

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Monthly report to the Fort Collins City Council and community

February 9, 2012

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ISSUES BEFORE COUNCIL

February 14 Work Session

CSU Master Plan

- Staff from CSU will be updating City Council on CSU's master plan for its Fort Collins campuses. This update will provide information regarding buildings which are under construction, buildings funded and planned for construction and a framework for future growth, including a framework for housing, parking, research and academic buildings.

Student Housing Action Plan

- Staff will provide Council with an update on the Student Housing Action Plan project.
- The purpose of this project is to work collaboratively with Colorado State University, Front Range Community College, neighbors, students, and other stakeholders to identify strategies and recommend action items to address the increasing need for multi-family student housing and the potential impacts and compatibility issues upon existing neighborhoods.
- Staff will be seeking feedback from Council regarding the public process and the process for identifying affinities and issues/concerns, and developing recommended strategies and action items.

Recycling Update

- Staff will present a report of the Integrated Recycling Facility and three options for expanding recycling drop-off facilities.

February 21 Regular Meeting

Appeals Procedure

- Staff is bringing an amended ordinance forward for second reading.
- Staff has conducted public outreach since the first reading of this ordinance; changes have been made based on feedback that has been received.

February 28 Work Session

KFCG Annual Report

- Staff will report on the actual expenditures from revenues of the Keep Fort Collins Great sales and use tax initiative, and the cost savings and productivity measures undertaken for the year 2011.

Jefferson Street Project

- Staff will present a project update, including the refined corridor and intersection alternatives.

- Staff will present findings from the alternatives analysis process and staff recommendations.
- Staff will share feedback received to-date from the project partners and from the community.

Parking Plan Update

- Staff has prepared a list of proposed parking policies and strategies for public review.
- Staff is holding a series of public outreach meetings throughout February, including a public open house on February 16.
- This information will be presented and discussed with City Council on February 28.
- The consultant is preparing a draft Parking Plan to contain these strategies and other background information. The draft Plan will be reviewed by Council on April 17.

ECONOMY

FORT COLLINS SALES AND USE TAX

Net Taxable Amounts (amount of goods sold or purchased that are subject to sales or use tax)

December 2011:

- Net taxable subject to sales tax increased 7.1%
- Net taxable subject to use tax increased 2.9%
- Total net taxable increased 6.5%

2011 YTD:

- Net taxable subject to sales tax is up 5.5%
- Net taxable subject to use tax is down 1.2%
- Total net taxable is up 4.6%

Sales & Use Tax Amounts

December 2011:

- Total sales tax increased 33.4%
- Total use tax increased 32.0%
- Combined total collections increased 33.2%

2011 YTD:

- Total sales tax is up 28.8%
- Total use tax is up 24.7%
- Combined total collections are up 28.2%

CAPITAL PROJECTS

ENGINEERING (new information noted in blue text)

I-25 / SH 392 INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION

Funding Source: CDOT, FHWA, Town of Windsor, Fort Collins

Estimated Project Budget: \$25 million

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of this project is to replace the failing interchange located at Interstate 25 and State Highway 392. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the North Front Range MPO, the Town of Windsor and the City of Fort Collins have collaborated on the planning, design and funding of this project.
- CDOT is using FASTER funding for right of way acquisition. The right-of-way acquisition is complete.
- The Fort Collins City Council and the Windsor Town Board approved Intergovernmental Agreements between the City of Fort Collins, Town of Windsor and CDOT defining construction, maintenance and ownership of the interchange; and an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Fort Collins and the Town of Windsor that defines the process for review of development and redevelopment proposals, and identifies cost sharing and reimbursement through development impact fees.
- The project is under construction.
- Project substantial completion is projected for August 2012.

NORTH COLLEGE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS – VINE TO CONIFER

Funding Source: Building on Basics Funds, CDOT Funds, Truck Route Funds, and URA Funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$11.19 million

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- This voter approved project will construct complete outside edge improvements along North College Avenue from Vine Drive to Conifer. Improvements will include a 2 inch overlay, the construction of various urban design elements, an eight foot on-street bike lane, a landscaped parkway, shared use paths, the definition and consolidation of accesses throughout the corridor, an updated storm system including water quality treatment ponds, and safety improvements at the Conifer/Hickory intersection. Medians and side street improvements are not included with this project.
- The overall project budget is \$11.19 million.
- The project construction bid has been awarded.
- Partnering and pre-construction meetings have been completed.
- The contractor began work on December 5, 2011, focusing on construction of the water quality ponds and storm drainage improvements on the south end of the project near the Poudre River. This phase of work is entirely outside of the roadway.
- Private utility relocation work began in late September and will continue into January 2012. This work aims to relocate private utilities in conflict with the planned project improvements. Some minor traffic impacts are expected to complete these relocations.

- Work in the roadway by the contractor is scheduled to begin in February 2012, weather permitting. Project completion is scheduled for November 2012.
- The west side of the roadway will be completed near June 2012, and then switch to the east side of the roadway.
- Extensive public outreach, including coordination with the North Fort Collins Business Association, impacted property owners and other interested groups, will continue throughout the duration of the project. A Public Information Manager from the contractor is assigned to the project, as well as our City Communications staff.
- A project open house event is tentatively scheduled for the second week in February 2012.
- Additional project information is available to the public at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/ncollege.php>

DRAKE AND LEMAY INTERSECTION TURN LANE

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant and BOB funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$325,000

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of this project is to relieve traffic congestion and vehicle wait time by constructing a right turn lane from westbound Drake to northbound Lemay.
- The reduced vehicle wait time will lead to a measurable improvement in air quality by reducing carbon emissions.
- The design calls for construction of the right turn lane and replacement of the existing bike lane and sidewalk.
- The northeast corner of the intersection is heavily landscaped. The construction will require relocating six to eight large pine trees on-site along with the replacement of bushes and shrubs.
- Construction bids were opened on September 22, 2011. The low bidder met the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal and we obtained Concurrence to Award the project from CDOT. Construction began on October 24, 2011.
- Public outreach has been completed adjacent to the project. All residents within one-quarter mile of the intersection were notified by mail. All businesses within one-quarter mile of the intersection were notified with a hand delivered flyer.
- The Contractor completed the bike lane, turn lane and sidewalks improvements. The final landscaping phase will occur in the spring of 2012.

HARMONY AND LEMAY INTERSECTION TURN LANE

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant and BOB funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$325,000

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of this project is to relieve traffic congestion and vehicle wait time by constructing a second left turn lane from westbound Harmony to southbound Lemay.

- The reduced vehicle wait time will lead to a measurable improvement in air quality by reducing carbon emissions.
- The Contractor completed the turn lane and raised median improvements. The final landscaping phase will occur in the spring of 2012.

HARMONY ROAD MAINTENANCE – COLLEGE TO TIMBERLINE

Funding Source: Harmony Maintenance Fund and BOB Intersection

Estimated Project Budget: \$2.5 million

Status: On Budget, On schedule

- The goals of this project are to rehabilitate the pavement, overlay and restripe this 1.8 mile stretch of Harmony Road from College Avenue to Timberline Road, as well as provide a pedestrian connection at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) on the north side of Harmony Road and construct three new dedicated right turn lanes.
- College to Boardwalk will be restriped similar to the existing lane configuration. Boardwalk to Timberline will be restriped to a six-lane configuration per the Master Street Plan.
- Three right turn lanes have been identified through the findings of the Arterial Intersection Priority Study. They will be constructed as part of this project. The locations are as follows:
 - Eastbound Harmony Road to Southbound Lemay Avenue
 - Northbound Lemay Avenue to Eastbound Harmony Road
 - Eastbound Harmony Road to Southbound Timberline Road
- The project will also include the demolition and removal of an abandoned bridge under Lemay Avenue north of Harmony Road. This bridge served the former Dixon Lateral irrigation line which is no longer in service.
- The City has accepted the revised estimate from UPRR. The City will make a Public Utilities Commission (PUC) application submittal in January for the pedestrian connection crossing with Harmony Road.
- A raised median (approximately 300 feet long) will be built on the west side of the UPRR tracks as a requirement from the railroad to eliminate the unsafe condition of “U-turning” vehicles. Final landscape design for the median will be completed in January.
- Utility relocations for the proposed turn lanes will begin in February.
- The final contract documents are being prepared for an anticipated March 2012 bid opening.

TURNBERRY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS

Funding Sources: Street Oversizing Funds and Parks Department

Estimated Project Budget: \$1.8 million

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The main goal of the project is to upgrade Turnberry Road to a City standard two-lane arterial roadway from Country Club Drive to Brightwater Drive.
- Construction will include a pedestrian underpass from the Richard’s Lake Subdivision to the Lind Property, a private frontage road for 19 existing residences on Turnberry Road

(Country Club Heights), and a new two lane arterial roadway east of the existing roadway.

- A majority of the roadway plans have been designed and approved as part of subdivision developments in the area. These improvements will be funded by Street Oversizing at an estimated amount of \$1.2 million.
- The pedestrian underpass will be funded through the Parks Department. Construction of this improvement is estimated to be \$600,000.
- The project team began coordination with the Art in Public Places program to select an artist for the project.

LAPORTE AND WHITCOMB BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Funding Source: Colorado off system bridge program (BRO) funds and 2011 KFCG

Estimated Project Budget: \$1.27 million

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to replace the worst rated, structurally deficient bridge in the City with a new bridge that meets the current standards.
- The new bridge will also allow a full pavement section over the bridge. Currently there are only two inches of pavement over the existing bridge.
- The project scope will include the replacement of concrete pavement at the intersection of Laporte and Whitcomb.
- This project will be bid together with the South Shields bridge to achieve overall project savings.
- The project will be advertised in January and construction will be complete by June.

SOUTH SHIELDS STREET BRIDGE OVER LARIMER CANAL NO. 2

Funding Source: Colorado off system bridge program (BRO) funds and 2011 KFCG

Estimated Project Budget: \$1.5 million

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- This is the second worst rated, structurally deficient bridge in the City.
- The new replacement bridge will be similar in size to the existing bridge and will include urban design features.
- During construction, traffic lanes will be reduced to one lane each direction.
- This project will be bid together with the Laporte/Whitcomb bridge to achieve overall project savings.
- Construction will commence in the fall of 2012 and be complete in summer 2013.

WEST MULBERRY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DESIGN

Funding Source: KFCG 2011

Estimated Project Budget: \$250,000 (Design only)

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge with a new bridge that meets the current standards.

- The posted weight limit on this bridge precludes the passage of emergency vehicles from the nearby fire station.
- [In December 2012](#), the City received a grant for \$700,000 in Colorado off system bridge program (BRO) funds to cover the cost of 80% of the construction.
- Design efforts are underway and will be complete by this fall. [Construction is planned for fall 2014.](#)

WEST PROSPECT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DESIGN

Funding Source: KFCG 2011

Estimated Project Budget: \$250,000 (Design only)

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge with a new bridge that meets the current standards.
- The State of Colorado inspected this bridge in March 2011 and found significant structural issues resulting in a temporary plate being installed and load posting restricted to 15 tons.
- Design efforts are underway and will be complete by this fall.

TROUTMAN UNDERPASS

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant and BOB funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$1.5 million

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to construct a new pedestrian/bike underpass that will link the Mason Bike Trail to Troutman Road.
- The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) process is complete.
- This project will be advertised for bid in January/[February](#) and construction will be complete by December 2012.

NRRC/WHOLEFOODS OVERPASS

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant and BOB funds

Estimated Project Budget: \$2.75 million

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- The goal of the project is to construct a new pedestrian/bike overpass that will link the Mason Bike Trail and the federal campus on the west side of the railroad tracks to the Mason Corridor Bus Rapid Transit MAX station on the east side of the tracks.
- All approvals and clearances have been obtained.
- This project will be advertised for bid in January/[February](#) and construction will be complete by December 2012.

MASON CORRIDOR MAX BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) PROJECT

Funding Source: FTA 80%, Local Match 20% (CDOT SB-1 and FASTER, City, Downtown Development Authority, BOB, BCC and 292 Funds)

Estimate Project Budget: \$87 million

Status: On Budget, On Schedule

- A draft application to enter into the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Project Construction Grant Agreement (PCGA) has been formally submitted. [The Grant Application is in final review at the FTA and is expected to go to Congress for final approval in February 2012.](#) At the conclusion of the government review and acceptance process, we expect to receive the remainder of the project funding from the FTA. [The FTA has notified the City that the current schedule for award is in May 2012.](#)
- The FTA's Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC) has reviewed the current project budgets, plans, risk potentials and various project management plans. The purpose of the oversight review is to provide the FTA with recommendations as to whether or not the project is ready to enter into the PCGA and, subsequently, the Construction Phase of the project. In late July, the PMOC provided comments regarding the PCGA, Project Management Plan and the Safety and Security Management Plan. Per the PCGA review process, the PMOC and FTA have recommended an overall Project Budget increase from \$82 million to \$87 million for additional contingency and additional budget allocations. The City has available Project Funds to cover the 20% match for the additional \$5 million project budget increase.
- The design team has finalized the design of the BRT System-wide Infrastructure based on final stakeholder comments. [The Design Team is finalizing the design portion of the bid documents \(MAX BRT Guideway and South Transit Center\) which will be completed in February and submitted in the Construction Bid Advertisement also scheduled to happen in February. We expect to advertise the Maintenance Facility Expansion and Construction Management in March or April 2012.](#)
- Real-estate acquisitions, including appraisals and negotiations for Phases 1 through 4 of the private properties, [which include 39 of the total 55 private parcels](#), are being continued. The final negotiation process for Phase 4 properties (8 Private Parcels and 2 CSU) has begun. The remaining parcels will be categorized into a new Phase (Phase 5). These new 11 parcels are required due to design evolution and the understood need for additional property rights to be acquired, including the shared parking lot facilities. The acquisition process for the new Phase 5 property acquisition is underway. [Phase 5 also includes the shared parking agreements.](#)
- Coordination continues with City Utilities on the relocation of water, wastewater and electric lines to accommodate the Project. Early utility work is underway near the Capstone Project for sewer connections and electric duct bank modifications that will serve both Capstone and the BRT.
- The two-way Mason Street conversion and rail work is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2012.
- The FTA authorized the City to begin early tree transplant activities, as this needs to occur in the winter months, and allowed the BNSF to order the necessary railroad signal materials for the grade crossing improvements south of University Avenue. [This contract was awarded in January 2012 and work should commence immediately.](#)

- The MAX BRT Public Involvement Team has had many public presentations through the month of January to keep the public and stakeholders up to date on the project activities. The “MAX IS COMING” signs have been installed along the corridor and the Team is working on Station Area signs to be posted this spring/summer.

UTILITIES

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: Project complete except for final restoration that has to be done in the spring

Highlights:

- Production excavation and off-site hauling activities of approximately 45,000 cubic yards in the Glenmoor Detention Basin is complete. Fine grading and seeding to be completed as weather permits. The site has been stabilized with hydro-mulch. Final landscaping to be completed in the spring.
- Final as-built floodplain mapping to be approved in 2012.

NORTH COLLEGE WESTSIDE SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Project Description: Preliminary design report completed. Design and construction of the replacement of the existing line on the west side of North College. Project will replace the existing sewer line due to age and size.

Project Budget: \$1,200,000

Budget Status: Within budget

Project Status: Complete

Anticipated Completion: Design – summer 2011; Construction – Complete

Highlights:

- Construction of the new sanitary sewer main is complete. Approximately 4,000 lineal feet of existing 8” and 10” sanitary sewer line have been replaced with new 12” PVC. Pipe is being installed with typical trenching and by a trenchless technology called pipe reaming, allowing replacement of the existing pipe without excavation of the old pipe system. Only the sewer services have to be excavated.
- Asphalt patching and landscaping to be completed in spring 2012.

CATHODIC PROTECTION OF WATER TREATMENT AND TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER LINES

Project Description: Investigation of existing systems in place used to protect water lines from corrosion; design of rehabilitation of existing and new systems to prevent corrosion; and construction of the modified and new systems.

Project Budget: \$150,000

Budget Status: Within budget

Project Status: On schedule; this is an ongoing project

Highlights:

- Working with consultant and contractor on testing current cathodic protection levels and locations, and installing modified and new systems where needed.
- Completed the rehabilitation of an isolation coupling between the 48 inch and 42 inch portions of a major water transmission pipeline on the north side of town.

BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) WATER AND SEWER RELOCATES

Project Description: Relocation and protection of major water and sewer utility lines due to the construction of the BRT.

Project Budget: Unknown at this time

Budget Status: Working on design for water and sewer crossings

Project Status: Potholing complete and design underway

Anticipated Completion: Winter 2011 – Spring 2012

Highlights:

- All Utilities impacted by the BRT have been identified and initial cost estimates were developed.
- Coordination with the BRT continues.
- Contract for design services completed.
- Worked with Choice Center Development to complete relocation of an existing 21” sanitary sewer from the west side of the BNRR/BRT to the east side through the development (and upsizing the main), as well as replacing an existing brick manhole northwest of the development for the BRT project.
- Incorporating potholing details into design.

RIGDEN MUNICIPAL STORAGE POND

Project Description: Feasibility review of developing Flatiron gravel pit east of Ziegler and north of Horsetooth as a municipal storage pond below the Drake Water Reclamation. Purpose of the storage is to retime flows to meet water rights return flow obligations and meet augmentation requirements. Project is a cooperative effort with Natural Areas and Parks.

Project Budget: Unknown at this time

Budget Status: Working on Preliminary Design for Construction Cost Feasibility

Project Status: On Schedule

Anticipated Completion: Preliminary study and feasibility of site to be completed this fall

Highlights:

- Working with Flatiron property owner, and coordinating with Natural Areas and Parks on feasibility review and design.
- Consultant currently developing preliminary conceptual design for review by pertinent interested parties.
- Discussing preliminary design, and purchase option with Flatiron property owner; City Attorneys are reviewing the very draft option agreement.

LAPORTE AVENUE WATER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Project Description: Investigate and prepare master plan for the rehabilitation and replacement needs of the water transmission system in LaPorte Avenue. Study area includes reach from Overland Trail east to Loomis Street. Investigation includes the potential rehabilitation, replacement, or abandonment of all water transmission infrastructure including valves, vaults, and mains. The study will recommend and prioritize needed rehabilitation to the water system in this area.

Project Budget: \$480,000

Budget Status: \$18,000 Master Plan Design Contract

Project Status: Transmission System Master Plan Study Complete

Anticipated Completion: Final Report – February 2012

Highlights:

- Final system modeling complete. Draft design report review by Utilities Staff complete; [final design report review under way](#). [Construction planning and scheduling meeting - February 2012](#).

1 1/2 INCH AND 2 INCH WATER METER CONVERSION OR REPLACEMENT (AMI PROJECT)

Project Description: Conversion or replacement of 1036 1½ inch and 2 inch commercial water meters as part of the AMI Project. Project includes the preparation of meter installation standards, organization and management of meter data base, and the installation or conversion of 1036 1½ inch and 2 inch meters.

Project Budget: \$1.5 million

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: On Schedule ([1006 meter installations completed by January 25, 2012](#))

Anticipated Completion: February 2012

Highlights:

- The project will result in the conversion or replacement of 1036 commercial water meters so that all meters of this size are compliant with AMI specifications.
- Organization of database is complete.
- Preparation of meter installation standards is complete. Meter installation contract in place.
- Meter conversion and replacement underway as of May 9, 2011. One crew at work averaging about 50 meters per week.
- Second phase of project (119 indoor meter replacements, conversions, and resetter installations) began on December 12, 2011. [Production rate for phase II at about 20 meter replacements per week](#). [30 meters left to install](#).

42 INCH SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND 12 INCH WATER MAIN RELOCATION AT MULBERRY BRIDGE

Project Description: In order to accommodate the construction of the new bridge over the Poudre River on Mulberry Street by CDOT, conflicting utility lines must be relocated. At CDOT expense the 42 inch sanitary sewer main and the 12 inch water main will be relocated to the north to a location that will not conflict with the new wider bridge. The project will include

the relocation design, permitting, and relocation construction necessary to remove the utility lines from conflict with the new bridge.

Project Status: Preparation of scope of work for the project design and permitting underway with Stantec Engineering Consultants.

Design Schedule: February 2012 - July 2012

Construction Schedule: December 2012 - February 2013

Project Status: On Schedule

Highlights:

- Project design and construction using Utilities Alternative Product Delivery System approved by CDOT.
- Relocation of large utility mains under the Poudre River presents numerous engineering and construction challenges.
- First design meeting with CDOT scheduled for February 13, 2012.

MULBERRY REDUNDANCY PROJECT

Project Description: Construction of anaerobic and anoxic zones in the Drake Water Reclamation Facilities' North Process Trains to provide redundancy for the Mulberry Water Reclamation Facility. Project also includes replacement of several aeration blowers and aeration automation for better process control and energy efficiency.

Project Budget: \$4,600,000

Budget Status: On Budget

Project Status: 8% Complete; submittal review in progress. Installation of east train walls underway. Tunnel demolition and temporary sludge line installation complete.

WTF CHLORINE CONTACT BASIN

Project Description: This project will provide a new chlorine contact basin designed to meet the disinfection, required by the state, before entering the treated water reservoir. This will free up space in the reservoir currently used to achieve the required disinfection contact time providing additional treated water storage.

Project Status: Preliminary design is underway with CH2M Hill consultants.

Preliminary Design Schedule: January 2012 - June 2013

Final Design: TBD

Construction Schedule: TBD

Project Status: On Schedule

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sketching 101: Forms & Textures of Nature

Location: Gardens on Spring Creek, Evelyn Clark classroom

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 1:00 PM

Details: Do you want to paint gardens, flowers, and nature scenes but don't know how to start? This is the class for you because you have to know how to draw before you can paint. Learn basic techniques of shading, perspective, creating texture, and line drawings with graphite pencils. This class is for novice sketchers. This is a six week class. \$85 members / \$90 non-members

Contact Information: Gardens on Spring Creek
Phone: 416-2486; E-mail address: jkroeger@fcgov.com

Annual State of the City

Location: Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia Street, Canyon West Room

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 5:00-7:00 PM

Web address: <http://www.fcgov.com/news/?id=4127>

Details: Please join Mayor Karen Weitkunat, the Fort Collins City Council, and City Manager Darin Atteberry for the annual State of the City.

Contact Information: Christine Macrina
Phone: (970) 221-6763; E-mail address: cmacrina@fcgov.com

Open House for Jefferson Street Alternatives and Downtown Parking Plan

Location: Opera Galleria Lobby, 123 N. College Avenue

Date/Time: Thursday, February 16, 2012 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Web address: <http://www.fcgov.com/news/index.php?id=4146>

Details: The City of Fort Collins will host a joint open house with convenient morning and evening sessions to discuss the recommendations of two transportation related projects within the Downtown; the Parking Plan and Jefferson Street Alternative Analysis Project. Join us and share your thoughts on a list of proposed Downtown parking strategies dealing with the management of on- and off-street parking. We also want your feedback on the proposed alternatives for improvements to Jefferson Street and the Jefferson/Riverside and Mountain/Lincoln intersections.

Contact Information: Timothy Wilder
Phone: 970-221-6376; E-mail address: twilder@fcgov.com

To view the full calendar of events, visit <http://www.fcgov.com/events/>.

SPOTLIGHT

Sustainability Services

One of the key themes for the City of Fort Collins is sustainability. It's a part of our organizational culture, and frames the way we do business.

Over the years, many City departments have had a role in guiding our sustainability efforts, from environmental services to economic health. In November 2011, City Council approved the formation of a new service area within the City organization, which will formally combine our sustainability work teams into one office.

The new Office of Sustainability was created to address multiple priorities identified by the community:

- Continuing efforts to address climate change
- Addressing the community's social sustainability in critical areas such as homelessness and affordable housing
- Aligning City economic strategies with important economic priorities such as retention and expansion of local business

The Office increases coordination and efficiency by combining Economic Health and Environmental Services. This combination allows for increased coordination and accountability in supporting the local economy and protecting our environment. In the future we plan to include staff dedicated to social sustainability as well.

To increase our community-wide environmental sustainability efforts and impacts, we will hire an Environmental Sustainability Director to lead our air quality, waste reduction and recycling, Healthy Sustainable Homes, and other environmental services programs.

We will also maintain our strong focus on the community's economic health. We are in the process of hiring an Economic Analyst to assist the Economic Health Office in implementing the new Economic Action Plan.

In addition, the Office of Sustainability is currently developing a preliminary sustainability strategic plan that will guide our priorities going forward. As this plan develops, we will reach out to the public to gather feedback and recommendations for enhancing the plan. Sustainability is a core value for many in this community, and your participation is critical to the success of the City's efforts.

The Office will continue to work with departments across the City organization to further implement sustainable practices as core to our operations. Our focus is to provide exceptional service for the community while being responsible stewards of our economic, financial and social resources.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

FORT COLLINS POLICE SERVICES

Call Load

In January, officers responded to 8,235 incidents which resulted in 1,480 cases.

Fatal Traffic Crash

Sierra Garcia, 24, of Broomfield, CO died on January 10 in a single-car rollover crash in the 6000 block of S. Shields Street. Police believe Garcia lost control of the northbound 1998 GMC Jimmy and ran off the right side of the road. She then over-corrected before the vehicle went off the left side of the road and rolled several times. Garcia died instantly as the result of multiple blunt force trauma injuries when she was ejected from the car.

Gun Thefts

Fort Collins police, Loveland police and ATF are offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the burglary of two businesses in the Northern Colorado area in which a total of seven rifles were stolen in December. The first incident occurred on December 11 at Dick's Sporting Goods in the Promenade Shops at Centerra in Loveland. An unknown burglar smashed a west-facing store window at approximately 10:45 p.m., gained entry into the business, broke security padlocks and stole two Remington rifles. The second incident occurred on December 17, at approximately 4:20 a.m. at the Sports Authority, 4417 Corbett Drive, in Fort Collins. The lone suspect forced entry into the business through a locked back door, cut the cables securing firearms and stole five rifles from the display case. The suspect in both incidents is described as a medium or stock built man wearing dark clothes. Investigators believe the burglaries were done by the same suspect. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the ATF Gun Hotline at (800) ATF GUNS or Crime Stoppers of Larimer County at (970) 221-6868 or www.stopcriminals.org

Windsor Man Arrested for Securities Fraud and Theft

Phillip Richard Trujillo, 63, of Windsor was arrested on 7 counts of securities fraud and 1 count of theft. Trujillo was working out of an office located at 1030 Centre Avenue in Fort Collins and is alleged to have defrauded seven victims (two from California and five from Colorado). Trujillo solicited monies from investors for a land purchase in Monument, CO for future resale. The investigation showed that the alleged victims' monies (a total of \$213,000 in January 2007) went for a purpose other than the purchase of the property. The securities fraud is alleged to have occurred because he failed to disclose information to the investors that would have been materially important to them.

Theft & Identity Theft

Matthew Shane Strauch, 24, of Fort Collins has been charged with 2 counts of theft and 3 counts of identity theft stemming from two separate investigations. Strauch allegedly stole thousands of dollars from both the Bas Bleu Theatre Company, where he was once the general manager, and the T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge charter school, where he served as a board

member. Strauch, a CSU student, was the director of finance for ASCSU until his resignation shortly after his arrest.

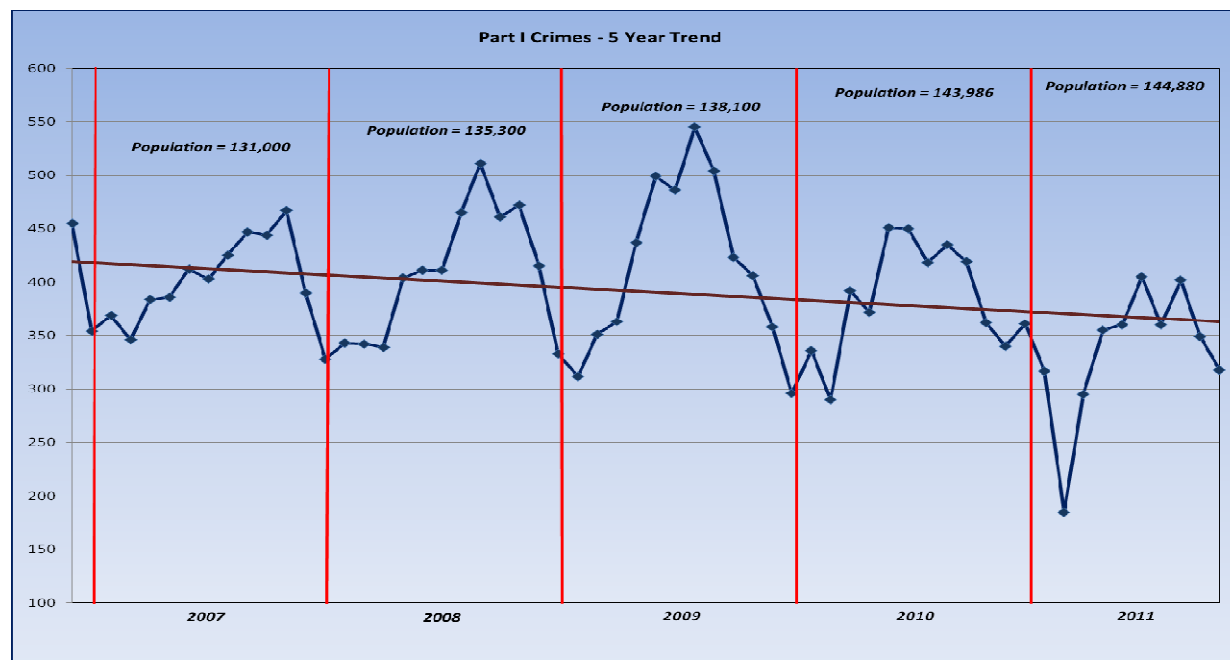
“The Safe Ride Home”

The Safe Ride Home program, a highly anticipated late-night bus shuttle service transporting patrons from the downtown/Old Town areas along two routes to neighborhoods serving student populations will begin on February 3. Transfort will operate the two busses with 15-minute headways from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Fort Collins Police Services and ASCSU are funding the majority of the costs, with \$50,000 allocated from camera-radar traffic ticket revenues and \$17,000 from CSU student fees. The additional funding will be generated by fare-box revenue (\$1 per ride) and advertising. The goal of the program is to improve late-night transit options in the downtown entertainment district.

Crime Trends

Part 1 Crimes:

Part 1 crimes, defined as aggravated assault, homicide, rape, robbery, arson, auto theft, burglary and theft, are reported annually to the FBI from all law enforcement agencies. Nationally, Part 1 crimes are trending downward and Fort Collins’ five-year trend is also showing a steady decline, even as the population continues to increase. Of the Part 1 crimes, theft continues to be the most widely reported crime in Fort Collins.



Noise complaints:

Fort Collins police received a total of 170 noise complaints in January. This is a 23% increase from December 2011; however, the number is only 3% above the average for a typical January.

Crime Prevention

During January, the Crime Prevention Specialist spoke to 60 people and handled 22 telephone calls on topics including church security, Municipal Court security assessment, false alarm policies, and senior citizen safety.

A breakdown of the months' Crime Prevention activities follows:

CPTED, Resurrection Church - 6 attended

RESTORE - 50 attended

Municipal Court Security - 4 attended

Crime Prevention Tip

Hold on . . . winter is not quite over yet . . . in fact some of the City's biggest snow storms have occurred in February and March. Should we have more snow storms, keep these tips in mind when driving in adverse weather conditions:

- **Keep your vehicle in good working condition.** Make sure windshield washer fluid is filled, keep windows clear of snow and ice, check your wiper blades, and ensure you are driving on tires with good tread.
- **Reduce your speed.** Speed limits are set for optimal, dry driving conditions. Stopping and turning are adversely affected by slick or icy roads. Keep in mind officers can stop and ticket drivers going too fast for roadway conditions, even when driving at or below the posted speed limit.
- **Leave extra space between vehicles.** The rule of thumb is to leave one car space for every ten miles per hour between vehicles for optimal driving conditions. During adverse driving conditions, significantly increase this distance.
- **Brake and accelerate lightly.** Fast braking and accelerating can put the vehicle into a slide/skid. Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake. Use extra caution in turns.
- **Give snow plows plenty of room to operate.** Don't pass snow plows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.
- **Avoid making last minute decisions.**
- **Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions.** Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ACTIVITY

Staff received 14 Development Application/Minor Amendment submittals in January 2012. YTD, overall submittals are down 18% from 2011. Staff performed 13 Conceptual/ Staff reviews in January 2012. YTD, these reviews are up 18% over 2011.

SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT

CONCEPTUAL REVIEWS/PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEWS/FOLLOW UP JANUARY 2012:

Project
Automotive shop development Neighborhood park Change of use to residential multi-family Change of use to residential single-family Major amendment for multi-family project Restaurant Warehouse conversion

STAFF REVIEWS – JANUARY 2012:

Type	Project	Process	Description
PDP	Remington Annex	LUC	Request for the development of a 3-story, multi-family building. There will be a 10,649 square foot underground parking garage, and an additional 10,830 square foot parking garage with 3,468 square feet of residential space on the first level, 13,362 square feet of residential space on the second level, and 10,410 square feet of residential space on the third level. The unit mix consists of 30 studio units, 8 one-bedroom units and 4 two-bedroom units. The building will contain 42 units and 27,146 square feet of residential space.

			<p>Location: 705 Remington Street.</p> <p>Zoning: NCB – Neighborhood Conservation Buffer.</p>
PDP	Aspen Heights Student Housing	LUC	<p>Request to develop a student housing complex on 31 acres. The development features 221 dwelling units divided between 81 single family detached units; 62 two-family dwellings (duplexes); and 78 multi-family units ("row houses"). All single family detached dwellings would include 4-5 bedrooms and would be classified as Extra Occupancy Rental Houses. For the two-family dwellings, there would be a mix of two and three bedroom options. The multi-family row houses will have two and three bedroom options, as well. There would be a total of 712 bedrooms, each of which would be individually leased to students in Fort Collins. All buildings would be two stories. All internal drives are proposed to be private.</p> <p>Location: South of Conifer Street, west of Redwood Street and north of Old Town North subdivision.</p> <p>Zoning: CCN – Community Commercial North College.</p>
Site Plan Advisory	Liberty Common High School Expansion	LUC	<p>Request for a Site Plan Advisory Review to expand the existing Poudre School District charter school; Liberty Common High School. As proposed, the expansion will include a two-story, 28,838 square foot addition consisting of an engineering lab, gymnasium and classrooms on the 4.27 acre site. Facility expansion includes a new parking lot and athletic field. The existing building is 26,333 square feet. With the proposed expansion, the total building would be 55,171 square feet.</p> <p>Location: 2745 Minnesota Drive, encompassing the entire parcel bordered by Minnesota Drive, Custer Drive, Kansas Drive and Limon Drive.</p>

			Zoning: MMN – Medium Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood.
Final Development Plan	Islamic Center of Fort Collins	LUC	<p>This is a request for a new mosque (praying area), children playing area, gymnasium and elementary school for the Islamic Center of Fort Collins on 3.26 acres. The project will be constructed in phases, with the mosque being Phase One, the school being Phase Two, and the gymnasium being Phase Three. Phase one will consist of a two-story, 11,600 square foot building with an approximate 6,900 square foot unfinished basement. The main prayer hall will have a capacity of 340 persons and the mezzanine will have a capacity of 130 persons. Parking will be provided onsite and also in the existing parking lot of the Plymouth Congregational Church per a shared parking agreement, as the two congregations worship on different days (Fridays and Sundays). The building will not only represent Islamic architecture by including a dome and a minaret, but will also include an exterior in the Northern Colorado vernacular. In this respect, this building will be unique in its architecture and will add to the diverse cultural identity of Fort Collins.</p> <p>Location: 925 W. Lake St, on the south side of West Lake Street, between South Shields Street and South Whitcomb Street, just to the west of Plymouth Congregational Church.</p> <p>Zoning: HMN – High Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood.</p>
Modification of Standards	Carriage House Apartments	LUC	<p>This is a request for a Modification of Standards to Section 3.4.7(C) of the Land Use Code to allow the demolition of a building at this location.</p> <p>Location: 1305 South Shields Street.</p> <p>Zoning: NCB – Neighborhood Conservation Buffer.</p>

HEARINGS – JANUARY 2012:

Type	Project	Hearing Type Outcome	Description
Land Use Code Update	LUC Amendment Deleting Medical Marijuana Businesses from the list of Permitted Uses in Various Zones	P&Z Approved	This is a request for a Recommendation to City Council regarding changes to the Land Use Code pertaining to medical marijuana businesses. Specifically, changes are proposed that will delete such businesses from the permitted use lists in Article 4, delete definitions from Article 5, and delete all references in Articles 1 and 3. These changes are necessitated as a result of the passage of the citizen-initiated ordinance that prohibits such uses within the City.
Site Plan Advisory Review	Common 7-12 Charter School Expansion	P&Z Approved	See comments under “Staff Review” section above.
Referral of Minor Amendment	Lind Property Overall Development Plan	P&Z Approved	<p>This is a referral of a Minor Amendment to add a fourth housing type, single family attached, to the list of approved housing types, and update the general notes to reflect a wider range of residential density for the Lind Property Overall Development Plan. The proposal is being processed as a Minor Amendment and is being referred to the Planning & Zoning Board. The Lind Property O.D.P. is 180 acres in size.</p> <p>Location: Northeast corner of Turnberry Road and Richards Lake Road.</p> <p>Zoning: LMN – Low Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood.</p>
PDP	Lind Property 2 nd Filing	P&Z Approved	This is a request for a one-year extension, to January 12, 2013, of the approved Lind Property Second Filing, Final Plan. The PDP was approved by the Hearing Officer and the Final Plan was recorded on

			<p>January 17, 2007. With three years of vesting, the Final Plan was valid to January 17, 2010. Two successive, one-year, administrative extensions were granted extending the vesting to January 17, 2012. The project consists of 153 dwelling units on 44.87 acres.</p> <p>Location: Northeast corner of Turnberry Road and Richards Lake Road.</p> <p>Zoning: LMN – Low Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood.</p>
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NEW SUBMITTALS – JANUARY 2012:

Type	Project	Process	Description
Modification of Standards	Carriage House Apartments	LUC	See comments under “Staff Review” section above.
PDP	Legacy Auto	LUC	<p>This is a request to replat 1845 North College Avenue (the 200 foot frontage) and the approximate 1.88 acre parcel to the north addressed as 1825 North College Avenue, into a single 2.57 acre parcel for the existing Legacy Auto business. The new parcel will contain two building pad sites. The east building pad will be comprised of the existing 1,211 square foot building and a 6,000 square foot addition. The existing 1,000 square foot canopy, which is connected to the existing building, will remain as a covered pedestrian gateway to the site. The west building pad will be for a 5,000 square foot single story office/warehouse. The existing building and addition will be used for the sales offices for urban tractors, ATV's, trailers (25 foot maximum length), personal water/snow craft (jet-ski and snowmobile types of crafts), conversion vans, cars, and light trucks. Also, part of this building will be used for retail sales and part will be used for minor vehicle repair. The existing</p>

			<p>Street Master Plan and North College corridor Plan show a future local commercial street straddling the south property line of this development. A 36 foot half right-of-way will be dedicated along the southern property line of the development. As this street cannot be constructed until the properties to the south and west redevelop, the construction of the local commercial street will be delayed until the adjacent properties to the south and west redevelop.</p> <p>Location: 1825 and 1845 North College Avenue.</p> <p>Zoning: CS – Service Commercial.</p>
PDP	Remington Annex	LUC	See comments under “Staff Review” section above.
PDP	Prospect 7-Eleven Store	LUC	<p>Request for a redevelopment of existing U-Pump It fueling and convenience store to a 7-Eleven convenience store. The existing building, fuel tanks and canopies will be demolished.</p> <p>Location: 3045 West Prospect Road, on the southwest corner of South Overland Trail and West Prospect Road.</p> <p>Zoning: NC – Neighborhood Commercial.</p>
PDP	The District at Campus West	LUC	<p>This is a request for a 193 unit student housing development on approximately 4.48 acres. The project consists of Building 1, a 5-story, multi-use building that steps down to 4 stories on the north side, to contain dwelling units and the clubhouse with outdoor pool. Building 2 will consist of a 4-story parking structure with 3-story townhome-type dwelling. Building 3 will be a 5-story residential building with interior courtyard. Two dead-end streets, Combine and Daisy, will be vacated and removed as part of the development of this project.</p>

			<p>Location: On the north side of West Plum Street, between City Park Avenue and Aster Street.</p> <p>Zoning: CC - Community Commercial.</p>
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NEW SUBMITTALS (REVISED PLANS) – JANUARY 2012:

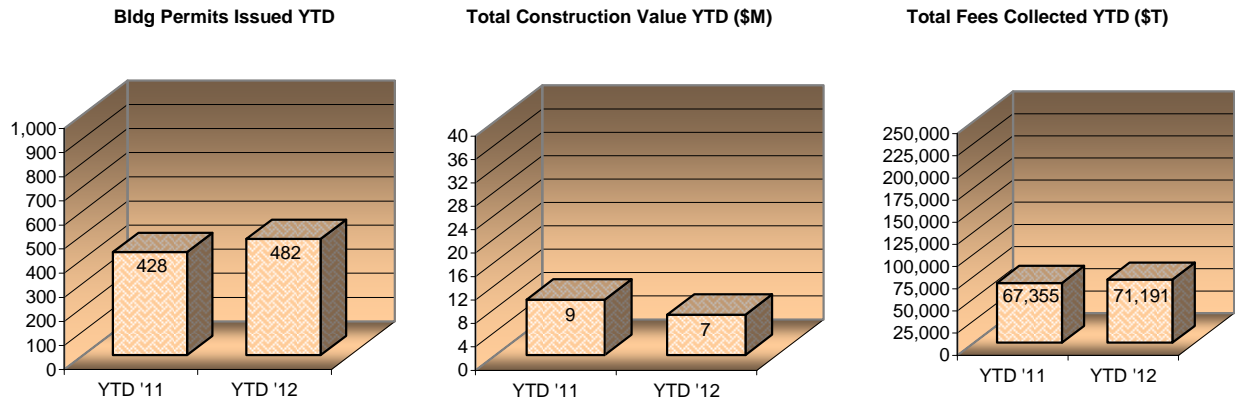
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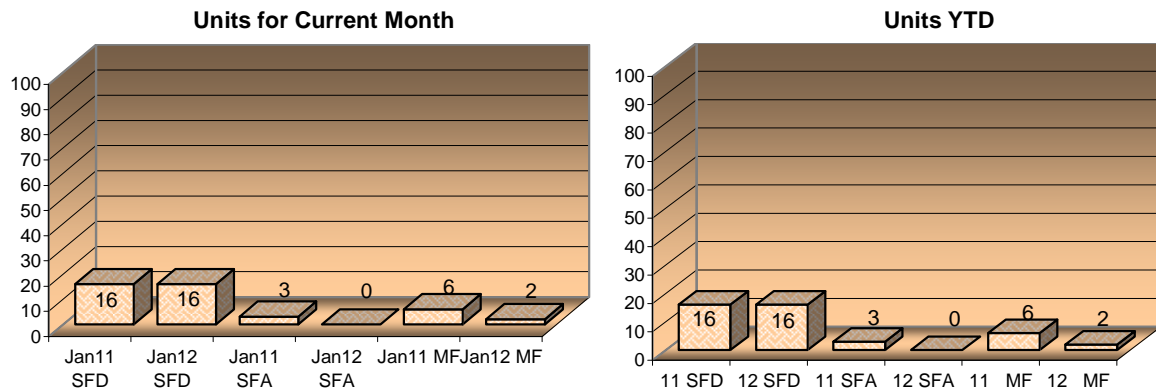
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – BUILDING PERMIT, PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION DATA

MONTHLY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUILDING/ZONING ACTIVITY

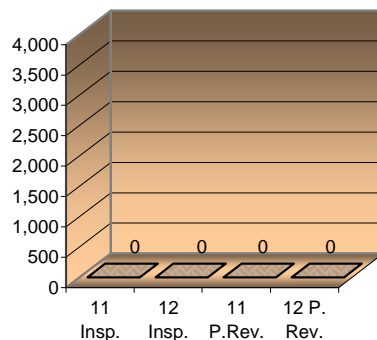


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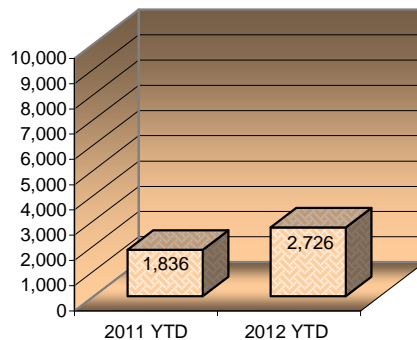


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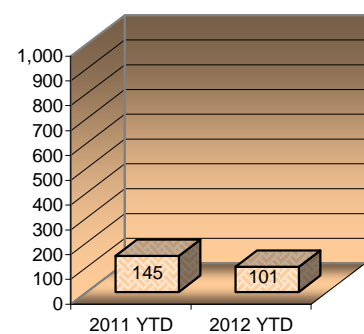
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Building Inspections YTD



Building Plan Reviews YTD



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