



WORK SESSION AGENDA

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

May 23, 2006

Doug Hutchinson, Mayor
Karen Weitkunat, District 2, Mayor Pro Tem
Ben Manvel, District 1
Diggs Brown, District 3
Kurt Kastein, District 4
Kelly Ohlson, District 5
David Roy, District 6

Council Information Center
City Hall West
300 LaPorte Avenue
Fort Collins, Colorado
6:00 p.m.
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1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Possible Formation of a Library District. (30 minute discussion)

This discussion is to consider the following questions:

1. Does Council support a citizen initiative to place a question on the November 2006 ballot asking voters to create and fund a library district?
2. Is Council willing to fund all or part of the district portion of the cost of the November election?
3. Northern Colorado Truck Mobility Strategies: Follow up from February 28th Work Session. (45 minute discussion)

At the work session on February 28, 2006, Council directed staff to develop ballot language options to amend the language contained within Ballot Initiative 200 (1999). Option 1 is a ballot measure that would amend Ballot Initiative 200 language to enable NEPA-level analysis of all reasonable alternatives. Option 2 is an alternative ballot measure that would allow the City to use remaining project funds (estimate \$1.6 million dollars) for other transportation infrastructure uses, including needs in the North College Avenue area. In addition to these ballot language options, staff has developed another strategy, namely, requesting Larimer County and CDOT to sponsor this project for inclusion on the North Front Range Regional Transportation Plan. Staff met with the Board of Larimer County Commissioners, the Director of Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Region 4, and representatives of the Council For a True Bypass (CFTB) on two occasions to discuss issues, concerns and positions.

1. Staff has developed ballot language Options per Council's February 28th request. Should the City pursue placing one of these options on the November 2006 election ballot?
2. Should Council direct staff to request that Larimer County and CDOT pursue placing this project on the Regional Transportation Plan in order to move this project forward and in the hopes of gaining a NEPA analysis at some future point?
3. CFTB has expressed to City officials a willingness to support future NEPA analysis of all potential routes including those located south of County Road 58. If the preferred route is located in an area prohibited by Ballot Initiative 200, CFTB recommends that Council then put a question on the ballot to see if Fort Collins voters would amend the restrictions contained in the 1999 Initiative. Does Council support this strategy?
4. Discussion regarding the Creation of a Regional Transportation Authority.
(2 hour discussion)

The City of Fort Collins, along with the North Front Range MPO and its member entities, are engaged in discussion regarding the creation of a Regional Transportation Authority. In the course of discussion several critical issues have emerged. It is important that the Fort Collins City Council make its position on these issues known, so Councilmember Kurt Kastein can effectively represent the City at the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council.

Councilmember Kastein is asking City Council to form a position on each of the issues attached surrounding the North Front Range Regional Transportation Authority.

5. Other Business.
6. Adjournment.