“Thank you, front line workers!”
# MAY 14, 2020

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MAY 19 REGULAR MEETING

Staff Report: COVID-19 Update
Hughes Stadium Site Rezoning (2nd Reading)
  o Consider a rezoning of 164.56 acres that was the site of the former Hughes Stadium. The proposal amends the City of Fort Collins Zoning map from the Transition (T) zone district.
    Neighborhood Livability & Social Health - 1.5 Guide development compatible with community expectations through appropriate planning.

Benefits Agreement for Northfield Metro District
  o Obtain Council approval for the Northfield Metro District Benefits Agreement as required by the City's Metro District Policy.
    Economic Health - 3.4 Foster infill and redevelopment that enhances the community.

Chief Judge Appointment
  o Consider a Resolution appointing the Chief Judge and approving the employment agreement.

Utilities Customer Information Billing System
  o Appropriate prior year reserves in the Light and Power, Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Enterprise Funds for the Utilities Customer Information Billing System Project.
    High Performing Government - 7.1 Provide world class municipal services to residents and businesses.

MAY 26 ADJOURNED MEETING

Mid-Year Review of City Manager and City Attorney

MAY 26 WORK SESSION - CANCELED

MAY 28 URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

5:00-7:00 p.m., location TBD
  o Agenda posted on www.renewfortcollins.com

JUNE 2 REGULAR MEETING

CDBG COVID-19 Response Funds
  o Approval of the Programs and Projects receiving COVID-19 Response and Recovery Funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (on discussion due to recusal).
    Neighborhood Livability and Social Health - 1.1 Improve access to quality housing that is affordable to a broad range of income levels.

Staff Report: East Mulberry Corridor Considerations
  o City Corridors: review work on developing appropriate visitor entryways to Fort Collins.
    Economic Health - 3.6 Invest in utility infrastructure aligned with community development.
Staff Report: Horsetooth Outlet Project (HOP) Water Demand Management Update

- Update City Council on planned water demand management approach including: timeline, public outreach tactics, and recommended outdoor water use restrictions for October 1-November 30, 2020

Safe Community - 5.5 Address water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure needs for the protection of people, property and the environment

Staff Report: COVID-19 Update

JUNE 9 WORK SESSION

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

- Discuss feedback from community outreach and work to-date on the 10-year update to the City’s Parks and Recreation Policy Plan

Culture and Recreation - 2.2 Plan, design, implement and maintain the City’s parks and trails system.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT – UPCOMING EVENTS

ForFoCo Website Launch
Due to the challenges brought upon by COVID-19 regarding public events and public meetings, City staff will continue providing virtual civic engagement opportunities for community members. Through the https://ourcity.fcgov.com/forfoco website, community members will have a chance to share their stories and ideas with others on how to stay connected to neighbors and support local businesses, art, and culture.

Efficiency Works will be hosting a virtual Technical Training on Water Efficiency on May 19th to find out more about the Fort Collins Building Energy and Water Scoring program and ordinance. Staff will share an overview of the program, its benefits and requirements, as well as discuss how to request your data and report to the City of Fort Collins.

SALES TAX - MONTHLY & YEAR TO DATE

MARCH SUMMARY OVER PRIOR YEAR

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Year to date, sales and use tax collections excluding rebates are up 0.5% and total $35.1M.

MARCH SUMMARY OVER BUDGET

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Year to date, the City has collected 1.9% more sales and use tax revenue, totaling $691K over budget.
CITYWIDE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS PROJECT

Funding Source: Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP)
Estimated Project Budget: 2019 - $1.1M
Estimated Completion Date: Ongoing
Phase: Construction

Project Details:
This project maintains a complete City sidewalk inventory, identifies sidewalk inadequacies, and access needs under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and develops a prioritized work program to achieve goals of providing unobstructed access for transportation and recreation.

Project Status:
- No project update


TRANSFORT BUS PAD UPGRADE PROJECT
Funding Source: Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
Estimated Project Budget: 2019 - $915K  
Estimated Completion Date: Spring/Summer 2021  
Phase: Contract Award

**Project Details:**
Construction and upgrade of City-wide bus pads at Transfort stops to conform with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. A total of 66 bus pads have been identified under this contract for construction and/or upgrade.

**Project Status:**
- Completed 43 of 66 bus pads to date; next 10 pads scheduled or in planning for May and June 2020.

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**SUNIGA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – COLLEGE AVE. TO BLONDEL STREET**

Funding Source: 2017/2018 BFO, COFC Utilities, Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF), Developer Contributions  
Estimated Project Budget: $3.7M  
Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2020  
Phase: Roadway Completed, Landscape Phase

**Project Details:**
Design and construction of a new arterial roadway that connects existing Suniga Road, from Blondel St. to College Avenue.

**Project Status:**
- The project has begun to ramp up, and staff is reviewing plant and tree stock in addition to activating the water system and check/testing the irrigation infrastructure.

*More information is available at [https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/suniga-to-college-improvements](https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/suniga-to-college-improvements)*
VINE AND LEMAY BNSF IMPROVEMENTS

Funding Source: Keep Fort Collins Great (KFCG), Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF), 2017 / 2018 BFO
Estimated Project Budget: $24M ($12M currently allocated)
Estimated Completion Date: 2021 (Pending funding)
Phase: In Design

Project Details:
The existing Vine and Lemay intersection, which includes the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway crossing, is severely congested with limited options to expand through or turn lane capacity due to land use constraints.

Project Status:
- No project update

More information is available at fcgov.com/engineering/vine-lemay

POWER TRAIL AND HARMONY ROAD GRADE SEPARATED CROSSING

Funding Source: Federal Grant, Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP - Bike / Pedestrian Grade Separated Crossings)
Estimated Project Budget: $7M - $10M
Estimated Completion Date: Pending funding
Phase: Alternatives Analysis – Conceptual Design

Project Details:
The Power Trail provides connectivity between the Spring Creek Trail to the north and the Fossil Creek Trail to the south. The Trail currently has a gap approximately three-quarters of a mile long north and south of Harmony Road. The detour route requires users to cross Harmony Road at grade at McMurry. This project will design, acquire property interests, and construct a trail grade separated crossing at Harmony Road as well as the trail connections on either side.

Project Status:
- No project update

More information is available at https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/powertrailcrossing
TIMBERLINE ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT

Funding Source: Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF), Developer Contribution, Federal Grant
Estimated Project Budget: $5M
Estimated Completion Date: 2021
Phase: Design and ROW

Project Details:
This project will reconstruct South Timberline Road from Stetson Creek Drive to Trilby Road to the City’s four lane arterial roadway standards. Planned improvements include; intersection improvements at Kechter Road, Zephyr Road, and Trilby Road, multi-modal accommodations, raised medians, access control, landscaping improvements, and roadway improvements. This project serves to build upon the development improvements that have been completed along the corridor. This project will improve safety, reduce congestion, and provide improved accommodations for alternate travel modes.

Project Status:
Preliminary design is underway
▪ The project will go to Council in June to seek authorization to use imminent domain
▪ Individual meetings with property owners that will be impacted will be continued into May.

JEFFERSON STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Funding Source: Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds, Building on Basics (BOB) 1.0 funds
Estimated Project Budget: $1.4M
Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2020
Phase: Construction

Project Details:
The goals of this project are to develop preliminary engineering design plans, to acquire rights-of-way and easements for planned improvements, and to construct short-term improvements along Jefferson Street between College Avenue and the Mountain/Lincoln Intersection.

Project Status:
▪ Staff has submitted 90% plans, specifications and a cost estimate for short term improvements along Jefferson Street between North College Avenue and Mountain Avenue to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for review.
▪ Staff continues to coordinate with the Colorado Department of Transportation with a goal of implementing improvements in late summer 2020.
Funding Source: Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP)
Estimated Project Budget: $3.8M
Estimated Completion Date: 2020
Phase: Engineering Design

Project Details:
The goals of this project are to renovate Linden Street between Walnut Street and Jefferson Street. Initial concepts include converting this section of Linden Street to a “convertible” street; one that can function primarily as a roadway but can also be closed to vehicles and converted to a pedestrian plaza during specialty events.

Project Status:
- Construction of the Linden Street Renovation Project has been postponed until January 2021 out of an abundance of caution to minimize additional impacts to downtown businesses in light of the coronavirus outbreak.
- In preparation for construction, additional on-street parking spaces were added along North College Avenue, Walnut Street, Pine Street, and within the Jefferson Street Parking Lot to mitigate anticipated parking reductions on Linden Street.
- Staff will continue to work with the design team, the contractor, and other stakeholders to finalize plans and explore phasing efficiencies in advance of the new start date.

More information is available at: https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/linden-street-renovation/
WILLOW STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Funding Source: Federal Grants, Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP), Developer Contributions, DDA Funds
Estimated Project Budget: $3.8M
Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2019
Phase: Construction

Project Details:
This project will design roadway and urban design improvements along Willow Street between College Avenue and Linden Street; including a pedestrian plaza at the northern corner of Willow Street and Linden Street.

Project Status:
- No project updates

NORTH MASON DESIGN – ALPINE TO HICKORY

Funding Source: Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF), Storm Water Utility, Urban Renewal Authority (URA) funding
Estimated Project Budget: $1.0M
Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2020
Phase: Conceptual Design

Project Details:
A collaborative effort between City departments and the North College URA to find solutions to existing drainage issues along the west side of College Avenue, north of the Poudre River. The project was approved through the 2019/2020 Budgeting for Outcomes (BFO) process and will focus on roadway and storm sewer alignments for North Mason. Construction of the storm sewer backbone is expected to occur in 2021/2022. No funding has currently been identified for the roadway construction.

Project Status:
- Staff has begun moving design forward to 30% to determine the ultimate roadway alignment.
LAPORTE AVENUE ROADWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

Funding Source: CCIP, Pedestrian Program, Capital Bridge Program
Estimated Project Budget: $3.2M
Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2021 – Pending final funding for roadway
Phase: Design

Project Details:
This project will replace two bridges over the New Mercer Canal just east of Taft Hill Road along Laporte Avenue north of the cemetery. One bridge is structurally deficient while the other is functionally obsolete. This project will also design pedestrian, bicycle and other roadway improvements from Fishback to Sunset to provide a safer connection to amenities including Poudre High School and PSD offices. The project is currently only funded to provide 30% design for improvements along the entire corridor, however the final design and construction of both bridges is fully funded through the City’s Capital Bridge Program.

Project Status:
- The City has been awarded two grants for the project (Multi-modal Options Fund (MMOF) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)). Due to current constraints, staff is holding off on appropriating these funds until Fall of 2020 and will push the schedule back to construct the multi-modal improvements in Spring of 2022.
- Staff is analyzing options to delay the bridge construction work until winter of 2021/2022 to better align with potential multi-modal improvements.
- Staff continues to look for funding options.

TAFT HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – HORSETOOTH TO HARMONY

Funding Source: Larimer County Regional Road Fees (RRF), Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
Estimated Project Budget: $5.3M
Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2022
Phase: Project Kickoff

Project Details:
This section of Taft Hill Road currently experiences significant congestion and safety concerns. In collaboration with Larimer County, the City will construct a 4-lane arterial roadway from the intersection at Horsetooth to Brixton Road (just south of Harmony). Improvements will include sidewalk, curb and gutter, bike lanes and storm sewer/utility improvements. The City and County were awarded a federal STBG grant for design and construction.

Project Status:
- Staff is taking an IGA to Council on May 19 for the Mayor to sign in order to reimburse the County out of previously appropriated Regional Road Fee Funds. This is for ROW acquisition work that the County is performing as part of the project team.

More information is available at: https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/taft-hill
EAST PROSPECT WIDENING – SHARP POINT TO INTERSTATE 25

Funding Source: Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF)
Estimated Project Budget: $8M – Currently have $2M
Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2021 – Pending construction funding
Phase: Final Design and right-of-way (ROW) acquisition

**Project Details:**
This project will widen East Prospect Road to the 4-lane arterial cross section from approximately Sharp Point on the west end to Interstate 25 (I-25) on the east end. This is a project being coordinated with current CDOT improvements at the interchange, as well as local development. This is the last major piece of Prospect Road to be upgraded to the Master Street Plan 4-lane arterial section, and involves constructing a new intersection at the Frontage Road and East Prospect on the west side of I-25, as well as improvements to the Summitview and Sharp Point intersections.

**Project Status:**
- The project will begin acquiring ROW for this project in Q3 of this year, with the goal of having all the ROW acquired by summer of 2021.
- Staff continues to look for options to fund construction.

DRAKE AND HAMPSHIRE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INTERSECTION PROJECT

Funding Source: Safe Routes to School Federal Grant
Estimated Project Budget: $620,000
Estimated Completion Date: Winter 2020
Phase: Preliminary Design

**Project Details:**
This project will add a signalized intersection and bike/ped improvements to the intersection of Drake Road and Hampshire Drive. Planned improvements include: full signalized intersection, pedestrian ramp improvements, crosswalks, and revised roadway striping to better accommodate cyclists. This project will provide a Safe Route to School connection between Blevins Middle School and the Spring Creek Trail.

**Project Status:**
No project update

CP - PARK PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

BUCKING HORSE PARK

Funding Source: Parkland Funds
Total Project Cost: $2.5 - $3 million
Phase: Design
Estimated Completion: Undetermined

Project Details:
Bucking Horse Park is a new neighborhood park planned in the Bucking Horse neighborhood.

Project Status:
- A consultant team will soon be selected for the park and the East District Maintenance Facility projects.
- Staff is currently working on design alternatives for the park, which will be presented at a neighborhood meeting at a time to be determined.

CITY PARK REFRESH
Funding Source: Building On Basics  
Total Project Cost: $850k-$1M  
Phase: Phase I project identification  
Estimated Completion: 2021 for Phase I project

Project Details: Several concepts, master plans, and improvement ideas have been generated and shared with the community for feedback in 2016, 2018, and 2019 to address important refresh needs of City Park.

- Project Status: Based on Council direction, a new restroom is proposed in City Park, utilizing the available BOB funding.
- Fabrication of the new City Park Train continues. When complete, the train will likely be placed in storage until funding for site work related to the installation of the train at City Park is secured. Strategies for fundraising for the train are currently being explored as well as other options for the fabricated train.
- Planning & design efforts for the new restroom are underway. Construction of the phase one project is anticipated to begin in fall of 2020.

CYCLO-CROSS SKILLS TRAINING COURSE PILOT PROGRAM AT ROSSBOROUGH PARK

Funding Source: Cyclo-cross community donations  
Phase: Pilot project ended on December 10, 2019  
Estimated Completion (decision on future of course): Summer 2020

Project Details:  
The city has been working with the cyclo-cross community for several years to evaluate several park sites for suitability to pilot a cyclo-cross skills training course. Rossborough Park was selected as the best fit due to existing physical features needed for the training course, available space for the use, and ability to mitigate potential conflicts with other park users.

Staff from Park Planning, Parks, Forestry and Engineering have collaborated with the cyclo-cross community on the best course layout in order to protect park resources and other park uses while providing several skills features for cyclo-cross riders.

Project Status:
- The pilot season ended December 10, 2019.
- Comments and feedback from neighbors, course riders, and Parks maintenance staff were collected and presented at a neighborhood meeting on February 20. Additional community feedback was collected online through the project web page until March 12.
Based on feedback received, minor improvements to the course will be made over the summer,
- The course will be open August – December on an annual basis.

**EAST COMMUNITY PARK MAINTENANCE FACILITY**

**East Park District Maintenance Facility**
Funding Source: Parkland Funds
Total Project Cost: Estimated $2.5 – $5 million
Phase: Development Review
Estimated Completion: Tentative – Fall 2021

**Project Details:**
A maintenance facility to serve the East Park District, which includes multiple neighborhood and community parks, is proposed near the intersection of Drake & Ziegler near the water treatment facility. The maintenance facility will house Parks Department staff, equipment, and some minor material storage.

**Project Status:**
- The maintenance facility is proposed east of Bucking Horse Park near the intersection of Drake & Ziegler, south of the water treatment facility. The City purchased the land recently for this purpose.
- Design efforts, led by Park Planning & Development, are underway. Consultant team selection is anticipated soon.

**EASTSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS**
Funding Source: First United Methodist Church  
Total Project Cost: Based on fundraising efforts  
Phase: Fundraising  
Estimated Completion: Summer 2020

**Project Details:**  
Based on a generous gift from United Methodist Church, some park improvements are proposed at Eastside Park. These improvements will include landscape, lighting, and seating enhancements. Park Planning & Development has prepared an improvement plan for the park.

**Project Status:**  
- Fundraising efforts by the First United Methodist Church have reached $245,000.  
- Funds were appropriated in February/March of 2020.  
- **Demolition work began in late April and construction is anticipated to be complete this summer.**

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**POUDRE RIVER WHITewater PARK**

Funding Source: Park Planning & Development, CCIP, General Fund, Public and Private Fundraising, Stormwater, and Natural Areas  
Total Project Cost: $11.5M  
Phase: Completed – October 2019

**Project Details:**  
The Poudre River Whitewater Park project has been a collaborative effort between multiple City departments, local advocates, and the philanthropic community. The project provided natural systems, stormwater, and recreation benefits. Project elements include whitewater boating features, a pedestrian bridge, a naturalistic park space, overlook plaza, trail & walk connections, and parking.

**Project Status:**  
- Analysis is ongoing of the river features and any correlating permitting requirements for future tuning.  
- **Some minor walk improvements are anticipated to be installed this spring.**  
- Heritage interpretive signage was recently installed at the park. An additional heritage art piece is anticipated to installed in the park soon.
POUDRE TRAIL AT I-25

Funding Source: Conservation Trust Fund & GOCO Grant ($1M for Fort Collins)
Total Project Cost: $2.7M
Phase: Design
Estimated Completion: 2022

Project Detail:
Construction of this 2-mile section of the trail will complete the entire extent of the approximately 10-mile Poudre Trail in the City of Fort Collins. Fort Collins partnered with Timnath, Windsor, and Larimer County in 2019 to win a $2M GOCO Connect Initiative grant to complete all remaining segments of the Poudre Trail. The GOCO project will complete approximately 4-miles of missing trail segments, to complete the entire 40+ mile Poudre Trail from Bellvue to Greeley. The Fort Collins project will connect the existing trail ending at the Colorado State Environmental Learning Center through the future East Community Park to the proposed I-25 underpass to be constructed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) with the North I-25 project, and thereafter to the existing trail segment in Timnath.

Project Status:
- Colorado State University has agreed to convey a trail easement through the Environmental Learning Center.
- A Preliminary Engineering Report is being reviewed by the Great West Railroad to address constructing the trail over an existing unimproved railroad crossing.
- Preliminary design of the trail is underway.
- Easement negotiations with a private landowner are ongoing.
- Coordination with CDOT continues as the North I-25 project advances.

POUDRE TRAIL AT LANCER DRIVE
Project Detail:
The Poudre Trail spur at Lancer Drive will be located east of Lincoln Middle School, and provide a safe, off-street pedestrian route from West Vine Drive to the Poudre Trail. In addition to the trail, Natural Areas and FC Bikes are proposing improvements in the area, to create a safer environment and enhanced connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Project Status:
- Trail construction has been completed and the trail was opened to the public on April 28, 2020.

REACH 4 FEASIBILITY STUDY

Project Detail:
This study will evaluate feasibility of improvements proposed for Reach 4 as part of the Poudre River Downtown Master Plan, located along the Poudre River between the Whitewater Park and Linden Street. The report will include estimated construction costs for use in preparing a 2021-22 budget offer.

Project Status:
- A preliminary concept plan and pricing efforts are underway.
- A Draft Feasibility Report is being prepared.
TRAIL HEAD PARK

Funding Source: Neighborhood Parkland Funds
Total Project Cost: $3 – 3.5M
Phase: Design
Estimated Completion: Summer/Fall 2021

Project Details:
A new neighborhood park is proposed in the Trail Head neighborhood, located on East Vine Street. The park will include typical park features including a shelter, playground, multi-purpose field, basketball court, and play area for teens.

Project Status:
- Design efforts for the park are nearing completion.
- The team is exploring various raw water delivery systems for the park.
- Construction on the park has been delayed slightly due to COVID-19 and is anticipated to begin in Fall 2020.

CP - OPERATION SERVICES

FORT COLLINS/LOVELAND POLICE TRAINING CENTER

Funding Sources:
- $9.25M generated from bonds for the City of Fort Collins
- $9.25M from City of Loveland
- $1M from DOLA Grant
Total Project Cost: $19.5M
Phase: Phase I Site Work in Progress
- Phase II Building in Pricing
Estimated Completion Date: Late 2020

Project Details:
The City of Fort Collins is partnering with The City of Loveland to construct a new Police training facility which will be located on the west side of the Loveland Airport. This new site will offer a 50-yard pistol range, a 1.4-mile driving track, concrete skills pad, and some classrooms for special training.
Project Status:

Phase I – Track & Skills Pad Construction:
- Finalizing cement treatment of soil under track paving areas.
- Re-grading the track shoulders to meet safety standards for police training.
- Concrete paving of skills pad is 50% complete.
- Concrete paving for track started first week of May.
- New sewer line installed up to the building.
- Asphalt paving first lift down for access road.

Phase II – Building Construction
- Building permit has been issued.
- Building over-excavation and structural fill is finishing up.
- Building foundations began the first week of May.
- Processing submittals for materials and systems to be used.
- Working through RFI’s to address contractor’s questions.

245 N MASON STREET – PARKING GARAGE

Funding Sources: Capital Project via BFO: $1,515,000
Projected Total Project Cost: TBD
Phase: RFP
Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Project Details:
The Downtown area needs additional parking, particularly in the area where the City offices are located. This new four-level garage is planned for 245 N. Mason St. and would replace the surface parking just north of the 215 N. Mason St. facility. The new 400-space parking structure (replacing 69 spots) would have one level below ground, which would contain mechanical equipment and parking stalls for City Fleet vehicles. The remaining three levels would allow parking for both the public and City staff working in the Downtown area. It will include a solar photo-voltaic (PV) system on the top level to off-set the building’s energy use and may also include some retail space to be leased. The project timing would need to be completed before, or in conjunction with the new City Hall construction.

Project Status:
- Reviewing 19 design proposals which were received on April 27.
- Interviews are scheduled for mid-May.
## BLOCK 32/42 – CIVIC MASTER PLAN REFRESH

- **Funding Source:** Capital Project via BFO: $300,000
- **Estimated Project Cost:** TBD
- **Phase:** RFP
- **Estimated Completion Date:** TBD

**Project Details:**
Space planning for Block 32 and 42 that was performed in 2013-2014 and needs to be updated. The new planning effort will involve each affected department to determine their space needs and anticipated growth over the next 10-12 years. With the completion of the refresh the City can decide which departments to house in 215 N Mason, 300 Laporte Ave - Building A, and the new City Hall. The refresh will also help determine an appropriate size of the new City Hall. Once this is determined and a conceptual design is produced it will be submitted to Council for review, next recommended steps and approval.

**Project Status:**
- We have selected a firm to perform the refresh, awaiting ELT approval.
- We plan to start in May if approved.
- We anticipate completing this phase of work by the end of 2020.

## CP - UTILITIES

### WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

- **Funding Source:** Capital Project Budget
- **Estimated Project Budget:** $1,300,000
- **Phase:** In Construction

**Project Details:**
Approximately 7,300 feet of three-phase from Overland Trail to the Treatment Facility in an existing easement on Colorado State University Property

**Project Status:** **No Updates**
- Completion is estimated for the third quarter of 2020.
LIGHT & POWER GENESIS64 SCADA UPGRADE PROJECT

Funding Source: New Capital
Estimated Project Budget: $200,000
Phase: In Design

Project Details:
Convert the existing Iconics Genesis32 hardware, software, and screens to Genesis64

Project Status:
- ESCADA team is working with consultant on Load Shedding and HLO pages.
- HyperHistorian configuration is complete.
- ACS DNP Point spreadsheet is complete.

NEW FEEDER CAPACITY (E. DRAKE & LEMAY)

Funding Source: New Capital
Estimated Project Budget: $500,000
Phase: Construction

Project Details:
Install 7000 feet of three phase 750 Al and one switch to serve new load at Drake and Lemay.

Project Status:
- Memorial Day weekend is being scheduled for final transfer of Woodward facilities to the new circuit.

GIS/GWD & ADMS

Funding Source: Offer 5.23 Operational Technology
Estimated Project Budget: $2,762,384
Phase: System Design, Hardware Procurement, Database Configuration

Project Details:
1. Replacement and upgrade of the existing L&P mapping systems to a fully capable Geographic Information System (GIS) platform compatible with the City's enterprise GIS.
2. Implementation of a GIS-based Graphic Work Design (GWD) system enabling streamlined electric distribution design and development and integration with GIS as well as other key systems.
3. Replacement of existing electric distribution operational tools with a new Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) that enables L&P’s Supervisory Control & Operations (SCO) staff to perform a wide range of real-time analysis in the management of the City’s electric distribution system.

Project Status:
- The GIS/GWD project team has decided to conduct training and go-live, despite the team working remotely. The team worked with IT to provide virtual machines to aid in better software performance, which was thoroughly tested prior to release.
- The design drawing favorites are now complete.
- Work is underway to integrate GWD with the warehouse materials database.
- Training for GWD is scheduled for the week of May 26th.
- The eight-member GIS editing team has been working hard making improvements to the GIS data in preparation for integration with ADMS/OMS. The team is in the final round of data improvements.
- The ADMS vendor is currently conducting its Factory Acceptance Test.
- The ADMS vendor is now working with team members on AMI integration.
- The ADMS vendor and project team have successfully tested a key integration with eSCADA.
- Work has begun working with members of the team on integrations to SCADA and AMI.

SYSTEM CABLE REPLACEMENT PRIORITY 1-WOODWEST

Funding Source: Offer 8.9 Economic Health  
Estimated Project Budget: $158,000  
Phase: In Construction

Project Details:  
This project will replace 11,500 lineal feet of cable in the Woodwest Subdivision. This area was identified as a top priority.

Project Status:  
- Replacement includes 30 sections of cable.  
- **Project is currently 50% complete.**
MAPLE AND PEARL STREETS WASTEWATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Funding Source: Wastewater
Estimated Project Budget: $587,000
Status: In Design
Estimated Completion Date: October 15, 2020

Project Details:
Existing clay tile sanitary sewer mains in Maple and Pearl Streets are undersized, have poor slope, numerous areas of settlement (bellies), offset joints, broken pipes, and heavy root intrusions. This is a poorly functioning sewer system, with inadequate flows, sewer backups, and high maintenance requirements. The construction of the proposed project will replace this aging infrastructure with 1,453’ of new 8” PVC sewer pipe, all new sewer service connections, and 5 new manholes. The new sewer system will meet current design and performance standards.

Project Status:
- RFP for construction contractor is in preparation.
- Construction underway of 1,453’ of new 8” sanitary sewer.
- Installation of five new manholes is complete.

DWRF SIDESTREAM TREATMENT

Funding Source: Wastewater
Estimated Project Budget: $5,400,000
Status: In Construction
Estimated Completion Date: August 20, 2020

Project Details:
This project is the design and installation of a wastewater side stream treatment system to meet future nutrient (nitrogen and phosphorous) regulations. The recycle stream from biosolids dewatering carries high nutrient concentrations back to the mainstream treatment system. Side stream treatment will remove nutrients from the recycle stream, which can potentially be turned into fertilizer and reused.

Project Status:
- Started reactor tank stair and mechanical piping installation complete.
- MgCl2 tank was delivered and placed.
- Sludge pumps and grinder placement in digester building basement is complete.
WTF - HORSETOOTH ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Funding Source: Water
Estimated Project Budget: $3,200,000
Status: In Design
Estimated Completion Date: May 31, 2021

Project Details:
Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (Northern Water) plans to shut down the Soldier Canyon pipe outlet from Horsetooth Reservoir in the 4th quarter of 2020 to conduct repairs. The City, surrounding water districts, and PRPA are working together on a project to supply Horsetooth water from an alternative location during this shutdown. This project involves constructing a permanent pipeline and a temporary pump station to connect between the Hansen Canal (the outlet canal on the north side of Horsetooth Reservoir) and the pipeline (the Pleasant Valley Pipeline, PVP) which supplies water from the Poudre River to northern Colorado water districts. This project will provide Horsetooth water to the water districts and the City during the Northern Water shutdown project.

Project Status:
- Electrical vaults have been placed.
- Installation of drain, digester gas, and potable water yard piping is complete.
- Concrete for gas conditioning and generator pads have been placed.

PUBLIC SAFETY

POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY

COVID-19 and Response
One of the many things PFA has planned for during the COVID-19 pandemic is what to do if an on-duty firefighter begins to present COVID-19 symptoms while at work in a station. The Incident Management Team has a plan in place to support that crew, maintain service, and clean the station for the next crew. This plan has been put in to action several times. The firefighters that have presented symptoms that aligned with COVID-19 were quickly tested. First responders, including firefighters, were added to the CDC’s list of people with access to high priority testing thanks to a letter drafted by Congressmen Neguse after a discussion with Fire Chief Tom DeMint and other fire chiefs in the 2nd Congressional District. This allows those who test positive to more effectively self-quarantine and those who test negative to return to duty faster.

Birthday and Appreciation Parades
Throughout the month of April and early May, PFA joined other agencies and the community at some very special celebrations. Stay at Home orders made many scheduled birthday parties and signs of appreciation not possible, but that didn’t keep us apart. Organizations and the community came together in a new, physically distant, but socially close kind of way. People from one to 100 had cancelled parties turn in to unforgettable parades and healthcare workers had long shifts broken
up by rounds of applause. As we transition further into the Safer-at-Home phase, the weather warms up, call volume increases, and wildfire season on the way, responders are focusing on supporting the community in many other ways. We are incredibly thankful to have joined so many special moments. Take a look at this online photo album for a glimpse of some of the celebrations and standing ovations PFA joined. [www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-2gsvWb/]

Grease Fire Displaced Three People – April 29

Three people were displaced by a grease fire on the 1000 block of Sol Vista Ln. PFA was dispatched to the fire at 10:50 a.m. and arrived on scene less than five minutes later. Thankfully, there were no injuries. The resident of the unit where the fire started self-evacuated. The blaze was contained to the kitchen area preventing further damage from flames, but the building was highly affected by smoke, which is what made the building uninhabitable. The fire was the result of a pan left unattended on the stove. It did not ignite until the occupant took the lid off the pan. The heat created by the fire was hot enough that it melted the doorbell nearly 20 ft. away.

Play It Safe on the Poudre Initiative

PFA is again focusing on river and water safety this spring and summer. Leaders believe there could be an increase in river and water activities since other options will be unavailable because of COVID-19 protective measures. Organizations came together after two river deaths in 2017 to form the safety initiative. River safety work has been going on in the community long before that, but this helps to combine and strengthen those efforts. Agencies work together to share education and awareness to create changes in behavior. Messaging has begun and partners will work together to find ways to share information and connect with the community in this new safer-at-home landscape.

Wildfire Season is Almost Here – How to Prepare

Nearly nine million acres burned in wildfires in the Unites States in 2018. Residents of Northern Colorado know that wildfires are a reality and something for which they must be prepared. May is National Wildfire Awareness Month. PFA is spreading awareness to help the community prepare for the inevitable grass and wildfires this summer. Sparks, rather than flames, can be the main factor in the spread of a fire. Sparks can travel a great distance and land in small patches of fuel such as leaves or logs. They are often how fires jump roads and other obstacles. These safety tips can help people protect themselves and their property.

1. Know two ways out of your neighborhood.
2. Create a defensible space - remove needles, leaves and other debris from the roofs, gutter, porches and decks. Stack firewood piles at least 30 ft. away from any structure.
3. Sign up for emergency alerts through the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority - LETA

POLICE SERVICES

FCPS Celebrates (Distantly) With Community

From mid-March through the beginning of May, FCPS helped community members celebrate special occasions from a distance. First responders participated in more than 30 parades for people from age 1 to 100 (literally!) to say happy birthday, thank you to frontline workers, and boost the spirits of people who needed a little extra support. Police Services shared a special look-back video at [https://www.facebook.com/fortcollinspoliceservices/posts/2573546962750925](https://www.facebook.com/fortcollinspoliceservices/posts/2573546962750925) in partnership with Poudre Fire Authority as our parade season comes to a close due to higher call volumes and other duties. Thanks to everyone who made a difficult time a little brighter!
Northside Aztlan Community Center and Heritage Park

Police Services supported the emergency shelters (indoor and temporary outdoor) to help our community members experiencing homelessness during the pandemic. Dedicated officers were assigned to ensure the safety and security of all using or providing services at the Heritage Park outdoor shelter while it was briefly in use. The planned closure of the outdoor facility was communicated in advance to those using this short-term accommodation. Officers encouraged those who had been using the outdoor space to move to the indoor shelter where additional space is now available. The vast majority of people were cooperative, everyone using the outdoor area moved on their own, and no arrests or tickets were issued related to camping. One person was arrested for a domestic disturbance and seven people were arrested on outstanding warrants unrelated to the outdoor shelter closure. We appreciate everyone who helped make this transition a success.

Notable Cases

Police Arrest Stabbing Suspect - At 10:29 a.m. on April 16, 2020, Fort Collins 911 received a report that a man had been stabbed in the 1200 block of Magnolia Street. The victim entered a nearby restaurant and employees called for help. Responding officers quickly located the suspect, Travis Spain, and safely took him into custody. Investigators determined that Spain and the victim had been involved in an altercation outside, during which Spain is believed to have stabbed the man. The victim was transported to an area hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Spain was arrested for First Degree Assault (class 3 felony) and booked into the Larimer County Jail.

Suspect Arrested for Graffiti Spree - While patrolling the City’s paved trail network in early April, bike patrol officers observed a male actively spray-painting graffiti on City property. Following additional investigation, police determined that the man, identified as Kenneth Wakefield, was responsible for more than 100 graffiti tags around the City of Fort Collins where the word “DEAD” was spray-painted in a distinctive style. In total, these incidents resulted in an estimated $4,789 in damage on public and private property. Wakefield was arrested on April 21, 2020 for Criminal Mischief (class 6 felony) and booked into the Larimer County Jail.

Equity and Inclusion

When Chief Swoboda received information that members of our Asian community had been subjected to prejudicial treatment related to COVID-19, he spoke out on Facebook to address this behavior. The social media post gained significant engagement, reached more than 73,000 people, and sparked extensive conversation. This was a great opportunity to support the equity and inclusion values of our agency and City. The full post can be found here.
Monthly Reporting
Monthly construction reporting and mapping of development review proposals and construction can be found by visiting:
http://citydocs.fcgov.com/?dt=MONTHLY+REPORT&dn=NEIGHBORHOOD+%26+BUILDING+SERVICES%26FZONING&vid=2&cmd=showdt

For a detailed listing of development Proposals under review, please visit:
https://www.fcgov.com/developmentreview/proposals/

Hughes Rezoning
On May 19th, the City Council will consider the second reading of an ordinance rezoning the former CSU Hughes Stadium site from Transition (T) to a combination of Low-Density Mixed-Use Neighborhood (LMN) and Residential Foothills (RF) with the requirement that the RF-zoned area be designed as a cluster plan. Given widespread community interest in the proposal and the need for social distancing requirements, the hearing format will be a hybrid approach, allowing public testimony in-person or on-line.

Harmony Corridor Plan Gateway Area Update
City Council is scheduled to consider Harmony Corridor Plan Amendments pertaining to the ‘Gateway Area’ at I-25 as well as corresponding development regulations at a second reading on June 16 (postponed from May 19th).

Home2Health
As we continue to transition to virtual engagement options, Home2Health is excited to report on the creation of an online training hub for Community Guides: https://cpd.colostate.edu/community-guide-training/. The Center for Public Deliberation led the effort to get Community Guide trainings and resources online, with support from many Home2Health partner organizations. We are currently recruiting a second cohort of Community Guide participants through this online training hub. In addition, Home2Health is working on a partnership with the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery to promote and advertise the Museum’s storytelling efforts during this historic time: https://fcmod.org/making-history/.

Oil and Gas Operations
On May 5, 2020, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) released an updated schedule for the remaining rulemakings related to Senate Bill 181. Staff are actively engaged in the rulemaking process and have joined party status with the Affiliated Local Government Coalition (ALGC) for the Mission Change rulemaking. The ALGC is a coalition of local jurisdictions along the Front Range with whom we have been closely collaborating over the past several months on rulemaking interpretations. The April 28th Council work session to discuss public engagement results and options for siting regulations has been placed on the unscheduled calendar to accommodate topics related to the impacts of COVID-19. Staff will provide quarterly updates to Council via memoranda until a new date has been determined and adjust the engagement program to provide virtual opportunities in accordance with safer-at-home and social distancing requirements.

New Development Applications – April 2020
More information on development proposals under review: https://www.fcgov.com/developmentreview/proposals/
### Project Name | Project Type | Location
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Ent Credit Union Replat – BDR200005 | Plat | 243 N College Ave
High Top Cultivation Facility – BDR200006 | Marijuana cultivation facility | 6629 S College Ave
Lofts at Timberline Final Plan – FDP200007 | Industrial flex building | 2021, 2027, and 2033 S Timberline Road

#### Development Project Decisions – April 2020
More information on development project decisions: https://www.fcgov.com/developmentreview/agendas.php

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### NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

#### Neighborhood Development Review
The Neighborhood Development Liaison is spearheading efforts for virtual participation in neighborhood meetings and hearings. Zoom meetings and webinars will be used to facilitate virtual public comment through the phone, on the internet, or through the Zoom app (available on smartphones, tables, and computers). To facilitate the transition to this new technology, the Neighborhood Development Liaison will host virtual “office hours” every Tuesday and Thursday in May to help community members familiarize themselves with the Zoom platform. The Neighborhood Development Liaison will also be available to provide one-on-one assistance to individuals with limited access to the internet and/or technology. Combining online participation options with targeted assistance for community members with limited access is anticipated to increase overall meeting accessibility for the community.

#### Adopt A Neighbor COVID-19 Expansion
As of May 1, 2020, 59 neighbors in need have been connected with volunteers to assist during the COVID-19 response. 357 volunteers have signed up to help since Adopt A Neighbor was expanded in March. Neighborhood Services, Volunteer Services, CPIO, and Sustainability Services continued to contribute staff time for the call center with customer assistance in both Spanish and English. Additional door-to-door outreach for more than 2,000 of our most vulnerable residents was coordinated by Sustainability Services, CPIO, Neighborhood Services, Utilities Customer Connections, reaching neighborhoods identified as having a high probability of residents without reliable internet access or technology. Code Compliance Staff and Spanish-speaking Utilities Staff delivered the COVID resource guides in English and Spanish. Direct communication with property managers, HOA leaders, City program participants, and partner organizations has provided informational flyers and newsletter articles to disseminate to their residents and contacts.

#### Neighborhood Night Out
Due to public health concerns related to COVID-19, Neighborhood Night Out 2020 will be postponed to Tuesday, October 6, 2020. The national organizing body has recommended postponement from the usual first Tuesday in August to the first Tuesday in October to support evolving public health recommendations. As part of the National Night Out program, Neighborhood Night Out in Fort Collins continues to be one of the most anticipated and widely supported events in the City. Participating City departments, community partners, and past neighborhood event organizers were notified of this change.

**Block Party Trailer**
In the interest of public health and consistency with Larimer County Health Department guidance, Block Party Trailer requests and Block Party permit applications are not being accepted for the 2020 season (May 1-September 30). During this time, Neighborhood Services will work with public health agencies and the Safety & Risk Management Department to establish disinfection protocols for items contained in the Block Party Trailer to be implemented for the 2021 season.

**Neighborhood Mini Grants & Mobile Home Neighborhood Improvement & Community-Building Mini Grants**
At the request of Finance, the remaining grant application rounds of Neighborhood Mini Grants ($18,200 remaining funds) and Mobile Home Community Grants ($25,000 remaining funds) are on hold pending assessment of the 2020 budget and anticipated shortfalls due to COVID-19 response and recovery. Neighborhood Mini Grants have been available since 2002 to assist neighborhoods with projects or social events to connect neighbors. 2020 is the first year Mobile Home Neighborhood Improvement & Community-Building Mini Grants have been available to residents, mobile home community managers, and property owners to improve neighborhood livability.

**Mediation and Restorative Justice**
As the office settled into the new virtual reality, the MRJ Team continued to offer mediation and restorative justice services at levels equivalent to pre-COVID 19 levels. In April, the MRJ Team provided the following services, all virtually:
- Two mediations and multiple mediation prep meetings for a large group mediation which will take place later this Spring.
- Four intake meetings and completion circles, one full RJ conference and a first-time ever Connection Circle for youth involved in the program
- Six volunteer meetings, presentations and trainings
- An appreciation video sent to all volunteers for National Volunteer Appreciation week
- A grant submitted to continue funding for Restorative Justice Services

Most internal meetings and services were provided using MS Teams and external service provision was primarily using Zoom. Meanwhile the Mediation and RJ Team continues to learn and adapt to these virtual technologies and see them as a continued option for service provision in the future.

**YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON**

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Overall Development Review revenues are $(440,076) under projection for 2020 as of April 30th with Development Review under by ($381,299) and Engineering Development Review under by ($58,778).
GRAFFITI UPDATE

During the month of April 2020, the Graffiti Abatement Team abated 61 issues consisting of 103 tags measuring 2,250 square feet of graffiti-covered surfaces.

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SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Healthy Homes Virtual Assessments
Now, more than ever, is a good time to make sure our homes are safe and healthy. Indoor air quality can be up to 5 times worse than outdoor air. Call the City’s Air Quality team with questions or to receive a personalized set of recommendations on how you can improve the indoor air quality of your home. When you complete a virtual assessment over the phone, you will receive:

- A Radon Test Kit
- Healthy Household Cleaner
- Healthy Household Cleaning Recipes
- Sustainable Cloth for Dusting

Call today for more information, 970-416-2832, fcgov.com/HealthyHomes

May the Fork Be with You

Protect the Poudre you must, the fork you must use! Join the community effort to protect our waterways from plastic pollution by using the fork! Your reusable fork that is! And don’t forget about your reusable spoons, knives, and straws too.

When ordering take-out or delivery, let restaurants and delivery services know you don’t need plastic utensils. If you want to channel the fork further, head to ourcity.com/plastics to provide your input on how Fort Collins can reduce plastics pollution. Learn more: https://ourcity.fcgov.com/plastics
SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Heritage Park Outdoor Shelter Users Transitioned to Northside Aztlan Community Center

Beginning April 29, 2020, the City of Fort Collins no longer permitted Heritage Park to be used as an outdoor overnight shelter for those experiencing homelessness. The City and community service providers will continue to use Northside Aztlan Community Center (Northside) as an indoor overnight shelter option. Northside has provided additional space in the building to shelter the most vulnerable community members without homes (those who are over 65 years old and have specific underlying medical conditions). This added space allows them a separate room and designated bathrooms. This group is the most at-risk for dire consequences if they were to contract COVID-19. The primary overnight shelter at NACC is for men, and women can continue accessing overnight shelter at Fort Collins Rescue Mission and Community of Christ Church. Families can shelter together overnight at Catholic Charities. Find out more at: https://www.fcgov.com/news/index.php?id=7744

Shelter details are as follows:

Day Shelter: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (sack lunch provided at noon)
Evening Shelter: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Men Overnight Shelter: 9:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. – men only at Northside Aztlan Center
Women Overnight Shelter: will occur at Fort Collins Rescue Mission and Community of Christ (9:00 p.m. – 8 a.m.)
Breakfast and dinner will still be served daily at Fort Collins Rescue Mission.

ECONOMIC HEALTH

Launch of “For Fort Collins” website and initiative aimed at supporting local businesses

A collaboration of community partners in Fort Collins has launched a campaign aimed at encouraging support for local businesses, especially those in the industries most affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

The campaign, dubbed “For Fort Collins,” and its website, www.forfortcollins.com, will be a source of information regarding the latest physical distancing requirements and best practices for local businesses. Business owners will also be able to access a marketing toolkit complete with a custom graphics generator to help them to reopen strong and reopen safe. Partner organizations for the initiative include the City of Fort Collins, Visit Fort Collins, the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce, Midtown Business Improvement District, and the Downtown Business Association.

For community members, the website will share tools to help people champion their favorite local businesses. The campaign also includes ways for community members to support local businesses aside from just financial, including graphics that give kudos or shout outs to businesses that can be shared on social media using the hashtags #ForFortCollins and #ForFoCo. A companion website, For FoCo, now live at ourcity.fcgov.com/ForFoCo, will also serve as a resource for residents to share stories, photos and video about how they’re staying connected to neighbors and the larger community. The site will also feature brief interviews with City staff and engagement opportunities.

The new website and tools will be available to help local businesses long after the local economy has recovered and will continue to evolve to keep local support top-of-mind.

For more information, visit www.ForFortCollins.com. Spanish language translation is available.
Community Engagement reached 2,993 participants through 79 outreach events and programs covering hot topics such as Time-of-Day, the Income Qualified Assistance Program and resource conservation remotely that included videos.

Residential water customers were invited to attend the Xeriscape Incentives Program (XIP) Basics Training on April 3rd to learn how to get a rebate by switching out a thirsty landscape for one that is water-wise. These trainings are being offered virtually through WebEx to registered participants.

On April 13th, Utilities staff held a virtual residential solar contractor orientation to provide program specifics to two new solar companies that want to perform work in Fort Collins and become part of our Residential Solar Contractor Network.

Earth Day was hosted virtually this year with the help of the Sustainable Living Association. From April 18th through the 22nd, organizations across Fort Collins hosted virtual speakers, activities, music and resources to help you stay connected to the Earth. One of the Utilities featured videos was a live demonstration on flushable wipes that received over 1,600 views.

On April 20th, Utilities staff facilitated an online follow up to an introductory lesson on water in Colorado and Fort Collins. Twelve students deliberated on what they felt could be the best solution to deal with water quantity issues. This program introduced students to the idea of public engagement and raising awareness of future opportunities to get involved with City initiatives like Our Climate Future.
In response to COVID-19, Energy Outreach Colorado, the organization that administers the Utilities Payment Assistance Program increased the benefit customers could receive. This change allows customers to now receive up to two payments during the 2019-2020 season (that ends September 30, 2020) and a total maximum benefit of $1500. The Utilities Affordability team worked to draft a new policy language to support this change internally. Additionally, the team worked with the cross-departmental Equity Rapid Response team to direct essential communications via a printed brochure about COVID-19 safety and resources to vulnerable community members. They used a data-driven approach to identify 13 neighborhoods (nearly 1,200 homes) that had higher portions of vulnerable community members and provided information in English and Spanish to each residence.

On May 8th, an informational session for property managers was held virtually to provide background on how Epic Homes for Rentals can benefit their clients and properties. For more information on this program and other Epic Homes events, please visit our website.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

RECREATION

- Recreation Staff are working on redeployment and programming plans for the recreation facilities.
- Virtual programming for areas such as fitness, ARO, Child Development, Cooking, Arts and Crafts have been very successful in keeping our guest connected.
- Recreation staff have been supporting the group working at the Senior Center who are sewing face coverings.
- Staff have been working closely to with City and community partners to assist with the homeless sheltering at Northside Aztlan Community Center.
- Due to Covid-19, staff had to cancel and issue refunds for May programs and facility rentals.

PARKS

- Covid-19 protocols put in place for citizen and staff safety. This included closing all of the amenities in the system.
- The shutdown provided an opportunity to accomplish several projects that would normally impact the residents, i.e. pruning on College Ave., aeration on the golf courses.
- Placed several employees from other Departments into positions to assist with maintenance activities.
- Developed re-opening plans to prepare for recovery.
- Supported the creation of a temporary Outdoor Shelter at Old Fort Collins Heritage Park.
CULTURAL SERVICES

The Gardens on Spring Creek continued the Annual Spring Plant Sale tradition this year by going virtual! To hold the sale while the facility is closed, staff developed an online ordering system and curbside pick-up procedure. Annually, the Gardens partner with the Colorado State University Horticulture Department to grow thousands of plants for this important community event and fundraiser.

Carnegie Center for Creativity staff created a virtual version of the 2020 Youth Art Month Exhibit to showcase the talent of young artists from private and public schools in Fort Collins. Due to the Center being closed, many of the students and their families did not get a chance to see their artwork on display. Over 40 schools are represented in the exhibition, featuring the work of kindergarteners through high school students. The exhibit was part of the DBA’s virtual First Friday Art Walk on May 1st.

While the facilities are closed, the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery has continued their popular blog series “Daily Discovery” - each day a new hands-on activity is featured that people can do at home. The Lincoln Center’s “During Intermission” blog series features posts related to program series at the Lincoln Center and links to online entertainment.

NATURAL AREAS

COVID-19 Response

Efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 have radically changed natural areas visitation. With closures of recreation opportunities such as ski resorts and fitness centers and team sports and races cancelled, residents have taken to their local trails and natural areas in record numbers. Trail counters are showing 50% to 150% increased visitation above previous records. On sunny weekends, over 100 vehicles are regularly turned away when Bobcat Ridge Natural Area’s parking lot is full, and other natural areas parking lots are overflowing too.

Staff has adapted to COVID-19 by changing work practices, working remotely when possible, and pitching in to help (for example assisting with parking management). Virtual programming for residents is available on a new website that collects self-guided activities for kids, families and educators, https://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/learn.
Visitors to natural areas are generally following safety guidelines such as physical distancing and they report great appreciation and satisfaction. For example, the former City Manager of Loveland shared how valuable and appreciated natural areas are:

“Hi Darin. Today my wife, daughter and I enjoyed a 2-hour hike at Bobcat Ridge. I greatly appreciate you and your team keeping natural areas and trails open. It makes life feel almost normal to be outdoors! I know that lots of national and state parks are closed – for good reason, since they have lots of high impact, highly contagious facilities. But local governments’ natural areas are providing an important relief valve to keep us mentally healthy. (And a safe one – we were in Bobcat Ridge for two hours and left without touching a single surface!) Keep up the good work; I hope you’ll be able to keep these open. Thanks! Bill Cahill.”

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Manufactured Housing Zoning District and Residents’ Rights
City staff from PDT and CPIO conducted a virtual meeting in conjunction with The Family Center for residents of manufactured housing communities. The presentation was offered in Spanish, and its purpose was to share information and seek community members’ feedback regarding the zoning district for manufactured housing communities. Approximately 25 community members participated in the meeting.

Spanish COVID-19 Town Hall
On April 23, City staff collaborated with community partners and community members in hosting a virtual Spanish COVID Town Hall for Spanish speaking families. The event counted on the participation from community leaders from the City of Fort Collins, Police Services, Larimer County, and Poudre School District. Participants answered questions and shared resource information from their respective organizations. The event included simultaneous interpretation and had an attendance of over 50 community members.

COVID-19 Support Websites
City staff launched two websites focused on engaging local businesses and community members. The first site, ForFortCollins.com, was designed to support and rally local businesses. The second site, ForFoCo (https://ourcity.fcgov.com/forfoco), is connected to ForFortCollins but with a community-centered focus in which community members can share stories about how they are supporting one another and their community’s local businesses, art, and culture.

BROADBAND – FORT COLLINS CONNEXION

Mobile Home Wi-Fi
On April 28th Fort Collins Connexion, in partnership with the Poudre School District, successfully deployed Wi-Fi service to four mobile home communities with high concentration of Poudre School District families. Our goal was to provide internet service to communities without adequate access to broadband and enable students to access online education resources while school is not in session due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Poudre School District initially identified seven communities that needed support based on the need for improved service and the concentration of PSD students living there:

- Hickory Village
- Harmony Trailer Park
- Timber Ridge
- Poudre Valley
- Cloverleaf
- Parklane
- Mountain Range Shadow

Out of those, it was determined that Hickory Village, Harmony Trailer Park, and two of the properties outside Connexion’s service area—Timber Ridge and Poudre Valley—had the closest access to fiber, allowing for a fast deployment. The remaining three properties, Cloverleaf, Parklane and Mountain Range Shadow are well outside Connexion’s service area but will be supported through Poudre School District’s wireless solution.

When we began working with Poudre School District, they were deploying a solution that was a combination of cellular service and a wireless access point as a single point of delivery in the parks via a parked van. They called their solution a “Cell on Wheels (COW)”. However, PSD was experiencing very low bandwidth.

In our initial talks, which began April 6th, it was agreed that PSD would provide internet ‘Access’ in the communities using the wireless end-user access points and Connexion would supply ‘Transport’ to the to the PSD solution—essentially bringing fiber internet to the perimeter of the property and handing off high-bandwidth broadband to the PSD Access point. However, due to PSD’s lack of on-hand inventory of Access Points and resources to solve for implementation, it was decided that Connexion and City crews, would move to support ‘Access’ inside the mobile home communities as well as ‘Transport’, thus providing better bandwidth.

The Connexion team investigated several different technologies including trying to leverage the existing Utilities’ Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) Wireless System, to best serve the properties. In collaboration with City and external partners including Traffic, IT, and Light & Power, PRPA, AEG and OnTrac, we deployed the below solutions at each park.

1. Hickory Village – 400 Hickory St
   a. Connexion ONT (G-240W-E), Internet Service via 802.11ac WiFi
   b. Data Rate, 600Mbps
   c. Closest to our standard fiber to the home solution - FTTH with an indoor ONT, with internal antennas, wrapped in an outdoor case and put on a pole.

2. Harmony Village – 2500 E Harmony Rd
   a. Connexion ONT (G-240W-E), Engenius AP 2x2 Wave 2, Internet Service via 802.11ac WiFi
   b. Data Rate, 45Mbps

3. Timber Ridge – 3717 S Taft Hill Rd
   a. Connexion ONT (G-240W-E), Point-2-Point Engenius EnJet Outdoor Solution for backhaul, Service via 802.11ac WiFi
   b. Data Rate, 50Mbps

4. Poudre Valley – 2025 N College
   a. Traffic Fiber
   b. Internet Service via 802.11ac WiFi
   c. Data Rate, 178Mbps
The fiber bed solutions implemented at the 4 mobile home parks is temporary and not a full fiber to the home deployment. We are continuing to work with Poudre School District on the deployed solutions as well as support PSD with any new solutions needed in the future.

COMMUNITY DASHBOARD HIGHLIGHT

The Community Dashboard features performance data and information that highlights how the City is doing in achieving its seven Outcome areas: Neighborhood Livability and Social Health, Culture and Recreation, Economic Health, Environmental Health, Safe Community, Transportation, and High Performing Government. The Dashboard is made up of 36 total metrics that are published quarterly and demonstrate where the City is doing well and where there are opportunities to improve. The color status of performance for each metric is determined based on the actual result for the quarter compared with the target. The color status of performance for the Outcome is determined based on the average calculation of the performance of each metric within that Outcome.

Each month the City Manager’s Update will highlight a metric from the Community Dashboard. This month’s feature is from the Economic Health Outcome Area.

Commercial Vacancy Rates

Analysis:
- Data is available through 4Q2019.
- Office and industrial vacancy rates in Q4 2019 remain lower than historical vacancy rates, well below our community’s 5% target. Retail vacancy sits at 4.5%, just slightly below the target. Since Q2 2017, all three categories have been relatively consistent with only minor variation. This might suggest that occupancy is strong and it might also suggest a competitive business expansion market because space is tight. Industrial space is in short supply throughout the region.

Definition:
Percentage of vacant, leasable commercial space within the city. This is divided into three categories: Industrial, Office, and Retail. The category with the worst vacancy rate is displayed and that is the value compared to our target.
Why is this metric important?
Commercial property use provides a measure of economic activity and economic capacity. As the vacancy rate drops additional commercial space may be necessary to capture economic activity.

City's impact on this metric:
Medium – The activities of the Economic Health Office directly relate to users of commercial space, but actual leasing activity is also influenced by other outside factors.

Benchmarks:
This metric contains no benchmark data because the purpose of this metric is to track economic trends within Fort Collins over time. The internal focus of this metric limits the value of benchmarks; historical comparisons to the City's past performance are more meaningful for this metric.
To view the entire Dashboard, please visit: http://fortcollins.clearpointstrategy.com/