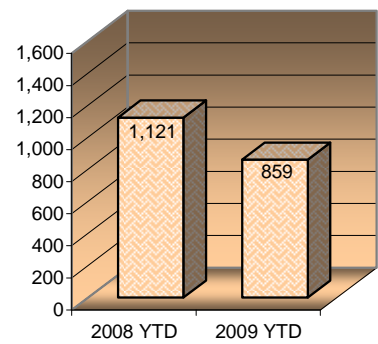
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