

The successful future of Fort Collins will rely on a sound Master Transportation Plan which addresses all transportation modes. The Fort Collins Pedestrian plan is one of seven elements of the Master Transportation Plan for the City of Fort Collins. Master Transportation Plan elements include:

- Master Street Plan
- Bicycle Program Plan
- Transit Development Plan
- Parking Plan
- Congestion Management Plan
- Transportation Demand Management Plan
- Pedestrian Plan

The objective of the Master Transportation Plan is to seek changes in transportation planning and implementation within the City of Fort Collins through a policy and standards framework which defines a balanced transportation system plan for all modes, not just the automobile. Other components of the Master Transportation Plan include the development of Level of Service Standards for all modes and updates to the City's development guidelines and street standards.

A major theme of the proposed City Plan is "Fort Collins: The Walkable City." Whereas the City Plan states the vision of how the city should develop as a viable pedestrian environment, the Pedestrian Plan defines specific standards, policies, and ordinances for implementation. The standards, policies, and ordinances developed and recommended as part of this plan include:

- Pedestrian Level of Service (LOS) measurements and standards.
- Proposed ordinances to enhance the right-of-way of the pedestrian at crosswalks, intersections, and driveways, with recommendations for education and enforcement.
- Require that all new developments conduct a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) that addresses pedestrian problems and mitigation.
- Recommend revised sidewalk, corner ramps, other miscellaneous standards and policies, which will elevate the pedestrian as a mode of transportation.
- Develop visually-based pedestrian guidelines.
- Propose a funding level commensurate with current and projected pedestrian activity.
- Develop an implementation plan to prioritize improvements.
- Selection of pedestrian plan demonstration projects.

Master Transportation Plan

Pedestrian Plan

The development of the plan was based on local and national research, input from citizens through public outreach, City Council and Board presentations, and interviews. Elements of the plan process are as follows:

Process of the Pedestrian Plan

Pedestrian Plan Focus Group. A focus group was assembled and met monthly for five months in preparation of the plan. Focus group members, represented staff, citizens, Poudre School District, CSU Transportation Board, planners, local businesses, and the Senior Advisory Board.

Case Studies. Ten study areas were selected at the outset of this project, representing a wide range of development patterns and potential pedestrian-related problems. As level of service (LOS) standards were developed, these case studies were used to assist in the refinement of the proposed LOS methodology and standards. (Appendix A)

Consultant/Staff Meetings. The consultant and staff met throughout the process in development of the Pedestrian Plan. Staff was involved in the field review of the case studies, development of standards, and overall guidance.

Literature Search. An extensive literature search was conducted with follow-up phone interviews with state, county, and local agencies that have developed pedestrian plans or are actively improving the pedestrian environment. (Appendix B)

City Staff Interviews. Interviews were conducted with City of Fort Collins staff who have some portion of the responsibility in planning, maintaining, or governing the pedestrian environment. (Appendix C)

Public Outreach. Preparation of the Pedestrian Plan also included three public workshops to share information on the work effort to solicit input from the residents of Fort Collins.

Plan Presentations. The plan has or will be presented twice at the City Council, three times at the Transportation Board, twice at the Growth Management Committee, the Planning and Zoning Board, as well as other boards and committees.

This Pedestrian Plan is divided into six chapters. The following is a summary of these chapters.

Organization of the Pedestrian Plan

Introduction. A description of the interrelationship between the Pedestrian Plan with the Master Transportation Plan and the City Plan. This chapter also describes the process for research and public input.

The Problem. A discussion on why people do not walk, why we should promote the pedestrian, and what the key pedestrian problems are in Fort Collins. Key problem areas fell into five categories: directness, continuity, street crossings, visual interest and amenity, and security.

Goals. The presentation of the pedestrian goals as developed and approved by the Pedestrian Plan Focus Group. These goals become the basis for the development of the pedestrian plan visions, standards, and policies.

Visions. This chapter presents the pedestrian plan visions, both in text and pictures, which reflect concepts for the pedestrian environment of directness, continuity, street crossings, visual interest and amenity, and security.

Standards and Policies. Pedestrian level-of-service measurements and standards are presented, along with sidewalks standards, corner ramps, and mid-block crossing standards. Recommendations for revised traffic ordinances are presented, as well as maintenance practices.

Implementation. The closing chapter of the Pedestrian Plan provides recommendations for funding and prioritization of pedestrian improvements with a recommendation for conducting some demonstration projects.