An Evening with Frey: Community Reception Feedback

Event Date: March 3, 2010

The Community Reception featured staffed “stations” for each of the Snapshot topics, which displayed summarized draft Snapshot materials. Participants were encouraged to share their feedback and ideas on large comment forms at each station. Approximately 200 comments and ideas were collected, and are listed below, organized alphabetically by Snapshot topic.

1. Arts and Culture

- Art brings money and recognition to a community
- Art is great but we must prioritize in hard times
- Art makes life worth living
- Artists bring new ideas and beautify the environment
- Arts and culture must pay for itself
- Continue art throughout the city – painting transformers and along the multi-use paths is great
- For arts to have an economic impact in a city like Fort Collins we must pursue the creation of a world class performing arts center (or convention center) – until we accomplish this we are only entertaining ourselves not growing our economy
- Keep up the music programs in public spaces
- Let the people who use the arts pay for them – no taxes to fund the arts
- Local art in public places
- Love the painted transformer cabinets – they make the alleys beautiful
- Make sure to engage young children and collaborate with the school district – that is the beginning of how you instill pride in the community – people who get involved early have more invested than those who just occupy houses
- More arts that reflect on the history/culture of the city
- More beautiful fountains
- More murals and collaborations with elderly, children, and amateur artists
- More slam poetry
- Need new performance venues pursuant to Cultural Plan
- Our Global Village is fabulous – partner with this nonprofit any way you can
- Really disappointed to have lost original foundation at Oak and College
- Support for Global Village to highlight the international aspects of the city
- The arts community needs to become sustainable by creating professional paths for true “stand along” careers and organizations – this starts with Poudre School District, then CSU, then internships, then careers that make a living doing arts, music, theatre, and dance worth paying for
- The enthusiastic Global Village Museum and Learning Center group should be encourage – international artifacts in our shrinking world are important – perhaps a combination of Global Village with a City-run Community Culture Center/global museum would work?
- We appreciate Fort Collins’ choice to differentiate itself from neighboring cities by promoting the arts
- We are big fans of Beet Street and never miss a First Friday
• We’re looking forward to the new Museum and Science Discovery Center – other culture opportunities shouldn’t be lost
• What does it mean to instill pride in the community? How is that accomplished? It sounds like a laudable goal but there is no point in having it if it isn’t achievable or measurable
• Why not collaborate with CSU and high school art programs?

2. Built Environment and Land Use

• Better sidewalk connectivity (especially existing areas that lack sidewalks)
• Between Drake and Horsetooth land within the Poudre floodplain is designated “buildable” – all need development should be forbidden in the 100 year floodplain
• College Avenue (midtown now from Drake to Harmony) needs infill redevelopment – the area has the potential to offer new design and commercial, retail, and residential opportunities
• Consider replacing some of the vast green acreage (irrigated grass) with urban agriculture – food production in the form of community gardens or some form of “share cropping”
• Demographics are changing and Poudre School District has over 3,000 empty seats (8 full elementary schools) The District will need to address efficiency issues and empty seats this year. How does City planning collaborate with PSD?
• Good work!
• Infill development with improved transit service
• Leave room for urban agriculture
• Multi-use commercial/residential at medium to high densities planned around parks
• Need a balanced approach to historic preservation – realistic for cost and function
• Newer shopping centers should have a unique look
• Old Town is priceless – take better care
• Open space areas seem to be closed for no apparent reason – hikers and runners can enjoy them year round – we have paid for them
• Please do not ever destroy green open space between Trilby and Harmony
• Promote business expansion and remodeling
• Remove “buildable” land from the Poudre River floodplain
• Repave the streets
• Spread out City parks into smaller pieces, not fewer larger ones
• Stop blockage of Downtown sidewalks (like the Monkey Bar) so people can walk without annoying barricades
• Stop displacing low income people
• Support the development of in-town urban food gardens – provide water and support for building our local food system
• We couldn’t survive having higher densities
• We need on-street parking citywide – North College would be great
• Who decides what is appropriate regarding the built environment and land use?
• Zoning and code rules are too restrictive and limiting

3. Environment and Utilities

• Add solar panels to all City buildings and parking structures
• Affordable wind energy
• Be sure to keep capacity as a key goal for Fort Collins residents
• Build Halligan
• Build Halligan not Glade
• Change water law to allow for capture of rainwater to irrigate gardens
• Climate protection is a big scam
• Consider becoming a “Transition” Community (Hopkins)
• Don’t allow uranium in-situ mining over our aquifers – we need to secure drinking water
• Global warming is fake – green is not necessary
• Let private enterprise come up with “green” solutions
• Poudre River
• Put solar panels on school roofs
• Quality of our drinking water is excellent right now - please continue to keep it good and clean
• Save the Poudre no matter what else is done
• Trash districting makes sense or provide a City-run system
• Turn gray infrastructure into green infrastructure
• We need Halligan – the Poudre won’t be affected
• We need incentives to promote the adoption and application of wide spread clean energy technologies (solar, wind, geothermal, conservation)
• Why are unsolicited utility usage information sheets being sent out? The City doesn’t know who lives in each house and why bills are what they are. You can’t just compare houses – you need to know who is occupying the residences.

4. Finance and Economy

• Budget by priorities
• Financing the future – should taxes increase?
• Need high, enforced tariffs on goods from elsewhere and big factories
• Need more farmers to grow healthy food (vegetables and fruits) locally and sustainability
• Priorities among all City assets and needs – proactive is good
• Raise taxes
• Stimulate the local economy
• Stop using radar camera vans as a means of raising revenue – this appears to be the primary purpose and their pervasive presence is the single greatest detriment to quality of life in this City for me
• The City/County budget should not be used for health care insurance
• Unless we have a middle class our City cannot fund everything with sales tax
• Use some of open space tax funds for maintenance of local parks, especially now when funds are so low

5. Health, Wellness, and Safety

• A healthy local, sustainable food system – food is a strategic resource
• Absolutely enforce the 3-unrelated ordinance and require licensing of landlords
• Another community recreation center
• Bring the Youth Activity Center back
• Create a safe, healthy community without unnecessary government regulations and mandatory codes
• Develop community health clinics to address failure of leadership at the national level
• Develop gang intervention programs
• Develop more private sector programs to help fund health care for the less fortunate – less government, more private sector solutions
• Eliminate 3-unrelated ordinance and enforce on actual nuisances
• Fund police and fire
• Increase bike trails and keep them safe
• Keep the community size
• Let the bike program pay for itself through those who care about it – give that money to the police and fire departments
• Licensing and recognition for natural/homeopathic physicians with access to all medical facilities for themselves and their patients
• Make mental health services and prescriptions more available to adults
• More bike paths
• Remove fluoride from our water
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• Support a covered market for farmers and local stores
• Wider, safer sidewalks – some of the areas have very narrow sidewalks right beside heavy and fast traffic

6. Housing

• 3-unrelated ordinance is unconstitutional, discriminatory, and an oxymoron for affordable – it should be 1 occupant per bedroom
• A high need for housing for youth in transition – affordable and safe
• Affordable housing is a huge need in our community – sliding scale rents are critical
• Affordable senior housing
• Build up not out
• Community gardens
• For expanding areas complete with retail/office and medium to high density housing all planned around parks and recreation
• Infill development, adaptive reuse, and mix of land uses
• Keep low-income people in Fort Collins – avoid displacement of mobile home park tenants
• Mixed-use housing and commercial
• More high-rise housing for all economic levels
• More incentives for homeowners to retrofit their homes for green technology
• Please provide affordable housing for folks with no or little income
• Solar incentives
• Strive for private sector programs and funding to help those in need
• The Howes Street corridor should be better utilized since it is already zoned for high-rise buildings
• Work with Homeward 2020

7. Natural Areas, Parks, and Recreation

• Acquire and maintain more natural areas as a basic human need
• City parks should still be small dispersed, not big and concentrated
• Convert surface parking lots into parks or stormwater retention areas
• Create an adopt-a-park program to engage volunteers
• Discourage use of pesticides
• Doing well in these areas – continue adding bike paths
• Fewer dog restrictions please
• How do the recreation needs of youth, disabled, and elderly get balanced with revenue generation?
• I love our hiking and biking trails and parks – let’s keep them green
• Let those who use the parks pay for the use (pay as you go)
• More bike paths
• More disc golf
• Natural areas and parks are what separates good cities from great cities – the funding for these are usually the first to shrink – we should ensure that adequate and positive funding is always in the forefront
• Park planning with multi-use commercial and residential buildings – fewer giant parks and more community parks
• Parks are for people – don’t lose sight of key users and their desires and resolve maintenance costs
• Permanent bike safety tour in one of the parks
• Police the bike riders better – issue tickets
• Promoting bike trails and natural areas within the Growth Management Area is okay, but not okay on the Wyoming border
• Reduce the use of pesticides near water and wildlife
• Such a joy to let your children bike to work or school on a designated path or trail
• The City must find a way for senior and the disabled to have transportation to different natural areas
• Would love to see pocket parks scattered through neighborhoods, especially in older areas (1 or 2 lots) with open space, benches, and places for neighbors to gather

8. Transportation

• Adequate parking requirements – realistic and practical
• Bike corridors throughout town
• Bike paths to connect everything
• Connect Mason Street Corridor to Trilby, Loveland, Longmont, etc. using what Fort Collins is doing as a model for transit, bikes, and pedestrians
• Consider regional transportation like light rail to Denver, DIA and along I-25
• Continue and expand transit
• Coordinating street maintenance schedules on major arterials
• Coordination with other municipalities
• Dedicated funding for personal rapid transit
• Electric mass transit – trolleys on streets
• High speed rail to Denver, Greeley, and Cheyenne
• I am willing to pay for a more complete transit system
• Keep East Lincoln 2 lanes – fewer 4 lanes and more busses
• Keep up the good work on bike transportation
• Maintain and expand all alternative modes of transportation
• Mason Street Corridor and frequent busses
• Moratorium on road widening
• More bike paths
• Narrow the gap between cost of running bus service and income – in other words, raise ride rates, and make kids pay at least 25 cents per ride so they begin to understand and appreciate the gift they have
• Need rail to Denver
• Regional coordination
• Road maintenance
• Route busses to east side of WalMart so people have easier and safer access to the store
• Safe bike and pedestrian paths
• Smaller buses on lower volume routes
• Systems to lower the economic and environmental costs of transportation per vehicle mile traveled
• Traffic signal timing on major arterials
• Transit
• Transportation for seniors
• Transportation utility fee
• We’re looking forward the transit busses on the Mason Street Corridor and didn’t want to lose the funds that were authorized

9. Sustainability

• A walkable city
• Climate neutral
• Community supported agriculture farms are a great start in creating food security – they need support and integration in the community
• Curbside composting
• Drill baby drill
• Educate minority women – especially about sustainability topics
• How does the City integrate Poudre School District into its “system?”
• Let us dispel the myth that one has to be 50 miles away from home to be an expert – there are scores of local experts who are either unemployed or underemployed
• Listen to low-income people about what sustainability means to them
• Local system for economics, goods, and services
• Look very closely at the assumptions behind “sustainability” – to what extent is economic growth the driver?
• Our aging population wants to be active, not sedentary – this must be considered when planning for transportation and recreation
• Our agriculture crop needs to include marijuana – grown out of basements, in the sunshine instead of importing from Mexico. Medical marijuana should be available in drug stores.
• Perhaps public spaces could provide edible landscaping
• Reducing the size and scope of government control in all areas that should be private
• Socially equitable – opportunities, resources, and integration for all
• Support feed-in tariffs for renewable energy production
• Sustainability does not mean anything
• Sustainability needs to pay for itself – let private enterprise create “green” options that are profitable
• Sustainable local food system: urban gardens = healthy food, healthy people, vibrant community
• The era of cheap oil has ended – the Plan should address the implications of that explicitly and should address how we would transition to using dramatically less gasoline and diesel
• This sounds good – nicely phrased but fairly shallow – be more specific and direct
• Transition Handbook: From Oil Dependency to Community Resilience by Rob Hopkins – let’s make this formal and organized – the Handbook is a tested roadmap and we need to move quickly
• True sustainability should focus on human capital, environment, economics, and experiential sustainability
• Urban agriculture leads to jobs, businesses, local food, and environmental health
• Water – how it impacts and is impacted by energy use
• What is sustainability – wind, solar? No storage = not sustainable
• Where is recycling for this event? Lead by example
An Evening with Frey: Retaining What’s Special

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Note cards distributed during the Community Reception asked participants “What is the one thing you would like to be the same in Fort Collins 50 years from now?” Participants were encouraged to write down their idea(s), a sampling of which was used later in the evening for a live polling exercise. More than 375 comments and ideas were collected, and are listed below, organized alphabetically and by general topic.

1. Arts and Culture

- Art and aesthetics
- Art and culture
- Art and theatre groups
- Art around town
- Art in public places
- Art in public places
- Art in Public Places Program
- Arts
- Arts and culture opportunities
- Continued support and growth of the arts
- Cultural assets
- Cultural opportunities
- Great cultural activities
- Live music and theater options (Open State, Bas Bleu, Lincoln Center)
- Lots of art
- Lots of entertainment choices
- Lots of music
- Maintain Downtown as the cultural center
- Music and art
- Music, arts, and boutique stores
- Outdoor concerts
- Public art
- Same culturally rich emphasis on arts, science, and inclusiveness
- Support for public arts displayed throughout Downtown and the community
- Symphony
- Value for the community’s arts and artists
- Vibrant arts community
- Vibrant, unique and independent Old Town retaining its charm and central arts area (with more stable and thriving arts scene)

2. Built Environment and Land Use

- Active and vital Old Town area – upgrading buildings when necessary but keeping the charm
- Active Downtown
- Active, fun, and positive Downtown
- Architecture and charm of Old Town
- Authentic, great, and vibrant Downtown
- Center City of Northern Colorado – with culture, education, entertainment, and a strong business base
- Centralized Downtown
- City Center retain its vibrant character as a retail, arts, and governmental center
- City design and layout
- City footprint
- Continued residential and commercial growth
- Downtown
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3. Environment and Utilities

- Clean air and sunshine
- Clean air and water
- Continue and increase programs under the Climate Action Plan
- Environmental protection priorities (e.g. open space, clean air, water, etc.)
- Flowing Poudre River
- Focus on energy conservation (e.g. Climate Action Plan)
- Good environmental policies
- Good water quality
- Good water quality and stream management
- Healthy Poudre River
- Healthy trees
- Leave the Poudre River alone
- Natural beauty
- Natural environment
- Poudre River
- Poudre River protection
- Poudre River with year-round flow at the current levels (at least)
- Protected Poudre River and river corridor
- Trees
- Trees (existing and new)
- Trees and gardens
- Water
- Water in the Poudre River with healthy riparian vegetation and wildlife
- Water supply not from west of continental divide
- Wild and scenic Poudre River

4. Finance and Economy

- “Buy American” sales tax exemption from manufactured goods from the USA
- Affordable community
- Clean, healthy, fun, and modern economy
- Creative jobs
- Diversity of restaurants in Old Town
- Focus on local businesses which contributes to community feel
- Friendly environment for businesses
- Friendly locally owned business community
- Great restaurants
- Locally owned businesses and flavor Downtown
- Lots of local businesses and restaurants
- Lots of restaurants and small shops
- Maintain community’s affordability
- Minimal corporate influence
- Old Town restaurant mix and diversity
- Profitable Old Town
- Remain employed and still be able to afford to live in Fort Collins
- Restaurants
- Small shops
- Strong and diverse businesses
- Support for Old Town
5. Health, Wellness & Safety

- Community safety and pride
- Crime management
- Free and low cost programs at the Senior Center
- Health and wellness culture/lifestyle
- Low crime rates
- Remains a safe place to raise kids with lots of recreation for kids and families
- Safe City
- Safe town for children
- Senior Center

6. Natural Areas, Open Space, Parks & Recreation

- Ability to upkeep parks and trails
- Access to the river and walking trails
- Access to wilderness and open spaces
- Ample parks and recreation
- Beautiful landscape
- Clean fresh water swimming
- Commitment and dedication to natural areas and wilderness
- Commitment to parks
- Constantly expanding trail system linking Northern Colorado cities
- Current open areas protected and not developed further
- Great recreation facilities
- Green open spaces
- High quality and abundant open spaces
- Natural areas
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- Natural areas
- Natural areas and open spaces
- Natural corridor trails to get around the city
- Neighborhood parks
- Open space
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- Open space
- Open space
- Open space and community separators
- Open space and green areas – for recreation and mental health reasons
- Open space and natural areas
- Open space and parks
- Open space and trails
- Open space and trails
- Open space and trails
- Open space, natural areas, trails
- Open space, parks, trails
- Open space, parks, trails
- Open space, trails, and parks
- Open space/natural areas
- Open spaces
- Open spaces
- Open spaces, parks, and trails
- Parks
- Parks
- Parks and open space
- Parks and open spaces
- Parks and recreation
- Parks and trails
- Parks and trails
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- Parks and trails
- Parks, open space, and trails
- Paths and bike trails
- Pocket parks (1-2 lot size with open space and benches for neighbors to get together)
- Protecting open space on the periphery
- Protection of open spaces and trails
- Recreation opportunities
- Same percentage of open space and parks to the population
- Spring Creek Trail
- Trails
- Trails
- Parks
- Trails and open space within short distance of city
- Well maintained parks and natural areas
- Wilderness still a bike ride away (25 minutes)
- Wonderful bike trails
7. Transportation

- Ability to bike on a safe trail and street to the destination
- An emphasis on alternatives to single occupancy vehicle transportation
- Appreciation and encouragement of all modes of transportation
- Bike friendly community
- Bike lanes
- Clean, maintained streets
- Community group bike rides
- Continuation of wide streets
- Development of the Mason Street Corridor
- Fabulous winter trail plowing
- Free parking
- Freedom of mobility
- Pedestrians and bikes
- Public transportation – needs to be easier and more frequent
- Streetcar service along Mountain Avenue and through Downtown again
- The ease of getting around town quickly – not it is mostly by individual car but it could be mass transit in the future
- Walkability
- Walkable community (more of it throughout town)
- Well maintained streets

8. Other

- A safe, family-friendly community that is culturally rich and neighborhood-friendly
- Accessible boards and commissions
- All of the attributes that contribute to our string of “best place” recognitions
- Atmosphere
- Attention to the parks and sustainability (partnering with the planet)
- Blue skies
- Charm
- City Manager
- Collaborative and learning spirit
- Commitment to sustainability
- Community character
- Community cleanliness and landscaping
- Community resilience in food, water, energy
- Community size
- Community that values volunteerism
- Community vibe
- Connections between CSU, River, and Old Town
- Continue to be a place you would want to move and live out life
- Cosmopolitan city and friendly size
- CSU still a public university and proud
- CSU the same size
- Culture
- Diversity – elderly/college
- Dog-friendly community
- Downtown feel and charm
- Embrace of all cultures
- Engaged community with lots of activities and resources
- Excellent schools
- Expectation of a college education for kids
- Family-friendly
- Family-friendly atmosphere
- Family-oriented
- Farm and ranch
- Focus on green
- Food co-op and local farming
- Friendliness
- Friendliness and cooperation
- Friendly and courteous residents to take time to care about each other
- Friendly atmosphere
- Friendly leaders in government, CSU, and businesses who are open to change and work
- Friendly neighborhoods
- Friendly people
- Friendly, smaller town atmosphere and charm
- Government
- Growth with maintained small town atmosphere
- High level of public discourse and commitment to environmental quality
- High priority citizens place on the community – gatherings, pride, and kindness
- History
- Hometown feel
- Home-town feeling - relaxed “Fort Fun”
- I have no right to tell people 50 years from now how to live
- I would love to still live in Fort Collins – I would be 113 years old!
- Importance of being progressive and sustainable
- Innovative thinking
- Keep the history strong
• Local feeling
• Locally grown food is available and more farms in existence
• Low growth
• Mid-size city with lots going on but keeping a bit of a small town feel
• More history
• Neighborhood schools
• Neighbors help each other
• Nice people
• No significant population growth but with vastly expanded mass transit
• Old Town – should include a huge riverfront
• Open dialog with minority voices on the City’s website and City Council halls
• Opportunities for citizen involvement
• Population
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• Population – none of the planning will be effective if your population expands as it has the last 25 years
• Population (don’t grow or shrink)
• Population level
• Positive and progressive environment
• Public access television
• Quality of life
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• Quality of life – Fort Collins is awesome
• Quality of life (especially recreation opportunities and events that draw the community together)
• Quality of life in neighborhoods
• Quality schools
• Rational thinking in everything
• Relatively small size
• Responsive government
• Rio margaritas
• Rural feel
• Same as 1969 – when I graduated from CSU
• Same size in population and geographic extent (the City is already larger than San Francisco)
• Schools
• Sense of community
• Sense of community
• Sense of community – inviting, friendly, hospitable
• Small city atmosphere with independent businesses
• Small enough to feel intimate and friendly but big enough to be interesting
• Small town ambiance
• Small town atmosphere and size
• Small town feel
• Small town vibe and neighborly feeling
• Small-town ambiance
• Small-town atmosphere
• Small-town feel
• Small-town feel
• Small-town feel
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• Small-town feel
• Small-town feel
• Small-town feel (knowing people wherever I go)
• Small-town feel and friendly people
• Small-town feel but still having everything close at hand
• Small-town feel with large amenities
• Small-town feeling
• Small-town friendly feel
• Spirit of the City – innovative, recreational, progressive
• Status as a destination city
• Strong and vibrant CSU
• Strong education
• Strong focus on sustainability and integrated view of planning (people, environment, neighborhoods)
• Strong partnerships between CSU and the City – building, planning and investing together
• Strong sense of collaboration and inventiveness
• The Rainbow restaurant
• The size of the town
• The value that is placed on people who live in the community
• The weather
• Town character
• Town Pump and Downtown activity
• Uniqueness
• United Way
• Values of excellence and intellect
• Values placed on preserving the quality of life
• Vibrant and progressive values
• Weather
An Evening with Frey: Shaping the Future

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1. Arts and Culture

1. A new, larger arts complex
2. Art
3. Better facilities for the arts
4. City support of Our Global Village
5. Fort Collins artists receive appropriate compensation for their work
6. More cultural activity
7. More cultural diversity and cultural showcasing
8. More cultural events and venues
9. More diverse opportunities to learn about other cultures
10. Much improved facility for the arts
11. Museum that captures and highlights our unique history
12. Oxbow theatre
13. Performance center

2. Built Environment and Land Use

- Areas like south Fort Collins (Harmony) without unique vibe
- Decrease trend of strip malls that could be any town, anywhere
- Decreased sprawl
- Develop our Downtown to the River with housing, office, retail, restaurants, entertainment, and a kayak park
- Developed riverfront with condos, trails, and restaurants
- Eliminate blight
- Expansion of Old Town
- Fill in the un-annexed areas of Fort Collins College Avenue to Terry Lake and Linden Lake
- Fully integrated Poudre River corridor with natural areas, trails, retail, cultural facilities, arts, and dining
- Greater urban densities – people will get used to it
- Growth up, not out
- Higher density residential, especially along Mason Corridor
- Increased density to improve walkability and maintain open space
- Infill development with parks and green space
- Jefferson Street to be a pedestrian mall like old town square
- Lots of housing and businesses along the Mason Corridor
- More “village-like” neighborhoods
- More Downtown density
- More focus on development in Old Town as opposed to along I-25
- More mixed-use development in neighborhoods (old and new)
- More outdoor venues – completion of Poudre River area for tourism, recreation
- More retail Downtown and fewer bars
- More vibrant sub-districts/mixed-use neighborhoods similar to Downtown
- Northern entry to Fort Collins
Old Town – house sizes compatible
Preserve Old Town
Replace Foothills Mall with a beautiful, vibrant shopping area with nice men and women’s shops
Riverfront developed
Riverwalk
Stronger urban planning: infill and walking/bike paths connecting downtown, CSU and music/performing arts complex to open space
The entrance into FC on Mulberry to be developed into a true gateway
Urban agriculture on public and community land
Vitality of Downtown and river front firmly established

3. Environment and Utilities

- 100% of energy from clean or renewable sources
- Air and water supply and quality
- At least half of all residential grass lawns be replace with xeriscape
- Better flood planning
- Clean up the air quality – stop burning wood for heat
- Clearer air
- Fort Collins showing leadership in environmental stewardship (the City is the example)
- Good river flow and high quality water
- Green environment
- Half as many grass lawns, twice as many xeriscape residential landscape designs
- I’d like to see FC meeting 80% of its total energy needs from renewable sources – which does not include nuclear fission!
- Less pollution and solar panels on every roof
- More businesses using sustainable energy and practices
- More renewable energy
- No fossil fuels used for cars, heating, nor electricity generations!
- Photovoltaic roofs for all
- Solar panels on every roof- no more coal plant north of town
- Trash districting
- Trash districting or City-provided trash pick-up
- Valuing and enhancing natural resources and attributes
- Well developed renewable energy that is available to both the city and individuals (and their two systems working together)
- Zero-energy district for all for FC

4. Finance and Economy

- Better public/private cooperation and enterprise
- Better shopping
- Downtown open air market
- Encourage sales tax revenue to support maintaining parks and human services
- For the city to promote small business in order to provide a steady tax base – today development/redevelopment is too expensive for small businesses
- Growth and non-growth groups agreeing on issues based on fiscally responsible policies
- High-tech jobs and manufacturing
- Less corporate influence
- Lower taxes
- Make the City more welcoming for business and entrepreneurs to thrive
- Many more incentives for new businesses to come here
- More breweries
- More employment opportunities
- More local/small shopping
- More moderate and high-end retail (near-term in 5 to 10 years – there is none now)
- More realistic taxes – we need to pay for the services we want to have.
• Significant increase in fraction of non-retail, knowledge-worker jobs
• Sustainable job growth and stable economic foundation
• Taxes are paying as we go without increasing the tax rate
• Vibrant economy

5. Health, Wellness, and Safety
• As much attention paid to amenities for seniors as for youth
• Health care for all Coloradans
• Less drug problems
• Mental health and substance abuse treatment centers move from meager to outstanding
• More enforcement and expectation of civilized behaviors

6. Housing
• Housing for students outside neighborhoods
• More affordable housing for low income residents and seniors mixed in with regular housing and mass transit
• More affordable housing for seniors who want to retire here – cluster style supportive living options for seniors to age in place
• More affordable/subsidized/transitional housing
• More density of housing
• More housing for the underprivileged
• More public/private housing for off-campus student housing
• More variety in living options, especially for people 50+ years
• No homelessness
• Protection of neighborhoods from too many students per house

7. Natural Areas, Parks, and Recreation
• Another outdoor pool and recreation center in south Fort Collins
• Better parks in NE Fort Collins
• Create a natural area for people to play on the Poudre River
• Kayak course through town
• More parks and a recreation center with cardio
• More trails – getting around on the bike is a special treat
• More trails for biking and hiking

8. Transportation
• A better walking flow between Old Town, CSU, and North College
• A functional transit system minimizing the need for vehicles
• A lot less cars – more busses and streetcars
• A mass transit train to Denver
• A more regional approach to governance of improving and promoting public transportation
• Alternative transportation
• An improved transportation model with bypasses and overpasses along with connectivity in mass transit so it works for all citizens
• Ban cars Downtown
• Better alternative transportation and biking options
• Better bike lanes
• Better bus service (running later)
• Better connectivity to I-25 and Denver – light rail
• Better management of traffic
• Better mass transportation
• Better public transportation – walking options/walkways, safer biking
• Better public transportation.
• Better regional transportation
- Better road maintenance
- Better traffic flow
- Better transportation around Fort Collins
- Better transportation for CSU
- Better transportation options – mass transit to Denver and the mountains
- Bicycle access everywhere
- Bike lanes everywhere you want to go
- Clean green public transportation
- Comprehensive, accessible, affordable public transportation here and between Fort Collins and Denver
- Direct transit to downtown Denver
- Downtown Trolley
- Easier to get around without a car
- Easier traffic patterns and more convenient public transportation
- Easier way to get around (especially how do poor people get around)
- East-west and north-south transit along all major arterials and regional links to Loveland and Longmont along the Burlington Northern corridor
- Extended trolley
- Extensive alternative transportation including bikes, pedestrian ways, and transit
- Fewer cars, perhaps none (at least as we know them today “fun” mass transit and perhaps electric cars
- Fewer roads and intersections
- Fewer single-occupancy vehicles on the road than there are in 2010
- Fewer trucks
- Fewer vehicles on the road! (wider based-mass transit – Loveland to Laporte) every 1/2 hour.
- First class public transportation
- Front Range commuter rail line
- Fully functional grid-based clean fueled public transit system with 15 minute headways and it goes to Denver.
- Functional public transportation system
- Get rid of trains through center of town
- Getting around quick and easy without a car
- Good public transportation so we don’t have to drive in the City
- Great hi tech public transportation reaching everywhere
- Great Mason Street Corridor light rail
- Grid system of mass transit with cross connections no farther than a 5 block walk
- Grid transit and regional transit connections along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe corridor
- High speed rail from Cheyenne to Pueblo
- High speed rail line along the Front Range
- Improved streets
- Improved transportation
- Improved transportation
- Less car traffic and get rid of trains – noise
- Less cars, more bikes
- Less congestion on our main arteries and parking lots – widen streets or truly embrace public transportation
- Less dependence on auto transportation within the City
- Less oil-dependent transportation
- Less traffic
- Less traffic, more easy-to-use mass transit
- Less, or better organized traffic patterns
- Light rail
- Light rail and more frequent bus system
- Light rail local and to Denver. Bicycles – trails and corridor
- Light rail service to all Front Range communities
- Light rail to airport
- Light rail to Denver
- Light rail to Denver
- Little traffic with cars not in our face all of the time
• Major public transit within Fort Collins and along the Front Range
• Mason Corridor project to have a light rail going from north Fort Collins to Loveland
• Mass transit
• Mass transit
• Mass transit – necessary to oil depletion
• Mass transit at high interval times
• Mass transit from Cheyenne to Pueblo
• Mass transit opportunities while maintaining a small town feeling
• Mass transit system
• Mass transit to Denver
• Mass transit to Denver by train
• Mass transportation within the City and along the Front Range
• More accessible public transportation
• More and better mass transit via high speed to Denver and DIA
• More and better public transportation – both local and connecting with the rest of the state
• More efficient public transportation
• More mass transit
• More public transportation and regional bike paths
• More roundabouts, less traffic signals
• More widespread use of public transportation and more infrastructure and system to facilitate this (resulting in decreased traffic congestion)
• Move out the trains
• Much more public transportation - no need for cars in town
• Multi-modal transportation – clean, quiet, safe, and environmentally sustainable
• No cars in Old Town
• No freight trains on Mason – light rail traffic only
• No freight trains running through town
• No more traffic issues due to trains
• No need for use of a car
• No train down Mason Street
• No train through middle of town
• No train through town
• Open Laporte Avenue and widen for truck route to Wyoming vs. I-25
• Parking
• Passenger rail
• Pedestrian-friendly in all areas
• Personal rapid transit
• Potholes repaired on Prospect Road east from Shields to Center.
• Public transit (and a train to Denver)
• Public transit that replaces cars
• Public transportation – bring back the trolley
• Public transportation infrastructure well-developed, user-friendly, and the norm
• Public transportation throughout Fort Collins and linking other communities
• Quiet trains
• Rail transportation to Loveland, Denver and Laramie
• Rapid transit everywhere
• Rapid transit to Denver (see Salt Lake City).
• Reduce car travel in City and create a more convenient and efficient mass transit system
• Reduced automobile traffic
• Reduced dependence on single-occupancy vehicles for mobility
• Reduced traffic
• Reliable, inexpensive, and convenient transit
• Remove railroad from Mason
• Safer and more innovative bicycle transportation
• South College Corridor accessible by bus, train, bike, etc.
The lack of public transportation access in most of the community

- Traffic
- Traffic flow.
- Traffic plan for 287 and north Fort Collins
- Train to Denver – Boulder
- Trains
- Tram/rail up Prospect to connect I-25 with CSU and a tram/rail up I-25 to Denver
- Transit
- Transit bringing development in
- Transit system!
- Transit to Denver and surrounding communities
- Transportation
- Transportation
- Transportation – better public transit
- Transportation – local and regional
- Transportation and parking
- Transportation connections to other metro areas (train)
- Transportation options – Mason Street Corridor
- Transportation system that works to relieve our crowded streets
- Truck bypass and railroad overpass or relocated railroad
- Truck bypass designed as an urban expressway with limited access to accommodate local traffic
- Trucks out of Downtown
- Walking Downtown only
- We’d have affordable mass transit to Denver, Cheyenne, Greeley, Colorado Springs, Santa Fe, etc. – the absence of affordable and reliable mass transit to Denver is awful

Other

- A City smaller than 250,000 (studies show infrastructure costs leap at a size larger than this)
- A comprehensive and sustainable community that emphasizes environmental responsibility and limited growth
- A permanent Farmer’s Market
- Availability of mental health services
- Better access to child care
- Better relationship with CSU in the Master Plan
- Compassion: City Council embraces doing social services and recognizes their quality of life benefits
- Council and citizens who would respectfully dialogue without labels and part truths
- CSU grow
- Deeper sense of community
- Don’t want to live that long
- Fort Collins will be a regionally-focused model of high quality life, local food, merchandise, and independence
- More diversity
- Great relations with CSU!
- Green streets
- I love the way Fort Collins is metropolitanizing and we need more
- I would like a more inclusive attitude to prevail in FC
- I would like the city to be more focused on majority concerns and drivers, rather than those of a vocal minority
- Increased civility
- Increased community involvement and communication
- Inexpensive high-speed wireless internet citywide
- Less concern about growth and more concerns about quality of services and community
- Less government
- Less government interference – City is too homogenized and everyone must fit the same mold – some rules and legislation is good, but too much feels like Big Brother
- Less governmental regulation – letting the market forces decide how land is used
- Less political
- Lose the snotty “better than thou” attitude regionally
- Maintain quality of life instead of growth just to increase tax base (schools, parks, theatre)
- More and better support for management of university/community interface – housing, etc.
- More conservatives in charge of City government
- More cultural diversity
- More diverse but still high quality
- More diversity
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- More diversity, open space, mass transit, affordable housing
- More dog-friendly (huge expanses of land for dogs off leash, new no kill animal shelter)
- More efficient sustainable practices at all levels
- More ethnic diversity
- More ethnic diversity
- More focus on South FC
- More local agriculture and training
- More moderate political attitude
- More paperless options (schools)
- More support for low-income and disabled folks
- More supportive community environment for ethnic cultures
- New green communities
- No marijuana outlets
- No WalMarts
- Parity between north and south Fort Collins
- People need to be more friendly
- Ranked voting for elections
- Readiness for aging community
- Real equity for all
- Reduce/eliminate train – noise blares – so distressing
- Regional vitality created by collaboration with the various communities
- Replace grass lawns with organic gardens all over the City
- School system
- Smaller city and county governments
- Stop pushing out marginalized people (mobile home displacement) – respect everyone
- Sustainability
- The cultural make-up of people to be more diverse
- Train out of downtown
- Train out of downtown
- Universal access to quality child care
- Year around schools – all students from pre-school through advanced degrees “free” funds used instead of never ending wars of occupation