

# CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

*Monthly report to the Fort Collins City Council and community*

**November 8, 2012**

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# ISSUES BEFORE COUNCIL

## **November 8 Special Meeting**

### Foothills Mall Agreement

- Walton Foothills Holdings IV, LLC (Owner) purchased Foothills Mall and adjacent properties from General Growth Partners in July 2012 with intent to significantly redevelop the property.
- The Urban Renewal Authority (URA) selected the Owner to begin negotiations towards a Redevelopment Agreement with the URA in October 2012.
- In anticipation of significant costs that the URA may incur in connection with negotiating and preparing a Redevelopment Agreement, the URA Board is asked to consider a formal Agreement to Negotiate (Agreement) with the Owner. The Agreement would accomplish the following:
  - The Owner and URA agree to exclusive negotiations for 180 days.
  - The Owner agrees to pay any costs already incurred by the URA, as well as future costs, for administrative, management, and legal fees associated with preparing the Redevelopment Agreement.
  - The Owner and URA agree that redevelopment is not viable without the acquisition of certain property interests. The Owner agrees to attempt to acquire such interests through negotiations. If those negotiations fail, the Owner may ask the URA to acquire the interests. The URA maintains complete discretion as to whether or not it would proceed with such acquisition.
  - If it becomes necessary for the URA to acquire property interests, costs and expenses related to such acquisition will be paid by the Owner.
  - All financial advances made by the Owner to the URA will be considered eligible costs that may be reimbursed to the owner if a Redevelopment Agreement is finalized.

## **November 20 Regular Meeting**

### CDBG/HOME Fall Competitive Process

- The Fall Competitive Process allocates City funds for affordable housing and public facility projects in our community. Public facilities are buildings where direct service is provided to clients. This fall, total funding of \$1,670,130 is available from three funding sources. The two federal sources are: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program - \$750,000, and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) - \$407,570. Local funding comes from the City's Affordable Housing Fund - \$143,155.
- Requests exceeded available funds by over \$425,000. The CDBG Commission recommended the following: 6 applications - full funding; 3 applications - partial funding; 1 application - no funding. All available funding was recommended for allocation. City Council will make final funding allocation decisions on November 20.

Fall 2011 Competitive Process			
ID	Project	Requested	Recommended
ED-1	Fort Collins Local Development Company (LDC): Revolving Loan Fund for Start-Up Businesses	\$ 300,000	\$ - 0 -
HO-1	City of Fort Collins: Homebuyer Assistance Program-- Affordable Housing Fund Monies	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
HO-2	City of Fort Collins: Homebuyer Assistance Program— HOME Funds	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
HO-3	Fort Collins Housing Authority: Tenant Based Rental Assistance (Community Dual Disorder Treatment [CDDT] Program)	\$ 156,240	\$ 156,240
HO-4	Fort Collins Housing Authority: Tenant Based Rental Assistance (Community Dual Disorder Treatment [CDDT] Program)—Administration	\$ 17,434	\$ 17,434
HO-5	Housing Authority of the City of Loveland: Larimer Home Improvement Program (LHIP)	\$ 75,000	\$ 67,721
HO-6	Villages, Ltd: Property Acquisition—Phase I	\$ 1,072,811	\$ 1,072,811
PF-1	Respite Care: Basement Programming Area Addition	\$ 72,700	\$ 72,700
PF-2	Sexual Assault Victims Advocate Center (SAVA): Building Purchase Capital Campaign	\$ 300,000	\$ 175,224
PF-3	Turning Point Residential Boys' Facility: Wheelchair Accessibility	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,000
TOTAL		\$ 2,102,685	\$ 1,670,130

Key: ED - Economic Development application  
HO - Housing application  
PF - Public Facility application

#### Kechter Crossing Annexation and Zoning

- This is a request to annex and zone 28.9 acres located on the south side of Kechter Road approximately 900 feet east of the intersection of South Timberline Road and Kechter Road. A map amendment is also requested to place this property on the Residential Neighborhood Sign District Map.
- In accordance with the Larimer County and City of Fort Collins Intergovernmental Agreements and the Fossil Creek Reservoir Area Plan, the Kechter Crossing property was reviewed by Larimer County Staff as a 75 lot residential neighborhood and has received final plan approval for development by the Larimer County Board of County Commissioners. Lot sizes on the County-approved site plan range from 6,993 square feet to 35,861 square feet, with an average lot size of 9,521 square feet.
- The Kechter Crossing 75 lot single-family development is approved pursuant to a County Development Agreement dated September 18, 2012 by and between the Petitioner, Larimer County, and the City of Fort Collins. The City of Fort Collins is a party to the County Development Agreement in anticipation of this Petition for Annexation. In addition to the County Development Agreement, the Petitioner and the City of Fort

Collins have executed and recorded a City Development Agreement. At the time of annexation, the City Development Agreement shall supersede the County Development Agreement.

- This annexation is not associated with the Kechter Farm development, which is located southeast of the Kechter Crossing Annexation. The Kechter Crossing Annexation does not create an enclave. Additionally, the Kechter Crossing Annexation is not proposing affordable housing as part of the approved County plan.

#### Legislative Policy Agenda

- Staff is seeking approval of the annual update of the City's legislative priorities.
- Dan Weinheimer has worked with legislative liaisons and with the Legislative Review Committee to craft the 2013 policy agenda.
- The Policy Agenda is meant to provide direction to the Legislative Policy Manager and Legislative Review Committee in considering positions on bills.
- Highlights of the Policy Agenda include promoting flexible community decision-making, increasing local control in oil and gas, protecting Great Outdoors Colorado grant funding, and improving the use urban renewal authority.

#### **November 27 Work Session**

##### Eastside/Westside Neighborhoods Character Study - Phase II

- Staff will provide an overview of Phase II, including information on neighborhood profile and character, potential tools, and strategy options described in the Preliminary Strategy Report.
- Staff will explain the public engagement process and summarize public feedback received.
- Council will be asked to provide feedback on suggested strategy options and next steps for implementation.

# ECONOMY

## FORT COLLINS SALES AND USE TAX

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

### September 2012:

- Net taxable subject to sales tax increased 4.3%
- Net taxable subject to use tax increased 42.7%
- Total net taxable increased 9.1%

### 2012 YTD:

- Net taxable subject to sales tax is up 5.9%
- Net taxable subject to use tax is up 51.5%
- Total net taxable is up 11.6%

## **Sales & Use Tax Amounts**

### September 2012:

- Total sales tax increased 3.4%
- Total use tax increased 42.7%
- Combined total collections increased 8.6%

### 2012 YTD:

- Total sales tax is up 8.8%
- Total use tax is up 55.1%
- Combined total collections are up 14.8%

# CAPITAL PROJECTS

(new information noted in blue text)

## ENGINEERING

### **I-25/SH 392 INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION**

**Funding Source: CDOT, FHWA, Town of Windsor, and City of 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.
- Work on the decorative rock walls is underway.
- The project reached substantial completion in September 2012.
- Design of additional enhancements, including community identification signs and added landscaping, is underway.

### **NORTH COLLEGE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS – VINE TO CONIFER**

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

**Estimated Project Budget: \$11,190,000**

**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 8-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.
- Work in the roadway by the contractor began in February 2012.
- All concrete and asphalt paving operations are complete and the roadway is fully open to traffic.
- Installation of new traffic signals is complete.

- City forces have installed new street lights. The pedestrian lights are installed and energized.
- Work on the urban design elements is nearing completion, with walls, paving stones, and art piece foundations set. Work continues on landscaping on the west side.
- The project reached another milestone when asphalt paving operations began on October 6. Paving of the leveling course, the Reflective Crack Interlayer (RCI), and the final wearing surface of asphalt was completed on October 15, and the roadway striped and opened to traffic.
- Project completion is scheduled for November 2012.
- 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. Complaints have been minimal, and all requests for information are answered within one business day.
- Additional project information is available to the public at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/ncollege.php>

## **HARMONY ROAD MAINTENANCE – COLLEGE TO TIMBERLINE**

**Funding Source: Harmony Maintenance Fund and Building on Basics Funds**

**Estimated Project Budget: \$2.5 million**

**Status: On Budget, On Schedule**

- Phase Two of the project will consist of safety improvements and signal upgrades at the Harmony Road and Union Pacific Railroad crossing. The existing railroad equipment does not meet the current code requirements for a six-lane roadway crossing. The City has been working on the details, agreement and scope of work with Union Pacific and numerous oversight agencies for the past 2½ years. After Union Pacific installs their new facilities, the City will have some minor asphalt patching and striping work to do adjacent to the crossing. Harmony Road will then be a six-lane roadway from Boardwalk to I-25.
- The project website is located at the following link: <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/hmp.php>

## **CITYWIDE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS PROJECT**

**Funding Source: KFCG Funds**

**Estimated Project Budget: \$100,000**

**Status: On Budget, On Schedule**

- The City of Fort Collins Pedestrian Plan addresses citywide pedestrian needs. However, there was not an inventory of existing sidewalks or sidewalk deficiencies. The Citywide Pedestrian Access Project (a.k.a. Pedestrian Needs Assessment) will provide a complete sidewalk inventory, as well as identify sidewalk inadequacies, and also identify inadequate handicap accessibilities according to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The project will:
  - Determine the condition, missing location, and City and ADA compliance of sidewalks and ramps within the City right-of-way.

- Be cataloged in a database, which also manages the street pavement maintenance, bridge inventory, and utilities inventory.
- Bring all the different data together; pedestrian needs project work will be coordinated with other projects for cost savings and minimization of impacts to the public.
- Use data collection to provide maps, cost estimates, and a prioritized project list for a repair program to begin fall of 2013.
- Data collection is ongoing with approximately 315 street miles of sidewalk assessed and inventoried at this time.
  - 65.0 street miles - October
  - 30.0 street miles - September
  - 95.5 street miles - August
  - 74.5 street miles - July
  - 47.5 street miles - June
  - 2.5 street miles - May
- 23,271 accessible ramps have been identified as acceptable, substandard, or missing in accordance with the ADA requirements.
- Of the 24 projects identified through the assessment, a short list of six projects were selected to be constructed in fall 2012.
  - Parker Street (138' between College and Remington) - finish grading needed to complete project.
  - Spring Park (484' along Mathews with two HC ramps) - constructed the West HC ramp at the crosswalk along Mathews; construction activities to continue along east side of Mathews.
  - Intersection of Boardwalk/JFK (100' along Boardwalk with HC ramp at intersection) - CenturyLink to move/remove base that is in conflict with sidewalk construction.
  - Avery Park Area (1,125' along Clearview between Taft and Castlerock) - continuing excavation, setting forms, and pouring estimated 400 feet of concrete sidewalk.
  - Avery Park Area (575' along Clearview East of Castlerock)
  - Avery Park Area (337' along Castlerock South of Clearview)

## **TURNBERRY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS**

**Funding Sources: Street Oversizing Funds and Parks Planning**

**Estimated Project Budget: \$2.9 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 17 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 and escrowed development contributions.
- The pedestrian underpass will be funded through the Parks Department.
- Surface improvements are now underway. Nearly all the curb and gutter has been constructed for the project. Asphalt paving also started, with bottom mat paving beginning along Turnberry Road from Country Club Road to Richards Lake Road. The pedestrian underpass has been constructed.
- Public outreach continues with the project team contacting impacted property owners and homeowners' associations.
- The project team continues coordination with the Art in Public Places program to develop public art for the project.
- The upcoming months will see continued construction activities aimed at accomplishing substantial completion for the project. One of the project's bigger traffic impacts will occur in November. A full closure is planned for the intersection of Turnberry Road and Country Club Road. Turnberry Road north of Richards Lake Road will be opened prior to beginning this closure.
- Information on traffic impacts, as well as additional project information, is available to the public at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/turnberry.php>

## **SOUTH SHIELDS STREET BRIDGE OVER LARIMER CANAL NO. 2**

**Funding Source: Colorado Off System Bridge Program (BRO) funds and KFCG 2011**

**Estimated Project Budget: \$1.5 million**

**Status: On Budget, On Schedule**

- The main goal of this project is to replace the second worst rated, structurally deficient bridge in the City.
- Construction will include the removal of the existing structure, the construction of a new structure, relocation and upgrading of existing utilities, and the construction of urban design features. The new bridge will be similar in size to the existing bridge.
- The project will be constructed in phases, starting on the east half of the structure, followed by the west half. During construction, traffic lanes will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Bicycles will be asked to merge with traffic or find alternate routes. Pedestrian access will always be available throughout the duration of the project.
- The existing structure was removed, with the contractor separating concrete from steel reinforcing for recycling purposes. Foundation construction for the new bridge began immediately after the existing bridge was removed.
- Upcoming months will see the completion of the new foundations, as well as the placement of bridge girders, new pavement, and urban design elements for the east half of the new structure.
- This project was bid together with the Laporte/Whitcomb Bridge to achieve overall project savings.
- Additional project information can be found at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/shields-bridge.php>

## **WEST MULBERRY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DESIGN**

**Funding Source: Colorado Off System Bridge Program (BRO) funds and 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 2011, the City received a grant for \$700,000 in Colorado Off System Bridge Program (BRO) funds for some of the construction cost.
- 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 completed by summer 2013.

## **TROUTMAN UNDERPASS**

**Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant and Building on Basics 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.
- The project was awarded to Structures, Inc. Construction will begin July 2012 and will be completed by December 2012.
- The portion of structure in the BNSF railroad right-of-way was constructed during the end of July railroad closure.
- [Mason Trail is scheduled to be reopened to the public in November 2012.](#)

## **NRRC/WHOLEFOODS OVERPASS**

**Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant and Building on Basics 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.
- Staff is reevaluating the project design including the possibility of an alternate design with ramps instead of elevators.
- The proposed schedule is to complete construction in 2013.

## **MASON CORRIDOR MAX BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) PROJECT**

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

**Estimate Project Budget: \$87 million**

**Status: On Budget, On Schedule**

- Contractor (CEI) crews are finishing up curb, crosswalk and patch work in the downtown corridor between Mountain and Maple. Work will be complete by the beginning of November. CEI crews will return to the downtown area to construct the bus station shelters at a later date.
- Drainage work continues throughout the project area. CEI crews are currently focusing on drainage pipe work at Harmony.
- Clearing and grubbing continues along the east side of the tracks north of Harmony.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance request to relocate two billboards within Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway right of way that were in conflict with the bus guideway. An appeal by a nearby property owner has been filed, and a hearing was held on October 30.
- The Maintenance Facility Expansion contract has been awarded to Heath Construction.
- Growling Bear continues work on the South Transit Center site.

## **UTILITIES**

### **WEST VINE OUTFALL CHANNEL**

**Project Description:** This is a joint project between the City and Larimer County to design and construct a stormwater outfall channel for the West Vine Basin to the Poudre River. The project is being coordinated with Larimer County's widening of Shields Street from the Arthur Ditch to Willox.

**Project Budget:** Alternatives Analysis Phase (\$104,000); Final Design and Construction Cost yet to be determined.

**Project Status:** Alternative Analysis Phase Completed; Negotiating with Land Owners

**Anticipated Completion:** Design Complete in 2013; Construction in 2014

**Highlights:**

- Outfall channel alternatives have been developed.
- Impacted property owners have been contacted for feedback.
- Cost estimates of alternatives have been developed.
- Property appraisals are underway.

## **SHEELY SUBDIVISION WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE I**

**Project Description:** Design and construction of water and sewer improvements identified in the investigative phase study done of Sheely Subdivision. The project includes connection of dead-end water lines to create loops, replacement of sanitary sewer line to eliminate significant dips and horizontal bends, and replacement of manholes to improve flow characteristics and maintenance access. The project will ease problematic spots, improve water quality, fire protection and the overall function of the water and sewer systems in Sheely Subdivision.

**Project Budget:** \$600,000

**Project Status:** Construction is complete with the exception of a small amount of concrete flatwork.

**Design Schedule:** February 2012 through July 2012

**Construction Schedule:** mid-August 2012 through October 2012

**Project Status:** On Schedule

### **Highlights:**

- Evaluating trenchless alternatives for manhole rehabilitation.
- Completed water main and water service locates at water improvement locations. Identified possible points of access and properties where temporary easements will need to be obtained. Completed survey of water locates and existing features for design.
- Have begun negotiations with property owners for construction easements.
- Met with and presented the project to many PIA's at their HOA meeting in June.
- Developing construction estimate and contracts.
- Construction began August 27, 2012 on the Whitcomb Street sanitary sewer improvements. Pipelaying and concrete flatwork are completed.
- A 70 foot length of bellied-out 6" sanitary sewer was replaced.
- Two new fire hydrants were installed on Balsam Drive.
- Two of the three dead-end connections have been completed and are in service. Due to easement acquisition problems, the last connection will occur in spring 2013.
- Whitcomb re-paving occurred in early November.
- Construction work in Sheely Subdivision is complete for year 2012.

## **POUDRE CANYON 24" CONCRETE PIPE REHABILITATION**

**Project Description:** Rehabilitation of the 24-inch diameter RCP raw water transmission line in Poudre Canyon.

**Project Budget:** \$600,000

**Budget Status:** Contractor and lining subcontractor have been selected. Currently developing design/construction documents and negotiating final costs.

**Project Status:** On Schedule

**Anticipated Completion:** Project is currently phased over four years. First Phase to be constructed late fall/winter 2012-2013.

### **Highlights:**

- Alternatives Development Phase is complete.
- Engineering design contracts are complete.
- Sliplining subcontractor selection is complete.
- Developing cost estimates and evaluating first phase of construction.
- Acquired CDOT permit and set up potholing in SH 14.

- Construction Phase engineering contracts are complete.
- HDPE pipe procurement is complete.
- HDPE pipe has been delivered, fused and strung out along Hwy 14 ROW.
- Negotiated costs and developed second Work Order contract and for HDPE installation.
- Mobilized winch, opened up pipeline and prepared site for installation of HDPE liner.

### **LAPORTE 27” STEEL WATERLINE REHABILITATION**

**Project Description:** Design and rehabilitation of the 27” raw water transmission line in the McConnell Subdivision of LaPorte. The project includes rehabilitation of approximately 2600 LF of 27” steel transmission line. This waterline, which is the only feed for the West Fort Collins Water District and the City’s Goat Hill Finished Water Reservoir, lies under or very near several homes in the McConnell Subdivision and has experienced several potentially disastrous leaks in the last few years.

**Project Budget:** \$1,200,000

**Project Status:** In Final Design Phase

**Design Schedule:** June 2012 through October 2012

**Construction Schedule:** Late fall/winter 2012 - 2013

**Project Status:** On Schedule

**Highlights:**

- Developed engineering contracts for Preliminary Design/Assessment Phase.
- Evaluating trenchless and open cut alternatives for line rehabilitation.
- Geotech evaluation complete.
- Contacted Corps of Engineers for wetland determination.
- Potholed pipeline at Little Cache La Poudre Ditch.
- Finished developing construction plans, details and specifications.
- Acquiring temporary construction easements.
- Executed contract for pre-purchasing HDPE pipe material.
- Construction scheduled to begin winter 2012-2013 following completion of Phase I of the Poudre Canyon 24” RCP Rehabilitation project.

### **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:** \$177,000

**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.
- Modified the cathodic protection test sites on the raw water line going into the treatment plant in March 2012.

- Took readings and conducted continuity testing of AB line, Mulberry, Lemay, and Lincoln lines.
- Designing rectifiers and locations for rectifiers along the AB line and at the WTP.

### **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:** \$1,250,000

**Budget Status:** Working on design and construction for water and sewer crossings

**Project Status:** Potholing complete, design and construction underway; completed five water and sewer modification projects.

**Anticipated Completion:** Winter 2011 – Fall 2013

**Highlights:**

- All Utilities impacted by the BRT have been identified and cost estimates were developed.
- Coordination with the BRT continues.
- Contract for design services completed, construction contracts for all identified projects in effect.
- Waiting on Council to address reallocation of water and wastewater budget.
- [Tentatively scheduled to complete Troutman water line starting the end of November.](#)

### **RIGDEN MUNICIPAL STORAGE POND**

**Project Description:** Final design of the 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 Design Budget:** \$336,112

**Budget Status:** Preliminary design is complete; final design has begun

**Project Status:** On Schedule

**Anticipated Completion:** Design Complete in 2013; Construction in 2014

**Highlights:**

- Working with Flatiron property owner, and coordinating with Natural Areas and Parks on final design.
- Consultant has completed preliminary conceptual design for review by pertinent interested parties.
- [Discussing final design, and purchase option with Flatiron property owner; City Attorneys are reviewing the draft option agreement.](#)
- [Preparing preliminary cost estimate with engineering consultant and contractors for Utilities purchase of property as it currently stands today – for City to complete and construct pond.](#)

## **LAPORTE AVENUE TRANSMISSION MAIN IMPROVEMENTS**

**Project Description:** Removal and rehabilitation of Utilities' 20 inch and 27 inch water transmission facilities in LaPorte Avenue as directed by the Water Master Plan in order to accommodate the reconstruction and paving of LaPorte Avenue by Streets Department in the summer of 2013. The project will involve valve installation and removal, new vault installation, old vault demolition, pipe lining, and new service connections. [City water crews will perform new service connections this winter in preparation for the major construction next summer.](#)

**Project Budget:** Under development

**Project Status:** Project design scope in preparation by City Staff and Stantec Engineering Consultants

### **Highlights:**

- Complex project that will also serve to prepare for the abandonment of the old diagonal 20 inch and 27 inch transmission mains between LaPorte Avenue and Vine Drive.

## **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:** Intergovernmental Agreement signed by City Manager and returned to CDOT.

**Design Schedule:** September 2012 through November 2012

**Construction Schedule:** [January 15, 2013 through March 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.
- Scope of work for design phase by Stantec Engineering Consultants completed and approved by both Utilities and CDOT management. CDOT Standard Utility Agreement completed and approved by City Attorney's Office. Intergovernmental Agreement finalized and signed by City Manager. Final signed agreement returned to CDOT.
- CDOT initial bridge plans have been received so that water and sewer line locations can be determined.
- [Preliminary layout and design drawings are complete and have been submitted to CDOT for review.](#)
- [Preliminary cost estimates have been prepared and submitted to CDOT. CDOT to reimburse the City for all construction and construction management costs.](#)

## **CAST IN PLACE PIPE (CIPP) WATER MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT**

**Project Description:** Water Engineering is investigating the use of cured in place pipe technology to rehabilitate short stretches of water distribution lines (approximately 8 inches in

diameter). The lines under consideration for this rather new technology have been selected due to their concentrated number of leaks and repairs in one area. The method uses steam to cure resin infused pipe which has been inserted into a reamed and cleaned old pipe. Coupons for the service taps are cut inside the pipe by a camera cutter tool. The process offers the promise of economical pipe replacement with a minimum of disruption to our customers.

**Project Status:** In discussions with involved contractors. [Cost estimates in preparation.](#)  
[Specification for cast in place pipe, and temporary potable water supply in preparation.](#)

**Construction Budget:** \$100,000.00

**Construction Schedule:** [1-3 small test projects this spring](#)

### **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.

**Original Project Budget:** \$4,600,000

**Adjusted Project Budget:** \$4,800,000

**Budget Status:** On budget with owner-requested change order

**Project Status:** [Overall 94% Complete – Continuing to work on HVAC and punch-list items](#)



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Hall of Gifts

**Location:** Lincoln Center, 417 West Magnolia

**Date/Time:** Friday, November 9, 12pm - 6pm  
Saturday, November 10, 10am – 5pm  
Sunday, November 11, 10am – 4pm

**Details:** Features over 50 artisans displaying handcrafted items in the Canyon West and Columbine Rooms of the Lincoln Center. A café and espresso cart provide a spot to relax and enjoy refreshments or lunch. Admission to the Hall of Gifts is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 12 and under, good for all three days. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

**Contact Information:** Box Office 221-6730; Administration 221-6735

## Gallery of Trees

**Location:** Lincoln Center Art Gallery, 417 West Magnolia

**Date/Time:** Friday, November 9 thru Friday, November 16, 10am – 8pm

**Details:** Features holiday trees in the Lincoln Center Art Gallery decorated by local businesses. Area artists and community members have contributed 3-foot holiday decorated trees for a silent auction.

Admission is FREE.

The auction is open to the public with a closing reception on Friday, November 16, 5pm-7pm.

**Contact Information:** Box Office 221-6730; Administration 221-6735

## Natural Areas 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

**Location:** Lincoln Center Canyon West Room, 417 West Magnolia

**Date/Time:** Thursday, November 15, 5:30-7:30 pm

**Details:** Natural areas are part of what makes Fort Collins such a special place to live. There are 39 natural areas to visit with over 100 miles of trail. Incredibly, November 2012 marks two decades since the inception of the Natural Areas Department. Come and help celebrate the 20th anniversary with a reception and a year of activities. Everyone is invited to join the fun! Includes presentations, appetizers, cash bar, music. Free.

Registration required at <http://naturalareas20anniversary.eventbrite.com> or call 970-416-2815.

**Web address:** <http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/>

**Contact Information:** Zoe Whyman  
Phone: 221-6311; Email: [zwhyman@fcgov.com](mailto:zwhyman@fcgov.com)

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

# SPOTLIGHT

## Fort Collins Museum of Discovery

The new Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, located at 408 Mason Court, celebrated its Grand Opening on Saturday, November 10. The Fort Collins Museum of Discovery merges the history of science and the science of history into an interactive and engaging museum that offers the best of both worlds. It is one of the first museums in the country to place exhibits of both science and history side by side and offer hands-on and artifact based experiences. The exhibits explore global experiences through a local lens and help us discover our world, how it works and our role in it.

The Museum of Discovery was built to meet LEED Platinum standards and anticipates being fully certified within the next year. It will be one of only a handful of museums in the country with LEED Platinum designation.

Highlights include:

- **16,000 square feet of engaging and interactive exhibits.** Six exhibit zones opened, including Music & Sound Lab; Wildlands & Wildlife; People on the Move; First Peoples; Food, Forage and Farm; and the Schatz Family Exploration Zone.
- **The region's most technologically advanced Otterbox Digital Dome Theater** - an immersive, large format 360 degree theater featuring a high-resolution projection and sound system that transports viewers into the experience. The theater will feature interactive educational and cultural films, plug in to NASA's database, connect to other Domes around the world, and provide virtually unlimited planetarium-style experiences.
- **The Natural Areas Visitors Center** shares information about Fort Collins' many beautiful natural areas, and the opportunity to meet a live black-footed ferret!
- **A 42-foot long plesiosaur** hangs above the Wildlands & Wildlife exhibit. A plesiosaur was discovered under what is now Horsetooth Reservoir.
- **Two classrooms with fully glassed garage doors** to bring the outdoors in.
- **5,000 square foot traveling exhibits gallery** for future special exhibitions.
- **The Observation Deck** offers panoramic views from 42 feet up.
- **The Archive** offers more than 250,000 photographs, documents, and memorabilia that chronicle the history of Fort Collins from the 1860s to the present day.
- **More exhibits** to come in 2013 and beyond.

Six million dollars of the \$26.7 million Fort Collins Museum of Discovery project came from the citizens of Fort Collins through the Building on Basics quarter-cent capital sales tax renewal that passed in 2005. A \$20 million capital campaign ensued and is close to meeting its goal with funds contributed from major foundations, corporations, state and local government, businesses, estate gifts, organizations and hundreds of individuals from throughout the region.

# PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

## FORT COLLINS POLICE SERVICES

### Call Load

In October 2012, officers responded to 8,253 incidents resulting in 1,779 cases compared to 8,183 incidents and 1,760 cases for the same period last year. Year-to-date totals also reflect an increase in both categories when compared to the same period last year.

	2011 - YTD	2012 - YTD
Incidents	82,054	84,954
Cases	16,739	16,894

### Coloradoan Community Seminar

In light of the Jessica Ridgeway kidnapping/murder case in Westminster, CO, The Coloradoan hosted a community seminar on October 23 featuring Child Psychologist Damond Dotson, Ph.D., LMFT, from the University of Colorado Medical Health Group and Sgt. Kristy Volesky from Fort Collins Police Services who provided guidance for parents on discussing tragedy with children and tips for keeping them safe. Approximately 25 people attended.

### Unattended Deaths

Fort Collins police responded to several unattended deaths during October that occurred in public places. The first was reported on October 14, when a passerby found the badly decomposed body of a man lying on the banks of a pond in the Cottonwood Hollow Natural Areas. According to the Larimer County Coroner, it appeared the man may have been there for a minimum of two months or longer. Then on October 25, police responded to Jefferson Park on the report of a female lying in the snow and found a deceased transient adult female lying on the ground in the park. There were no apparent signs of foul play in either case.

### DUI Checkpoint

The Larimer County DUI Task Force made 17 arrests during a DUI sobriety checkpoint held October 26-27 as part of the Colorado Department of Transportation's "High Visibility Enforcement" campaign. A total of 1,185 vehicles were contacted resulting in 17 arrests, including 15 for driving under the influence (DUI) and driving while ability impaired (DWAI), and 2 arrests for driving under influence of drugs (DUID). Two citations were issued for possession of drug paraphernalia and less than one ounce of marijuana. Members of Fort Collins Police Services, Colorado State Patrol, Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Loveland Police Department, Colorado State University Police Department, Mothers against Drunk Driving, Poudre Valley Hospital and Poudre Valley Health Systems Ambulance Service participated in the enforcement efforts. This was one of several CDOT sponsored enforcement efforts being utilized during the "2012 Halloween Enforcement Program," in an effort to remove impaired and intoxicated motorists from the roadways of Colorado.

### Suspect Arrested in Gas Station Robbery

Fort Collins police arrested 28 year-old Christopher Wayne Jones of Fort Collins for the October 18 robbery of the One Stop Gas Station located at 2025 S. College Avenue. Jones was arrested October 24 on suspicion of Aggravated Robbery, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Assault, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Burglary and Theft. Jones allegedly attacked three people with a pipe during the robbery. All three victims were treated and release from the hospital.

### Maxine Brandt Honored

Max Brandt, Police Report Specialist, was honored this month at the lifesavers annual fundraiser breakfast for the Alliance for Suicide Prevention for 20 years of volunteer service to their agency. Max, a Grief Outreach Coordinator, retired from the volunteer position in October.

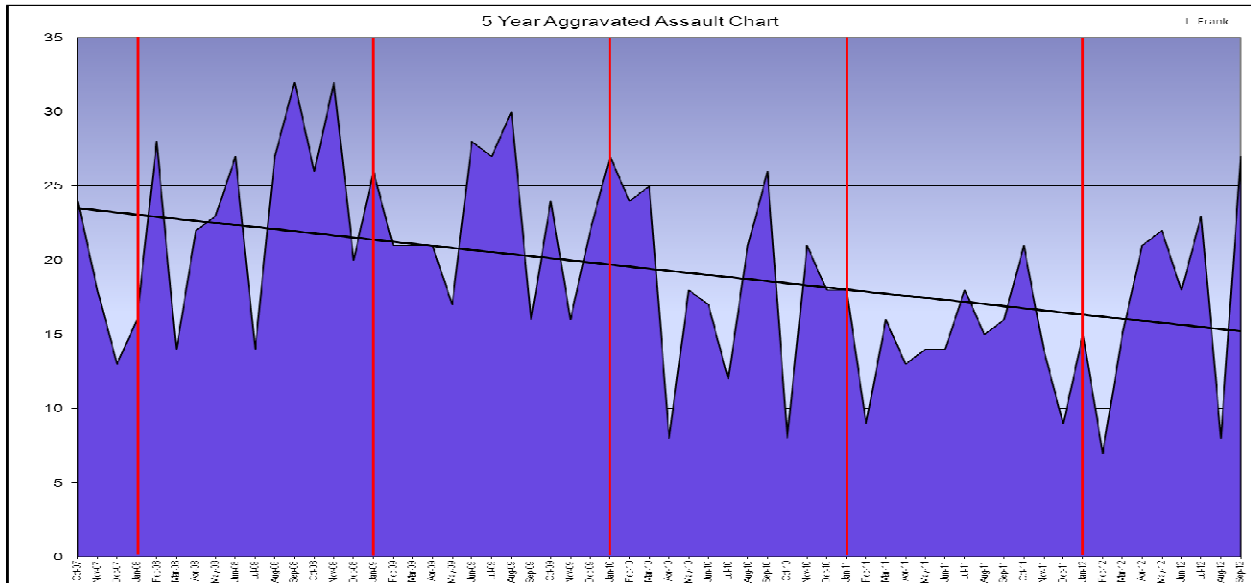
### Crime Trends

Nationwide violent crime is down from 2010 to 2011. This includes aggravated assault, which accounted for 62% of all the violent crime in 2011 and saw a 4% decrease from 2010 to 2011.

Fort Collins is seeing a similar trend in aggravated assault with more notable decreases. In 2011, aggravated assault accounted for 67% of violent crime in Fort Collins, yet 2010 to 2011 saw a 10% decrease in the number of aggravated assaults and the rate has been steadily decreasing for the past five years (2.5 per 1,000 in 2007 to 1.5 per 1,000 in 2011).

The decreasing trend can be seen in the 5 Year Aggravated Assault Chart, which illustrates data from October 2007 through September 2012.

**Aggravated Assaults**



## **Crime Prevention**

During October, the Crime Prevention Specialist spoke to 516 people and handled 36 telephone calls on topics ranging from “lunch & learn” series on keeping kids safe to working with property management at the new Discovery Museum on chronic false alarms.

A breakdown of the month’s Crime Prevention activities follows:

- H.P. Credit Union, Robbery Prevention - 7 attended
- Westfield NW - 117 attended
- Sustainable Living Volunteers - 10 attended
- Harmony Mobile Home NW - 15 attended
- Scotch Pines Wellness Fair - 50 attended
- Cooper House, Personal Safety - 10 attended
- RESTORE - 35 attended
- Home Depot Safety Fair - 22 attended
- Cub Scout Safety - 15 attended
- Elder Abuse Panel - 200 attended
- Landlord Class - 35 attended

## **Crime Prevention Tip - Protect our Children**

Children are our nation’s most precious resource, but they often lack the skills to protect themselves. It is our responsibility, as parents and guardians, to help safeguard and teach them the personal safety skills. Given the recent kidnapping and homicide of Jessica Ridgeway in Westminster, CO, police urge parents to take time to visit with their children about personal safety protection measures.

Take an active interest in your children and listen to them. Teach them that they can be assertive in order to protect themselves against abduction, exploitation, and uncomfortable situations. And most importantly, make your home a place of trust and support that fulfills your child’s needs. Additional safety tips can be found at [www.fcgov.com/police/pdf/childsafe.pdf](http://www.fcgov.com/police/pdf/childsafe.pdf)

Together we can protect our nation’s children by teaching them to be smart, strong, and safe.

## **POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY**

### **Retirement**

Jim VanGorder, firefighter, Warehouse Manager and Honor Guard Commander retired last month after 23 years of service to our customers. A celebration was held at the Northside Aztlan to honor him.

### **Fire Prevention Week/Month**

PFA recognizes October as Fire Prevention Month each year. Even though there is a national recognition of Fire Prevention Week, PFA works to turn that into a month-long push of safety information, but also keeps focused on safety messages throughout the year. Our firefighters have fun interacting with our customers and see an increase of station visits and speaking

requests during this time. Emergencies don't take time off and neither do we in trying to prevent them.

**CSU Chili Challenge**

Firefighter Ray Gillan successfully coordinated the widely popular Chili Challenge again this year. This week-long event puts students to the test with good ol' Firehouse Chili. The event also is used to spread fire and life-safety messages to the college population. During this event, firefighters are also able to talk with the students in an informal setting. The challenge sees the maximum allowable participants every year, and this year was no exception.

**Quilters Thank PFA Firefighters**

Residents of Redstone canyon got together this last summer and asked "What in the world can they do to show appreciation to the firefighters that saved their homes, barns, etc.?" They came up with the idea of making a wall hanging QUILT (using paper piecing technology) and then have the quilts embroidered to say the words that associated each block with the picture and thought it contained. They were presented to firefighters at Station 11 on Saturday, October 13. Another great example of this wonderful community. For the entire story go to <http://www.northfortynews.com/colorado-new-hampshire-quilters-commemorate-high-park-firefighters/>

**Read-A-Thon**

Firefighters proudly participated in this year's Read-A-Thon at Kruse Elementary. "We attend every year to make these important connections with the children in our community," said Fire Chief Tom DeMint, who also read during the event.

**Incident Statistics (by category)**

<b>Report Period: From 10/01/2012 To 10/31/2012</b>		<b>Total Loss</b>
Fires	22	<b>\$44,500.00</b>
Rescue / EMS	996	
Hazardous Condition - no fire	44	
Service Call	73	
Good Intent Call	124	
False Alarms / False Calls	130	
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	
Special Incident Type	6	
<b>Total =</b>	<b>1,396</b>	

<b>YEAR-TO-DATE 2012</b>		<b>Total Loss</b>
Fires	396	<b>\$6,606,102.00</b>
Rescue / EMS	9,905	
Hazardous Condition - no fire	283	
Service Call	785	
Good Intent Call	996	
False Alarms / False Calls	977	
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	2	
Special Incident Type	47	
<b>Total =</b>	<b>13,391</b>	

<b>Comparison Period: From 10/01/2011 To 10/31/2011</b>		<b>Total Loss</b>
Fires	36	<b>\$6,659,305.00</b>
Rescue / EMS	966	
Hazardous Condition - no fire	73	
Service Call	85	
Good Intent Call	109	
False Alarms / False Calls	106	
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	
Special Incident Type	1	
<b>Total =</b>	<b>1,376</b>	

<b>YEAR-TO-DATE 2011</b>		<b>Total Loss</b>
Fires	355	<b>\$23,652,025.00</b>
Rescue / EMS	9,557	
Hazardous Condition - no fire	342	
Service Call	675	
Good Intent Call	1,085	
False Alarms / False Calls	1,016	
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	3	
Special Incident Type	34	
<b>Total =</b>	<b>13,067</b>	

\*Information subject to change due to updated data.

# BUILDING ACTIVITY

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

### Building & Development Review Statistics

Construction and development activity has continued at a steady pace.

	2011 YTD	2012 YTD	% Change
Development Project Submittals Received	180	234	+ 30%
Conceptual/Staff Reviews Performed	137	155	+ 13%
Building Permits Issued	5,189*	6,251	+21%
Building Inspections Performed	23,815	25,478	+ 7%
Plan Reviews Performed	1,660	1,761	+ 6%

\*Building permit numbers for 2011 were normalized due to the inordinate number of roofing permits that were issued due to the hail storms in 2011.

General Fund Development Review revenues are \$425,000 above projections for 2012 as of October 31.

Projects of note include:

- Link-N-Greens/Woodward – the Overall Development Plan, together with related modifications, were approved at a special meeting of the Planning & Zoning Board on September 13, 2012. A neighborhood meeting is scheduled for November 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and the project is anticipated to be formally submitted on December 17, 2012. City Staff is meeting with Woodward representatives on a weekly basis leading up to the submittal.
- Banner Health Medical Center at East Harmony and Lady Moon Drive – This is a planned campus of approximately 400,000 square feet of medical facilities. A neighborhood meeting is scheduled for November 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and the project is anticipated to be formally submitted in January 2013.
- LDS Temple – Neighborhood meeting was held on October 15, 2012. A formal project submittal is expected on November 7, 2012.
- Aspen Heights Student Housing project – Approved by City Council on Tuesday, October 30.
- Foothills Mall Redevelopment – efforts on this project continue. Staff anticipates another review request and related submittal to come in during the 1<sup>st</sup> full week of November.
- 12 multi-family permits for Campus Crest – The Grove was issued permits in October which will result in 218 dwelling units. An unrelated multi-family permit was issued which will result in an additional 27 dwelling units.



**Colorado State University**

City building, planning and historic preservation staff have met with the CSU Construction Design Team in an effort to foster a more collaborative working relationship with regard to construction projects. With CSU growing to over 35,000 students in the near future, the expectation is that many projects will need CSU/City partnership in this regard. Mike Gebo is currently leading this effort.

**Historic Preservation**

Karen McWilliams has been notified by the Colorado Historical Society that she is the recipient of a Stephen H. Hart Award for her efforts to preserve Fort Collins' historic ghost signs, notably the Coca-Cola sign in Old Town. One of Colorado's highest honors in the field of Historic Preservation, the award will be presented during Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s Saving Places Conference in February 2013.

**Oil & Gas**

Outreach has been completed with advisory boards and all have indicated their support for the draft regulations. This item is scheduled to go before City Council for their consideration on December 4, 2012.