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Support Mason Corridor

With gasoline prices rising, the real threat of global warming and the dirty yellow cloud hanging over our heads, there really is no better stepping stone toward change than the **Mason Corridor** project. Fort Collins is a fairly progressive city; we already have an established bus system, miles of bike-friendly roads and separated bike paths, and now a proposed Bus Rapid Transit line.

The studies are clear: More than 60 percent of jobs in this city are located within one mile of the **Mason Corridor**. Traffic near College and **Mason** is a disaster during peak hours. New jobs, new development and redevelopment are guaranteed with the installation of a real, well-planned transit system. As mentioned in the Feb. 26 Coloradoan, the current Cottonwood Plaza at **Mason** and Horsetooth will be re-developed to become more transit-oriented, spurring one of what is sure to be several Transportation-Oriented Design developments in the area. I'm not a Realtor; I'm not a student; and I'm certainly not a transportation planner, but I do know this - being able to take any form of rapid transit to downtown, the mall or pretty much anywhere along **Mason** is a brilliant idea that should have been implemented earlier.

Because the funding for this project is being provided by federal grants, the cost impact to residents is almost nonexistent. I'm more than excited to give my full **support** for the project, and I encourage the residents of Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley, Longmont, Boulder and Denver to do the same.

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