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Air Quality Advisory Board

## **AIR QUALITY BOARD BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL**

FROM: Fort Collins Air Quality Advisory Board  
DATE: October 13, 2007  
SUBJECT: City Budget

Dear Mayor and members of City Council:

The Air Quality Board has been reviewing the BFO proposals, and we are impressed by many of the recommendations. However, our Board is also concerned that items of urgent importance have either not been included, or have not been given the budget resources they need. (List on next page)

Last month, our City and region was designated non-compliance for ozone, an air pollutant linked to serious health effects. One of the best ways of protecting our air quality is by reducing vehicle miles driven and promoting alternatives to single vehicle travel.

The City's program addressing climate change has been supported by every Council since 1999, yet our shortfalls in meeting our modest commitments necessitated formation of a task force dedicated to getting us back on track. Resources will undoubtedly be needed in this area. Resources will likely also be needed to achieve our recycling goals, and possible ways of meeting them through a trash utility or district.

In closing, every member of our Board wishes to express our sincere appreciation to Council for its commitment and hard work in making Fort Collins a great place to live, through protecting our environmental quality, and to our City staff, for providing the resources to enable this.

Sincerely, *Eric Levine*

Eric Levine, AQAB Chair



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\$300,000 for

**Trash Utility/Districting:** The board recommends we move forward with a Trash Utility. More efficient trash pickup and truck miles will improve our Air Quality, lower costs for street repair, reduce fuel and time costs, reduce noise and street congestion, and help us meet our 50% waste diversion goal.

\$275,000 for

**Pedestrian Access Enhancement:** Establish a pedestrian access program to increase the safety and ability of traveling by foot in a well connected Fort Collins.

\$60,000 for

**Fort Collins Moves Performance Measurement:** Develop and implement a program to measure and evaluate the overall transportation system performance in Fort Collins.

\$500,000 for full implementation of the

**Fort Collins Bicycle Plan:** The Mobility Management Best Practices Report notes that increases in alternative transportation provides many benefits, including “Reduced air, noise, and water pollution”.

Contingency funds for the

**Climate Task Force:** Implementing the findings of the Climate Task Force.

Contingency funds for the

**Mobility Management Program:** Begin implementation of some of the nine strategies offered in the 2006 report.