Community and Neighborhood Livability

NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

Great Destination

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Refinements needed:
• Too Downtown-centric. Identify ALL activity centers or none in Vision statement.
• Community Centers need to be more self-sustaining.
• Parks and green spaces need to be included in overall Vision.

Thriving Neighborhoods

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Refinements needed:
• Missing affordability actually highlighted in Vision statement

Distinct Community Image and Identity

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Refinements needed:
• All private development to dictate more. Gateway emphasis means resources. May not necessarily need to focus on gateways, if doing other areas of the city. How much does City have control over private development?
• Don’t understand why there’s so much emphasis on gateways. More of an outcome than a vision

Other New Ideas?

• Adherence to City Plan - Need to find ways to implement policies we already have. “Backyard” plans have really altered what was supposed to be Vision.

NEW POLICY CHOICES

1. Citywide Land Use Balance

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Refinements needed:
• Comments incorporated in other items. Chose not to discuss for sake of time, since Economic Health Group was discussing.

N/A

2. Activity Centers and Corridors

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Refinements needed:
• Market has yet to support mixed-use development (e.g., Penny Flats).
• Force or limit types of activity centers.
• Need to make this development scalable (1-2 stories, as opposed
to 4-5) to allow for phased density support.
- Don’t necessarily have density to support this intense development yet. Will take time to develop out.
- Will enhanced travel corridors have density to support (e.g. Mason Corridor). Will take a long time to develop out (5-10 years).
- Mixed-use activity centers may not be highest and best use.
- May look pretty, but when you get down to it, use not working in current market

### 3. Neighborhood Vitality

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• Really settle the question on what types of development will be allowed.
• What it should be, should be a community decision.

8. Key City Gateways

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Refinements needed:
• Focus on zoning to allow natural progression, rather than dictating, pushing.
• City should serve as a facilitator for gateways, allowing process to occur, rather than being a hindering influence.
• Need flexibility in allowing what opportunities, proposals, come to the City
• [Harmony/I-25 development process was of real concern to this group. Didn't like the way it was handled by Council or City.]

9. Financing Growth

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Refinements needed:
• Impact fees should not be the only way to finance growth.
Community and Neighborhood Livability

NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

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Refinements needed:
- Need to focus on areas to south, and yet not take away from Downtown. DDA, DBA, Beetsstreet - lots of money to spend on Downtown. We need to focus on resourcing other areas.
- Focus on centers.
- Don’t like title.
- The way this is framed may not highlight alternative transportation modes enough.
- Vision focuses/highlights Downtown too much.

Thriving Neighborhoods
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Refinements needed:
- See individual items.

Distinct Community Image and Identity
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Refinements needed:
- See 8 & 9.

Other New Ideas?

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NEW POLICY CHOICES

1. Citywide Land Use Balance
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N/A

2. Activity Centers and Corridors
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Refinements needed:
- The language only marginally addresses bicycling. Should be added EVERYWHERE pedestrian items are mentioned in text of
- How can we more specifically overall mobility to and within activity centers (e.g., scramble crossings)?
- Impact fees are limited to funding auto-related connections. Need to address transit, bike, and pedestrian (e.g., when Foothills Mall redevelops).
- Use Mason Corridor infill overlay in other areas. Good model.
- Should we use bicycle boulevards to connect neighborhoods to activity centers (e.g., CSU to Downtown along Whitcomb and Canyon)?
- Should we consider new activity center locations with tools already in place?
- Should we develop and implement tools to encourage pedestrian and bicycle activity?
- In prior development of these, did not take into consideration neighborhood concerns. What additional tools do we need to respond to neighborhood concerns? Currently no recourse, etc.

3. Neighborhood Vitality

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Refrainments needed:
- How can the planning process be changed to promote more neighborhood input, especially in core areas?
- Need to examine effect of multiple variances on neighborhood character.

4. Historic Preservation

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Refrainments needed:

5. Housing Affordability

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Refrainments needed:
- How can we develop high quality transit systems to support affordability?
- Are there other tools that could be used to enhance/increase affordable housing?
- Acknowledge that green building costs more, make adjustments for affordability where is makes sense (i.e., does this promote lower heating bills, what is payback period on investment for each green component)?
- What are financing mechanisms? Property tax assessment, bonding for retrofits, etc.

6. Nature in the City

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Refrainments needed:
- Need to address linear parks, drainages.
- How can we utilize current opportunities (see above and
7. Old Town / Poudre River

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Refinements needed:
- Settle the “San Antonio or Not” question once and for all. Upfront.
- Should be even consider allowing development? NOT in floodplain, anyway.
- Conversation should address full range of uses along full geographic area in question.

8. Key City Gateways

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Refinements needed:
- Focus more towards diverse transportation modes that need enhancements.
- Throw out the "suggestions" at the end of this.

9. Financing Growth

☒ Needs refinement

Impact fees should also be used to significantly resource multi-modal access and connections.
# Community and Neighborhood Livability

## NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

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**Refinements needed:**

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### Thriving Neighborhoods

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**Refinements needed:**

- Add "balanced" – i.e., maintain safe, cohesive, balanced and diverse neighborhoods. This refers to a balance of diversity.
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### Distinct Community Image and Identity

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**Refinements needed:**

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### Other New Ideas?

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## NEW POLICY CHOICES

### 1. Citywide Land Use Balance

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**Refinements needed:**

- Should the City be more flexible and let the market drive development, or should the City resist and impose standards to – i.e., resist the urge to make I-25 a retail corridor.
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### 2. Activity Centers and Corridors

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**Refinements needed:**

- Developments need incentives to go above and beyond basic standards – City should remove barriers to help them afford to make improvements/redevelop.
  - Standards are written around Greenfield projects. Should we allow more flexibility to our standards and codes, recognizing existing conditions, to encourage redevelopment/rehabilitation.
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3. Neighborhood Vitality

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- Needs refinement
- Delete

Refinements needed:
- Edges of neighborhoods are key – how does the transition occur from higher to lower density?
- How should neighborhoods provide opportunities for changing demographics and allow for inclusiveness and diversity?

4. Historic Preservation

- Keep as is
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Refinements needed:
- The question is confusing and leading. *Staff note: clarify if you’re asking them about designated historic districts vs. zoning (i.e. Neighborhood Conservation Low, Medium, and Buffer) vs. design standards. All are different and have different implications – what is the real issue you want to ask citizens?
- Should there be better/stronger design standards for scale, setbacks, and style for historic neighborhoods?

5. Housing Affordability

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- Needs refinement
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Refinements needed:

6. Nature in the City

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Refinements needed:

7. Old Town / Poudre River

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Refinements needed:

8. Key City Gateways

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9. Financing Growth

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Refinements needed:
Other Important Community and Neighborhood Livability Choices

- Is there a way to cover Affordable Housing, Historic Preservation, and sustainability concepts into a City-program – integrate financial incentives from the different programs to help lower income people move into a historic home and help them make repairs?

- Should the community consider expanding the Growth Management Area – that way Fort Collins can control the development and not risk territory battles with adjacent, growing communities. [Note: mixed reaction to this question within group].
Community and Neighborhood Livability

NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

Great Destination

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Refinements needed:
- What defines an 'activity center' (higher density, mixed use?)
- Confusion over what is meant by "connected by the transportation system" (which wouldn't be connected?) – more clarity needed around this statement. Does the transportation include mass transit, or just cars, maybe multi-modal isn't appropriate for all (i.e. "suicide lanes" for bikers on Harmony)

Thriving Neighborhoods

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Refinements needed:
- Should include preserving existing neighborhoods and providing for "transition". For example, if you begin redeveloping an area with higher densities and more intense uses, but the transportation system isn't quite in place, you're putting a burden on the existing neighborhood in the short-term.
- Consider how the transition to more compact development livable for existing neighborhoods.
- Should there be more elements of the former Land Development Guidance System (LDGS) into City Plan, i.e. more neighborhood input and required impact studies for new developments to make sure they protect the affects of higher intensity on existing neighborhoods.
- Balance is great, but need to ensure "factions" not created in neighborhoods.

Distinct Community Image and Identity

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Refinements needed:
- Community needs help to define what it means by "small town" feel.
- Fort Collins already has an image – how does that impact individual "gateways".
- What is the purpose of the gateway?
- How to incorporate the individuality of distinct neighborhoods into the broader community image – how to unify?
- Help people define the identity of their neighborhood – formally, so that developers know how they need to build to “fit in.”
- How do gateways strengthen the broader Community’s identity, without losing the individuality of neighborhoods.
- How does distinct neighborhood identity help to identify the Community as a whole?
- How do we account for diversity? What unifies everything?

Other New Ideas?

- Don’t want policies that exclude groups of people – how do we create a unified community with diverse populations and provide equitable opportunities.
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NEW POLICY CHOICES
1. Citywide Land Use Balance

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- Needs refinement: Refinements needed:
  - Distinguish between primary and secondary jobs – those should also be balanced.
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2. Activity Centers and Corridors

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- Needs refinement: Refinements needed:
  - See comments from vision
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3. Neighborhood Vitality

- Keep as is
- Needs refinement: Refinements needed:
  - See comments from vision
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4. Historic Preservation

- Keep as is
- Needs refinement: Refinements needed:
  - Need to better define areas of redevelopment and have guidelines for developers on how best to preserve – also need teeth to enforce
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5. Housing Affordability

- Keep as is
- Needs refinement: Refinements needed:
  - Consider setting land aside
  - What is affordable – define?
  - As we fill in our fixed GMA, land will become more expensive and it will be less affordable to live.
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6. Nature in the City

- Keep as is
- Needs refinement: Refinements needed:
  - How does this tie to street size?
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7. Old Town / Poudre River

- Keep as is
- Needs refinement: Refinements needed:
  - Bring back the Mill Race – it’s an unparalleled opportunity.
  - The river should include restaurants, housing, walkways – make a focal point.
  - Questions 7 and 4 should be tied together – want to put these in sequence.
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8. Key City Gateways

- Keep as is: Refinements needed:
9. Financing Growth

- Refinements needed:
  - Provide city-wide incentives – there are many problem areas that are in need of redevelopment but can’t because it’s cost prohibitive – developers can’t afford to make improvements.

Other Important Community and Neighborhood Livability Choices
Culture, Parks, and Recreation

NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

Creative City

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Refinements needed:
• Creatively integrate arts, culture, parks and recreation, citywide to expand and reach outlying areas of the community to support livability and economic resiliency.

Other New Ideas?

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NEW POLICY CHOICES

1. Arts and Culture Integration

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Refinements needed:
• Recognize Arts & Culture as an economic driver.
• Integrate Arts & Culture into Parks (possible events in City parks).
• Increase community awareness in arts/cultural programs.
• Utilize other areas of town (south - Fossil Creek Park, etc.). Not just Old Town.
• How do we expand Arts & Culture throughout the community and into the neighborhoods?

2. Arts and Cultural Funding

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Refinements needed:
• Consider creating a Science and Cultural Finance District – Parks?
• Options for Public and Private Partnerships.
• Collaborate/partner locally.
• City cooperate/partner on a regional basis.
• Create a ballot which gives a list of options for funding.
• Consider minimal user fee/impact fee.

3. Leveraging CSU Cultural Programs

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Refinements needed:
• Change the word “promote” to “collaborate.”
• How can we leverage CSU-events citywide?
• Publicizing and enhance communication with the community.
• Connect City/CSU programs.

4. Refinements to Parks

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Refinements needed:
• Facilities – Partnership between City and Poudre School District (PSD).
5. Recreation / Youth Programs

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<td>• Promoting community cultural events that provide economic stimulus.</td>
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Other Important Culture, Parks, and Recreation Choices

- Does Culture, Parks & Recreation really fit together?
Culture, Parks, and Recreation

NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

Creative City

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Refinements needed:
- Doesn't capture Parks & Recreation, focuses more on Arts/Culture. Parks seems let out.
- Culture may be too broad to capture in parks.
- Parks has more elements: Recreation (e.g.; Senior Center)
  Open Spaces
  Restoration

Other New Ideas?
- Arts/Culture/Creativity followed by sentence about Parks.
- What if we want to become a regional cultural center; does the vision cover that? As compliment to other communities’ resources, like Loveland’s sculptures.
- Not enough diversity expressed in “cultural” definition; ethnicity in particular.

NEW POLICY CHOICES

1. Arts and Culture Integration

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Refinements needed:
- More cross-over needed with economic vitality.
- How do “events” figure into this policy? Look at ways to change the policy to enable City to encourage and support private contribution. Leverage.
- Access issues regarding transportation is a big problem, example; buses to shuttle people to July 4 events.
- Access also refers to affordability to attend events. Maybe use Arts in Public Places funds – could help subsidize “Arts for All.”
- Physical arts are well integrated already..

2. Arts and Cultural Funding

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Refinements needed:
- Taxing district could also fund the recreation facilities; Lincoln Center; not just Science area.
- We have to start investing in order to get long term returns.
- Need to refer to Fort Collins’ regional draw for arts/culture – we should build on our already good base.

3. Leveraging CSU Cultural Programs

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Refinements needed:
- All sorts of great free cultural events on campus; but rest of community doesn’t hear bout it.
- Many people find CSU intimidating to go on campus. CSU should open itself up more to the community.
- Future: City employee to help do public relations for CSU.
4. Refinements to Parks

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Refrinements needed:
- Need to re-think/modernize many older parks. Serious lack especially in Downtown, get community to help with new design.
- Have to look at more smaller-scale sites in urban areas. Example: redevelopment opportunities for left-over bits.
- Define "urban" more clearly.
- Redefine "storm water detention" to create park-like features. Maybe part of changed development requirements.

5. Recreation / Youth Programs

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Refrinements needed:
- Well, "duh"!
- Problem with age-specific facilities. Better to mix people of all ages, more like private athletic clubs. Encourage activities to be more diverse. Each recreation site should have multiple activities (don't just have a pool, for instance).

6. Parks and Recreation Funding

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Refrinements needed:
- Could we combine taxing districts to include arts/culture with Parks and Recreation?
- See if neighborhoods could "adopt" the neighborhood park and help with maintenance?
- Remove reference to decrease maintenance. Not acceptable. Consider outsourcing to private sector.
- Parks are critical to quality of life and economic health.

Other Important Culture, Parks, and Recreation Choices

- No, this covers it pretty well.
- Consider re-visiting idea of large performing arts center. Critical to include in long-term plan. Needs to be in heart of Downtown.
- Need to start ponying up the money to protect health of our parks system.
- How about:
  - Minor league ball park
  - Big outdoor concert venue
  - Farmers/Public market
- Science Museum is inadequate.
- Expand on Winter programming Downtown.
- Public market place as draw for performing musicians/artists, tourist destination.
- River walk, river presence awareness needs to be increased.
- Hire locals on architect/design work.
# Economic Health
## NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

### Robust, Resilient Economy

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### Other New Ideas?

- Do we want to focus on primary jobs or diversified business approach?
- How does the city see itself in the Northern Colorado market? What role?
- Ensure vision and policy direction support and promote businesses to move here from other areas.

## NEW POLICY CHOICES

### Economic Strategies

#### 1. Retailers

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<td>• Find ways to capture retailers that have left city (i.e. – specialty clothing, home furnishing).</td>
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#### 3. Local Businesses

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Refinements needed:
- Need to ensure available infrastructure is in place.
- Is there enough future employment/industrial land at GMA buildout?
- City should be proactive to support development/redevelopment, but not take role as developer.
- City land bank role has worked well in Downtown to control quality development and should be considered in other areas.
- Ensure enough land is available to attract primary employers.
- In Mountain Vista Plan area much of employment land inventory is potentially held back due to adequate public facilities requirements.

5. Workforce Training

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Refinements needed:
- Do we need to target new employers to market existing workforce skill-set including unemployed and underemployed?
- How can you provide training with no educational background in that field?
- Private business should take the lead on this topic.

6. Mixed-Use Activity Centers

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Refinements needed:
- Downtown is the only true mixed-use primary activity center in community and already successful
- So we need to focus on other activity centers in city to make sure the mix of uses gets implemented, particularly residential uses.
- Need to be flexible to ensure market supports mixed-use development.
- Activity centers need to include civic uses, culture, business, residential, and pedestrian oriented facilities.
- Destinations need to have better connections in between for auto, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian mobility.

7. Citywide Jobs/Housing Balance

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Refinements needed:
- Maintain current jobs/housing balance for long-term sustainability of healthy economy.
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Economic Strategies

8. Resourcing Our Future

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Refinements needed:
- See above comment – not just focus on sales tax as primary revenue source
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Other Important Economic Health Choices
• Development review process should be business and user friendly including more efficient review time and competitive with other jurisdictions.
Economic Health – Round 1
NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

Robust, Resilient Economy

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Refinements needed:

Other New Ideas?
• HP as E Driver/H. Tourism
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NEW POLICY CHOICES

Economic Strategies

1. Retailers

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Refinements needed:
• Maintain Current Approach vs. maximize or aggressive approach.
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2. Primary Jobs

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Refinements needed:
• Target industry employment clusters? Didn't like the term “primary.” Focus on targeted industry and Economic Health jobs (using innovative economy jobs model).
• Make Primary Jobs a higher priority. Reorder priorities: Retention, Expansion, Incubation, Attraction (Recruitment)
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3. Local Businesses

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☐ Needs refinement
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Refinements needed:
• Keep as is. Industry and retail and services.
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4. Land Ready for New Development

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Refinements needed:
• *Split between aggressive infrastructure funding and maintain the course, no new funds.
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5. Workforce Training

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Refinements needed:
- Workforce needs linkages (match back to existing).
- Can City funds; partnerships (new/others); CSU (keep them here)?
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Economic Strategies

6. Mixed-Use Activity Centers

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Refinements needed:
- OTHER (MOVE)
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7. Citywide Jobs/Housing Balance

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Refinements needed:
- A Metric – one of many. Delete D.
- *More intensity/density (all uses).
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Economic Strategies

8. Resourcing Our Future

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Refinements needed:
- A. Resourcing questions/revenue sharing.
- B. Long-range forecasts (scenarios); Leverage strengths; Other revenues; expenditure efficiency (lean & mean).
- BFO – does it work?

Other Important Economic Health Choices

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Economic Health Round 2
NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

Robust, Resilient Economy

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Refinements needed:
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Other New Ideas?

• What is the right level of City involvement?
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NEW POLICY CHOICES

Economic Strategies

1. Retailers

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Refinements needed:
• Renovate the mall/midtown (uses other than retail).
• Emphasis on the core.
• Don’t ignore downtown (retail/services?).

2. Primary Jobs

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Refinements needed:
• Primary jobs sell outside our community.
• Order good/balance of jobs! (strike parenthesis).
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3. Local Businesses

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Refinements needed:
• Retail/services are key to sustainability; emphasis on services.
• Facilitate – does this imply pushing?
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4. Land Ready for New Development

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Refinements needed:
• Strike master development/no to City funds/other solutions.
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5. Workforce Training

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### Economic Strategies

#### 6. Mixed-Use Activity Centers
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### Economic Strategies

#### 8. Resourcing Our Future
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  **Refinements needed:**
  - Are current impact fees sufficient?  
  - Can we continue to reduce costs?  
  - Look at all revenue sources.

### Other Important Economic Health Choices
- Attract visitors (tourists/other community residents/etc.).
- Use historic preservation as economic development tool.
- Does the city have sufficient infrastructure to support local business/relocations?
- Effective(?) incentives.
- What is a primary job?
- Leverage our education attainment.
In general, the group was in agreement that the topics outlined for “New and Enhanced Vision Ideas” and “Choices for New Policy” were on the right track. The majority of the comments were related to enhancements and further emphasis on one of the visions. There were also some ideas for additional visions and policies.

Environmental Resources
NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

Reducing Carbon Footprint

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Refinements needed:

- Emphasize preserving existing buildings for their “embodied energy.”
- Emphasize distributed generation and a grid that can handle it.
- Include the issues around the automobile and moving towards mass transit.
- Consider pollution issues around distributed power (concern over recycling solar panels, small power plants/pollution).
- Emphasize a vision of implementation; make sure it can be done.

Integrated Approach to Stormwater

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Refinements needed:

- More land use planning integrated with stormwater planning.
- Address competing interest over infill and water quality.
- Emphasize stormwater projects that add value to the community (aesthetic, recreation, etc.).

Healthy Poudre River and Connected Open Lands

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Refinements needed:

- Emphasize in-stream flows.
- River more connected to the community.
- More trails connecting the community.
- Continue fight against NISP.
Further address water quality problem with urban runoff entering river. More fish habitat through town.

Planning For Future Water Supply Needs and Conservation

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Refinements needed:
- More emphasis on conservation.
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Other New Ideas?
- A vision around the connection between environmental health/pollution and human health.
- A vision around addressing environmental issues of low income families and social justice. Also, consider the plan's impacts on these sectors of our community. Avoid sustainability elitism.
- A vision around a community sustainability scorecard with measurable metrics.
- A vision around more integrated community planning with more cross-departmental collaboration.

NEW POLICY CHOICES

Energy Policy Choices

1. Net Zero Energy Expansion

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Refinements needed:
- See Carbon Footprint discussion above.
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2. Electric Grid Modernization

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Refinements needed:
- See Carbon Footprint discussion above.
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3. Reducing Carbon Intensity and Consumption

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Refinements needed:
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4. Linking Transportation to the Grid

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Refinements needed:
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5. Increasing Building Performance – Retrofits

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☒ Needs refinement

Refinements needed:
- Focus on energy efficiency and retrofits of existing building.
### Stormwater Policy Choices

#### 1. Stormwater Quality and Conveyance

- **Needs refinement**
  - Refinements needed:
    - Make retrofits affordable for low income families.

#### 2. Stormwater Treatment Locations

- **Needs refinement**
  - Refinements needed:
    - See comments on Integrated Stormwater.

#### 3. Stormwater Partnerships

- **Needs refinement**
  - Refinements needed:
    - See comments on Integrated Stormwater.

### Other Environmental Choices

#### 1. Water Supply Planning

- **Needs refinement**
  - Refinements needed:
    - See comments above under Water Supply and Conservation

#### 2. Climate Change Adaption

- **Needs refinement**
  - Refinements needed:
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#### 3. Poudre River In-Stream Flows

- **Needs refinement**
  - Refinements needed:
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#### 4. Local Agriculture and Water Conservation

- **Needs refinement**
  - Refinements needed:
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### Other New or Enhanced Choices

#### 1. Air Quality
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#### 2. Source Reduction / Waste-to-Energy
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#### 3. Composting
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   **Refinements needed:**
   - Include recycling yard waste in discussion.
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#### 4. Water Reclamation
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#### 5. Open Space and Natural Features
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**Other Important Environmental Resources Choices**

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# Environmental Resources

## NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

### Reducing Carbon Footprint

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### Integrated Approach to Stormwater

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**Refinements needed:**
- Floodplain regulation met.
- Be more aggressive in building in floodplains.
- Floodplain regulations more stringent to prevent development in the floodplains.

### Healthy Poudre River and Connected Open Lands

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**Refinements needed:**
- New Development of sustainability/indicators.
- FortZED.
- More energy.

### Planning For Future Water Supply Needs and Conservation

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**Refinements needed:**
- Where is the future of trains going?
- Funding for mass transportation vs. cars.

### Other New Ideas?

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## NEW POLICY CHOICES

### Energy Policy Choices

#### 1. Net Zero Energy Expansion

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#### 2. Electric Grid Modernization

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3. Reducing Carbon Intensity and Consumption

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Refinements needed:
- Plan to convert Rawhide from coal to gas.
- Insure population is considered in the plan.
- Look at full environmental cost – example (Natural Gas > water > ).

4. Linking Transportation to the Grid

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Refinements needed:

5. Increasing Building Performance – Retrofits

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Refinements needed:

Stormwater Policy Choices

1. Stormwater Quality and Conveyance

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2. Stormwater Treatment Locations

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3. Stormwater Partnerships

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Refinements needed:
- Not enough Information.

Other Environmental Choices

1. Water Supply Planning

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Refinements needed:
- Being refined.

2. Climate Change Adaption

☒ Keep as is

Refinements needed:
3. Poudre River In-Stream Flows

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Refinements needed:
- Need a plan and develop a policy.
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4. Local Agriculture and Water Conservation

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Refinements needed:
- More use of non-potable water for lawns/parks, agriculture, and etc.
- The City needs a policy tied to agriculture and water.
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Other New or Enhanced Choices

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2. Source Reduction / Waste-to-Energy

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3. Composting

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Refinements needed:
- Link to water conservation.
- Promote more collection options.
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4. Water Reclamation

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Refinements needed:
- Finance in advance, not using debt financing.
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5. Open Space and Natural Features

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Refinements needed:
- Develop a policy.
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Other Important Environmental Resources Choices

- Air quality was not listed on the worksheet. The Air Quality Advisory Board and individuals put in a lot of ideas.
- Where is population addressed? This is the key to many issues and quality of life sustainability.
Safety and Wellness
NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

Healthy Community
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Refinements needed:
• How is Poudre School District's Health and Wellness Program?
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Other New Ideas?
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NEW POLICY CHOICES

1. Active Places
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Refinements needed:
• Need to ask additional questions. What will encourage parents to allow their children to walk or bike to school? Should we have a livable street movement in Fort Collins to promote walking, biking, etc?
• We need to prepare for an aging population. How do you make trails and sidewalks safe for the elderly? Potentially add resting places along these to promote walking and provide needed rest for aging population. We need to have sidewalk connectivity. Private property owners are not required to provide a sidewalk. Should this be a requirement so sidewalks can be continuous. Sidewalks also need to be wider.
• How does the train and the traffic delays it cause effect safety and access to medical care?
• Should we have a “scramble crossing” at the intersections of Mountain/College, Laurel/College and Shields/Elizabeth?
• Should we have a left turn for bicycles?

2. Health and Human Services Access
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Refinements needed:
• Plan should include other areas of the City. Not just North – add areas including Poudre Valley Hospital Harmony Campus, Loveland, Medical Center of the Rockies, and McKee.
• Yes, resources should be leveraged! An example of good partnership and collaborations is the H1N1 Flu Clinics with the County Health Department and City. Synergy was excellent.
• Improving transit and transportation access to medical care. Also transit between senior residences and the services and shopping. Some are physically close, however transit requires an hour with transfers to get there. Train and the delays to these services it creates. (Emergency vehicles, fire, police, etc.).
3. Diversity

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Refinements needed:
- Change "celebrate" to "inclusive". Celebrate disabilities is not appropriate. Celebrate hints at race, diversity is much wider, age, physical abilities, demographic.
- Better language to reflect why it fits here? Diversity needs to be added to the other topic areas as well.

4. Local Agriculture and Food

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Refinements needed:
- Yes, we should support small scale, local food production. Good opportunity for public/private partnership.
- Should we promote healthy eating?
- Food grown locally should be more affordable, organic, provide walkable access and help reduce our carbon footprint.
- Need to connect the Food Bank to local markets to provide better access to food and more of it.
- Potential gardens/food trees in public spaces and/or partnership with schools and community for gardens.

5. Safe Community

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Refinements needed:
- Law enforcement needs to work to engage the communities in the promotion of more "watch" programs to assist citizens in protecting themselves.
- Plan needs to include and discuss other services besides police such as, ambulance, fire, etc., that provide for a safe community.
- Plan also needs to address protection of the elderly from scams.
- Should every child be taught pedestrian and bicycle safety?
- Should Patrol Officers receive training regarding recent State bicycle law changes?
- Should the speed limit City-wide be reduced to 35 or less?
- Speed limit needs to be more consistent on any given street. Less up and down!
- Moore enforcement of the speed limit.
- Should the City take a more aggressive stance on the use of cell phones in motor vehicles? Should cell phone use be limited to only "hands free"?
Safety and Wellness

NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

Healthy Community

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☐ Needs refinement
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Refinements needed:
- Improvements needed to “feel” safe – i.e. call boxes in Old Town and parking garages for someone who feels threatened.
- World Health Organization – definition of “healthy” community includes mental, spiritual, and physical health – all of these elements should be included in this section of Plan Fort Collins.

Other New Ideas?

- Add “bike-ability”
- Streets, sidewalks, intersections should all be and feel safe for pedestrians (afforded by transportation) - measure the effect on bicycles and pedestrians – holistic approach.

NEW POLICY CHOICES

1. Active Places

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Refinements needed:
- Accessibility is a huge issue for disabled population – needs to be addressed.
- Street designs for safer streets for all (over/under passes, bulb outs, median refuges, etc.).
- Neighborhood design – new and redevelopment of existing neighborhoods – Neighborhood “centers” of activity – higher value.
- Need a “branch” senior center on the southeast part of town – there’s a good cluster of active places where the current Senior Ccenter and Northside are located.
- Continue to promote connectivity – more emphasis and greater commitment to this.
- Need more healthy choices for activities at night – particularly for families (other than bars).
- Family-oriented night life/activities.
- More choices for youth and school age students.
- Have more City events (like concerts) in other parts of the city – not just downtown (in neighborhood or community parks).

2. Health and Human Services Access

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Refinements needed:
- Difficult for people to get there who don’t have easy access to a car – need to put priority on transportation (efficient and low-cost) for people who need to access the Health and Human Services.
- Promote focus on public transportation and mass transit.
- Socioeconomic support of services effects the quality of the community – the fundamentals create a great community.
- Work together (with County, and other agencies) to provide the best services.
- Elderly – transportation between Poudre Valley Hospital campuses – difficult and costly to get to them.
- Impoverished community – not enough busses or frequency of routes.
- Transportation doesn’t serve the entire community – narrow grid – Dial-A-Ride costs too much.
- There’s a monopoly on alternative transportation (Shamrock) – rates are too high.

3. Diversity
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Refinements needed:
- Promote diversity – where others can engage equally.
- More opportunities for diverse people to mix together.
- International/cultural events – so people can meet and interact.
- Focus and promote attracting more diverse applicants to serve on the Boards and Commissions.

4. Local Agriculture and Food
- Keep as is
- Needs refinement
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Refinements needed:
- Support community agriculture – we need more locally produced foods and local markets.
- Promote and focus on healthy choices.

5. Safe Community
- Keep as is
- Needs refinement
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Refinements needed:
- Need to maintain or increase funding for police and fire – not decrease services due to limited funding (have noticed more vandalism and gang activity in neighborhoods).
- Number of Police Officers per 1,000 is very low – grossly understaffed.
- Safety and ability to cross large streets – either walking, wheelchair, with kids, etc.
- Riding bikes on main streets doesn’t feel safe.
- Pedestrians feel safe Downtown but not in other parts of the City of Fort Collins.
- Slower speed limits would help people feel more safe.
- Parking garages don’t feel safe – more police patrol at night.
- People don’t feel safe at night.
- Concerned with trains – emergency vehicles stuck behind a train during an emergency (access and passage).
- Traffic – need both bicyclists and motorists to follow laws.
- Need enforcement of bike crossing with flashing yellow or red lights – people don’t stop for them.
- Outside fire alarm “light” to notify that a fire is there.
- More Public Education – safety and fire safety.

Other Important Safety and Wellness Choices
- Should put more emphasis and commitment on making all of Fort Collins function and feel like the Downtown area.
- Put the bike lanes behind a curb -- with their own set of lights (for mopeds and bikes) -- this is done in Amsterdam and China.
- Emphasize the overall "feel" of the "Fort Collins Lifestyle" -- it's not just a place to hang your hat at the end of the day -- unique and different community that people want to be a part of and just "be" in..
- Better user-friendly bus for elderly.
- Use World Health Organization definition of Healthy Community.
## Transportation

### NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS

#### Great Streets

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<td>More flexibility. Don’t think of standards as uniform. Flex to fit character of unique parts of town. Question whether some streets should vary in emphasis, e.g. to favor bikes. E.g. bollards detour cars but bikes get through on some streets. Some places may warrant slower speeds, land closures, more congenial mixing...don’t know exactly what, but flexibility seems important...Look at Level of Service standards, meaning allow it to go lower for cars if it supports more density and better places. Help to shift attitudes with examples and education.</td>
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- Relate great streets to fossil fuel and carbon, face the reality of needed change.
- Be clear about great streets for getting across town, versus great places, neighborhoods with streets with character that slow people down. Mobility and access.
- Our streets ARE good, so be careful. Don’t diminish services [levels of service?]
- Change our immediate direction, short term. E.g., re-think realigned Vine. Typical 4-lane arterial. Emissions analysis done in 2009 comes out about the same as any vision from the mid ’90’s. BUT - remember the private sector, especially developers, in any changes. Involve them.
- Experiment! Be daring to try some different ideas that might be better.
- Explain current standards. They seem based on car volume, not land use places.
- Getting across town with alternative modes doesn’t really work. Some places have bike lanes or sidewalks, but it’s not really a city-wide system.
- Get/allow neighborhoods to be more involved in reshaping streets. More citizen input. Lincoln Ave. is one example.

#### Regional Connectivity

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#### Parking

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shopping. Consider pay parking adjacent to CSU, as an example. There may be other places where parking can support or fit the desired land uses better. Example of new museum: until transit comes to Mason, it will need significant parking. Need to provide parking to support use of facilities.

- Parking will be THE key factor in redevelopment and infill. E.g., Mason – how will parking fit in intensification? It’s going to need structures. Very expensive. Parking is the single biggest impact of higher density ideas. Must address this.

**Other New Ideas?**

- Health – what would be the right analysis metrics?
- Metrics – what is our miles of street per person? Is it consistent among cities, or does it vary? Just a question.
- Cross cutting with land use – all houses must face a street has led to unnecessary streets.

**NEW POLICY CHOICES**

**Choices for Prioritizing Improvements**

1. **Downsizing**
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   **Refrainments needed:**
   - Term downsizing is misunderstood. Need clarification, better term for intent of this. “how to sustainably maintain a system”...“adjust expectations”...
   - Policies do need to reflect costs. E.g., many Collectors seem to be oversized unnecessarily, not sustainable cost-wise, don’t make sense. Mountain Vista Plan an example of big streets required where there’s limited development due to ditches, powerlines. Master Street Plan (MSP) vs reality of costs. Collectors are required based on EXPECTED demand. If it doesn’t happen, it’s tough to shrink them back down – amending the MSP, and then physically and financially doing it.
   - Cross cutting with land use – all houses must face a street has led to unnecessary streets.

2. **Basic**
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   **A. Reshape Existing Streets**

   **Refrainments needed:**
   - May be needed. Some constrained street have no chance for extra space, might have to reallocate some.
   - Get/allow neighborhoods to be more involved in reshaping streets. More citizen input. Lincoln Ave, is one example.
   
   **B. Enhanced Travel Corridors / District Focus**

   **Refrainments needed:**
   - “Cross-cutting” topic – expand these into zero-carbon energy efficient corridors...
C. Vehicle Alternatives

Refinements needed:
- Need a spectrum choices with some more flexible than current bus, but less expensive and intensive than current cars.
- Solar transit system demonstrated at CSU.
- How will alt. vehicles contribute to funding? E.g., licenses?

D. System Management

Refinements needed:
- This section of the report needs to be expounded upon. Could be better addressed.
- Energy cost is uncertain, but likely to go in one direction. High Level of Service for transit appears to be the future.
- Two different aspects: rights to SPACE needs to come before a specific technology.
- Keep space for GOODS in mind. Freight. Freight, heavy rail in I-25?, e.g., median?
- Don't keep building capacity for a paradigm that's going to fail...e.g. going from 2 backed-up lanes to 4 backed-up lanes. Still backed up, but harder to breathe.
- Transportation typically chases development. Mason Corridor an example of different approach.
- Improve what we have and support a bus to key destinations e.g. Longmont, Boulder.
- Be careful, don't skimp on space that may be needed in the future. Maintain scalability.

3. Recommit to the Existing or Slightly Modified Long Term Vision

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Refinements needed:

Regional Transportation Choices

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Refinements needed:
- Be clear about the relevant region you're talking about. E.g. the Northern Colorado inter-urban area vs. the north-south corridor to Denver metro region.
- Street and highway connectivity is THERE. Shift allocation of new attention and resources off of the highways and arterials for traffic, which will clog up...where should new emphasis be? Car, trail, transit? Clarify modes along with clarification of what's meant by "region".
- What should be City's obligation to the region, regional systems? E.g., catch people at gateways, THEN have great transit? Or, have great transit outside of the city?
- Need space.
### Trail Linkages

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### Parking

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### Transit

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**Refinements needed:**

- [ ] The system currently is not integrated enough to support use by those with a choice. Only will be used by those without much choice. System has to actually work. E.g. on the ground, with the sidewalks, with the slopes, with the land uses.
- [ ] Define “transit”.

### Mobile Source Emmissions

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### Choices for Funding Transportation

1. **Rely on Increased Cost Recovery from New Development to Cover Costs**

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2. **City Adjusts Level of Service Standards Citywide**

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3. **City Adjusts Level of Service Standards by District to Help Achieve Specific Goals**

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**Refinements needed:**

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4. Pursue Additional Fees to Fund the Transportation System

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Refinements needed:

- Need more robust funding. Not sure what, but not sales tax. Maybe a Mobility Utility, with a fee. Vehicle Miles Traveled x weight? Push the system.
- Don't have the trust with voters. They only support project-specific taxes. A gap in trust.

Other Important Transportation Choices

- **Question:** is there a south hub or destination for Mason Corridor, like Downtown is the north hub? Any other big destinations?
- Also about Mason, will more stops be needed south of CSU if more urbanization occurs?
- Have to fund the life cycle of transportation facilities. Sustain the original investment. This must be a major new consideration.
**Transportation – Table 2 (Wempe/O’Donnell)**

**NEW OR ENHANCED VISION IDEAS**

### Great Streets
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**Refinements needed:**
- Speeding is an issue (safety impacts, most people go 5-10 mph over the limit, street design issue? Number of lanes issue?)
- Streets must be designed with all modes in mind (engineering and safety standards especially – who are we protecting, just cars or everyone?)
- How can we balance street design speeds versus posted speed limits to protect all users, not just cars?
- Streets need some sort of separation between bike/travel/parking lanes.

### Regional Connectivity
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**Refinements needed:**
- Consider all uses of public right-of-way (i.e. utilities, stormwater, pedestrians) when planning across boundaries – keep our options open for long-term solutions even if another city/county/state is implementing a short-term solution.

### Trails as Part of Transportation System
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**Refinements needed:**
- Bikes need to follow laws even on trails.

### Parking
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**Refinements needed:**
- Consider higher parking fees to fund short- and long-term improvements and operations and maintenance.
- Consider fee based versus time based parking turnover methods (i.e. graduated parking fees).

### Other New Ideas?
- Downtown valet parking – using middle lane along College Avenue.
- Examine alternative power sources for signage, lights, etc., in the public right-of-way.
- Need to keep development paying its way.

### NEW POLICY CHOICES

**Choices for Prioritizing Improvements**

#### 1. Downsizing
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**Refinements needed:**
- Explicitly state pulling back now costs us later (i.e. street maintenance).
- Need a comprehensive, life-cycle understanding of all of these options – construction cost, contingency, year-by-year multiplier to update costs annually, operations and maintenance.
- Financing discussion must occur at the same time as the transportation planning discussion.
2. Basic

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A. Reshape Existing Streets

Refinements needed:
- Avoid gaps in the bicycle and sidewalk network.
- Don’t designate a bike lane on an existing street unless it can be a minimum width – avoid bad examples like the Lemay Avenue bike lane.
- Need a comprehensive, life-cycle understanding of all of these options – construction cost, contingency, year-by-year multiplier to update costs annually, operations and maintenance.
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B. Enhanced Travel Corridors / District Focus

Refinements needed:
- Push densities higher in these areas – include an explicit land use component for this option.
- Need a comprehensive, life-cycle understanding of all of these options – construction cost, contingency, year-by-year multiplier to update costs annually, operations and maintenance.
- Financing discussion must occur at the same time as the transportation planning discussion.

C. Vehicle Alternatives

Refinements needed:
- Do not create a dual transportation system.
- Need a comprehensive, life-cycle understanding of all of these options – construction cost, contingency, year-by-year multiplier to update costs annually, operations and maintenance.
- Financing discussion must occur at the same time as the transportation planning discussion.

D. System Management

Refinements needed:
- Consider alternative work schedules/days.
- Telecommuting – see Seattle, WA, example of shared office space, reduces need to travel to main office but gives computer/phone access near worker's homes.
- Need a comprehensive, life-cycle understanding of all of these options – construction cost, contingency, year-by-year multiplier to update costs annually, operations & maintenance.
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3. Recommit to the Existing or Slightly Modified Long Term Vision

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Refinements needed:
- Citizens should not be determining what streets are built (reference to BOB and BCC tax packages – removing politics from transportation planning choices).
- Thoughts on funding issue: what type of tax? Need to calculate long-term expenses (i.e., Operations and maintenance, annual construction cost increases, etc.); is this the right time for a new tax? The City does not do long-range financial estimates or scenario planning.
- Must identify the funding mechanism for transportation – there are no “users” of the transportation system as this implies there are residents who do not
use the system.
• Instead, funding mechanism should focus on residents who benefit from the transportation system (i.e., all of them for the most part) to be fair.

### Regional Transportation Choices

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**Refinements needed:**
• Avoid Colorado Department of Transportation-style regional planning (i.e., short needs timeframe, long funding timeframe).

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**Refinements needed:**
• Financial elements tie into the above discussion.
• Need a regional planning context – what is the vision for trails across Larimer and Weld?

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**Refinements needed:**
• Examine graduated parking fees/parking turnover for parking at businesses versus garage.
• Designated parking lots/exchange points at outlying areas.

### Transit

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**Refinements needed:**
• Whatever we choose for transit needs to decrease pollution per person – Transfort currently increases pollution based on ridership and bus size.
• Prior to adding a new service line or expanding an existing route, complete an analysis of the air quality impacts.
• Consider using different bus sizes and types to meet demand.
• Seniors, disabled residents, and CSU students all benefit from transit – transit must serve more than just a cash benefit for the City.

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**Refinements needed:**
• The question as written was very confusing – had to discuss the meaning for a bit before answering.
• Moving traffic efficiently can have air quality benefits (i.e., grade separated railroad crossings).
• Air quality impacts should be a component of capital project choice.

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4. Pursue Additional Fees to Fund the Transportation System

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Refinements needed:
• Some type of tax – ties into financial discussion above.

Other Important Transportation Choices