

July 6, 2007

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**RE: MASON CORRIDOR PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Beckhouse,

I'd like to ask for your support for the Mason Corridor project. This idea began in the 1980's with an idea spawned by Professor Dan Gould at Colorado State University. The idea was based on reducing vehicular trips and adding convenience for residents' of Fort Collins. Over the years the idea has gradually gained in popularity and was the object of a detailed Mason Corridor study completed by the City of Fort Collins Transportation Planning department.

Recently the project has been named one of the top city priorities by a large group of community volunteers. The volunteers, part of a *Town and Gown* effort called *UniverCity* spent 6 months identifying and prioritizing hundreds of potential projects which would help unify our University, our downtown, and the river. Mason Corridor emerged as one of the very best undertakings the City and University could do to help unify our community.

Mason Corridor also is important in attaining city goals to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Our city council has adopted aggressive goals to reduce air pollution by the year 2010. In order to achieve these goals we need to reduce emissions by 1 million tons by 2010. Mason Corridor offers an excellent opportunity to reduce vehicle trips on our streets. This is especially true when considering the implementation of TOD concepts and when planned in conjunction with Transfort (City bus system) bus routes. By providing an attractive and convenient method to move north and south in Fort Collins, residents and university students can reduce their vehicle trips and lessen our impacts on the environment.

Please support the City of Fort Collins in their efforts to implement this very important transit modality.

Sincerely,  
For BHA Design, Inc.

Bruce A. Hendee  
President