

Street Oversizing Program Summary

What Does the Street Oversizing Program Do?



The City of Fort Collins requires that new developments pay impact fees for street costs related to growth. The Street Oversizing Program helps ensure that funds for street widening projects are collected and distributed where and when they are needed.

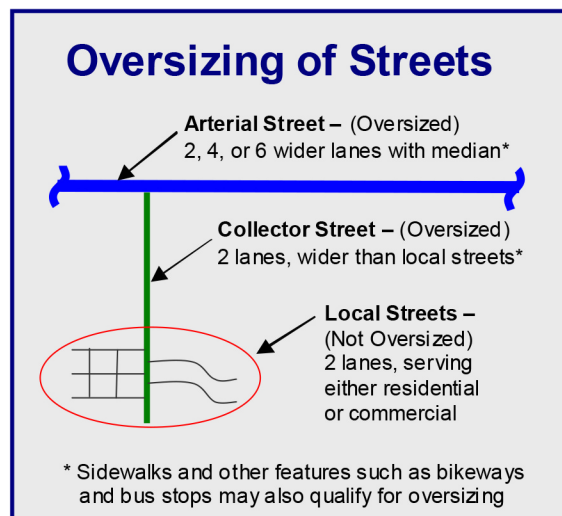
The Street Oversizing Program has three key functions:

- **Fee Assessment.** Collects a “Transportation Impact Fee” for new development projects.
- **Street Funding.** Provides funding for eligible “oversized” portions of new streets.
- **Analysis and Oversight.** Updates program criteria and manages certain eligible projects.

What Is “Street Oversizing”?

“Oversizing” refers to the increase in size of a street when it serves more than local traffic. Each new development must provide local street access. Added cost for the oversized portion is shared by all who will benefit. City of Fort Collins policy is to evenly assess all new developments for oversizing, since they are all contributing to city growth. Oversizing occurs as follows:

- **Local streets** only serve local traffic. They are not oversized.
- **Collector streets** are a bit wider, oversized to absorb traffic from a number of local streets.
- **Arterial streets** are oversized to handle higher volumes of cross-town travel destinations. Arterial streets must be sized to provide for planned city-wide growth.



Who Pays Transportation Impact Fees?

All projects impacting traffic will pay a Transportation Impact Fee when they receive a City of Fort Collins building permit. For example, the fee in 2002 for a new detached single family dwelling is \$1,721. The fee for a 3000 square foot restaurant is about \$28,000. The fee structure ensures that projects contribute to new City streets in proportion to the traffic they are expected to generate.

What Qualifies for Street Oversizing Reimbursements?

New developments must fully provide street access. Both new streets and deficient existing streets must be built to the City's current standards. The Street Oversizing Program can reimburse oversizing costs if the project has city-wide benefits.

The table on the right describes the City's criteria for eligibility. The figure below shows the split of costs for a four-lane arterial street that qualifies for the Street Oversizing Program. The Developer is responsible for the amount of pavement, sidewalk, and other features that would be required for local access on a local street.

Criteria for Street Oversizing Reimbursements

Rationale:

Street projects qualify for oversizing reimbursements if they are oversized to meet city-wide needs.

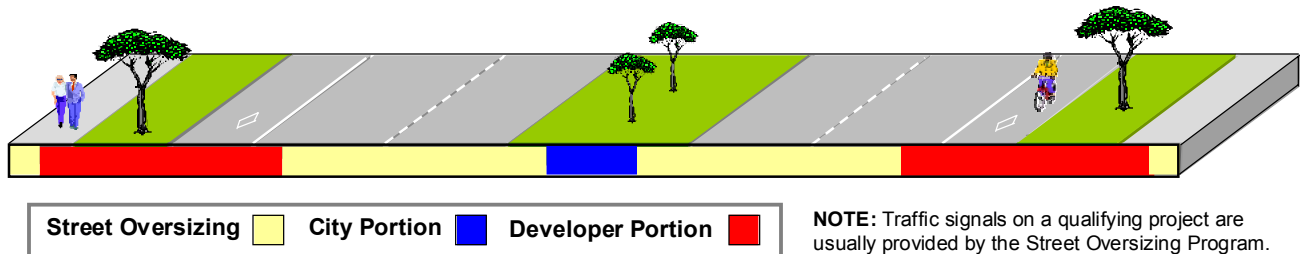
Basic Criteria:

- Project is within currently developing areas
- Street changes will improve traffic flow
- Street changes will improve safety

Specific Criteria:

For more information, please contact the City of Fort Collins Engineering Department or check our web links: <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/oversizing.php>

Street Oversizing Cost Splits for a Four-Lane Arterial Street



What about Mass Transit, Sidewalks and Bike Lanes?

The Larimer County Urban Area Street Standards and other City policies call for "multi-modal" transportation facilities including bike lanes, sidewalks and bus shelters. The Street Oversizing Program incorporates these features.



How Can You Learn More?

This Program Summary provides an overview of the Street Oversizing Program. For additional information contact the City of Fort Collins Engineering Department at (970)221-6605 or check our website links at: <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/oversizing.php>

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