“Humans of Natural Areas”

July 2020
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ISSUES BEFORE COUNCIL

JULY 14 SPECIAL MEETING

Possible Executive Session
  o Discuss the legal issues pertaining to the City’s engagement with key permitting processes in 2020 for the Northern Integrated Supply Project
  o Legal advice on the County composting facility
  o Discuss legal advice on environmental issues at the County landfill
  o Discuss legal advice relating to manufactured housing zoning matters
  o Discuss legal advice relating to impacts of SB20-217 (Law enforcement integrity)

JULY 14 WORK SESSION - CANCELED

JULY 21 REGULAR MEETING

Water’s Edge Metro District Public Benefits Agreement
  o Consider an agreement to secure public benefits for the Water’s Edge Development. This agreement was contemplated in the Consolidated Service Plan for the Water’s Edge Metropolitan District.
    Economic Health - 3.6 Invest in utility infrastructure aligned with community development.

Manufactured Housing Zone District Land Use Code Amendments
  o Consider amending the Land Use Code to create a new Manufactured Housing Zoning District.
    Neighborhood Livability and Social Health - 1.1 Improve access to quality housing that is affordable to a broad range of income levels.

Ad Hoc Council Committee to Support the Development of the Housing Strategic Plan
  o Establish an Ad Hoc Committee that will meet from August to December 2020 in support of the Housing Strategic Plan’s development.
    Neighborhood Livability and Social Health - 1.1 Improve access to quality housing that is affordable to a broad range of income levels.

Authorization of Remote Hearings for Various Zoning and Development Items
  o Consider a motion to allow certain quasi-judicial items to move forward.
    Neighborhood Livability and Social Health - 1.7 Guide development through community planning, historic preservation, and efficient and effective development review.

Staff Report: COVID-19 Update
  o Discuss educational institutions, focusing on CSU and FRCC. Colorado State University President Joyce McConnell and Front Range Community College President, Andrew Dorsey, will share how their educational institutions have managed during this time.

Possible Executive Session
  o Discuss Broadband issues.

JULY 23 URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

5:00-7:00 P.M., Zoom remote meeting. Agenda posted online at www.renewfortcollins.com
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JULY 28 WORK SESSION

Local farm Concept on Natural Areas Property
- Explore the possibility of a local agriculture and restoration partnership on two natural area properties in the Loveland community separator.
  - Environmental Health - 4.8 Protect and enhance natural resources on City-owned property and throughout the community.

Potential Election Code Amendments
- Discuss possible Charter amendments relating to elections and review proposed Election Code changes.
  - High Performing Government - 7.1 Provide world class municipal services to residents and businesses.

Manufactured Housing District Rezonings
- Review and discuss existing City policies and land-use and transportation guidance influencing the potential rezoning of manufactured housing communities.
  - Neighborhood Livability & Social Health - 1.7 Guide development through community planning, historic preservation, and efficient and effective development review.

AUGUST 4 REGULAR MEETING

Pre-Application Hearing of a Development Concept for the former Hughes Stadium site
- Provide Council direction on proposed conceptual development plan.
  - Neighborhood Livability & Social Health - 1.7 Guide development through community planning, historic preservation, and efficient and effective development review.

Proposed Fort Collins Coronavirus Relief fund Allocation
- Review CARES CVRF allocation and proposed community programs and projects that could receive CVRF.
  - High Performing Government - 7.1 Provide world class municipal services to residents and businesses.

Staff Report: COVID-19 Update
- Discuss Large Retailers and Essential Business

AUGUST 11 WORK SESSION

Budgeting for Outcomes (BFO) Overview
- Provide a high-level review of major assumptions and themes included within the City Manager’s Recommended Budget.
  - High Performing Government - 7.1 Provide world class municipal services to residents and businesses.

Reimagining Community Engagement
- Share an update on the City’s public engagement strategy, framework and workplan moving forward.
  - High Performing Government - 7.3 Broaden methods of community engagement with additional consideration to diverse backgrounds, languages and needs.

Reimagining Boards and Commissions
- Provide an update on progress made towards the Council priority to Reimagine Boards and Commissions, based on previous direction. Staff will also share opportunities for recalibration and lessons learned from the COVID-19 adaptations.
High Performing Government - 7.3 Broaden methods of community engagement with additional consideration to diverse backgrounds, languages and needs.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT – UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 City Budget Engagement
- City staff will be launching a public engagement campaign to inform and get feedback from community members about the budget modifications due to the economic uncertainty related to COVID-19. These public engagement efforts will take place from mid-July to mid-September and will consist of interactive online tools, public messaging, as well as series of virtual town halls with different stakeholders with a special focus on engaging historically underrepresented community members.

SALES TAX - MONTHLY & YEAR TO DATE

MAY SUMMARY OVER PRIOR YEAR

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Year to date, sales and use tax collections excluding rebates are down 6.5% and total $53.7M.

MAY SUMMARY OVER BUDGET

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Year to date, the City has collected 5.7% less sales and use tax revenue, totaling $3.3M under 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:
- Current project location: currently planning 2020 program.
- Completed ped crossing on Elizabeth adjacent to the Woodbridge apartments in early May.
- Currently planning project to expand sidewalks along Prospect Road from Remington to Stover; anticipated start in August.

More information is available at http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/pedneeds.php
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 60 of 66 bus pads to date; final 6 pads scheduled for July 2020.

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:
- Project landscape has achieved substantial completion and will begin establishment period and contractor maintenance.

More information is available at https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/suniga-to-college-improvements

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:
- The project will go to Council in July to seek authorization to use eminent domain, if needed, to obtain necessary ROW along the corridor.
- Individual meetings with property owners that will be impacted continued into June.
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 finalized plans, specifications, and a cost estimate for the planned improvements. These were submitted to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).
- Planned improvements include reducing southeast bound traffic to one travel lane between North College and Linden Street. This enables the construction of pedestrian bulb-outs at the Linden/Jefferson intersection as part of the Linden Street Renovation Project.
- Staff continues to coordinate with CDOT with a goal of implementing improvements in late summer 2020.

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

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:
- Project at 30% design and is being reviewed by Engineering and Stormwater for rights of way needs and utility alignment.
- The project is coordinating with Utilities on the ultimate outfall location and is determining the right-of-way required to do this.
- Staff anticipates moving forward with ROW/easement acquisition Summer of 2020 to facilitate the installation of the storm system and outfall.
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:
- Due to current constraints, staff is holding off on appropriating grant funds until Fall of 2020, and will push the schedule back to construct the multi-modal improvements in Spring of 2022.
- Bridge replacement work has been postponed until winter of 2021/2022 to better align with potential multi-modal improvements.
- Staff continues to look for funding options.

SIPHON PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS PROJECT

Funding Source: State Grant, Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP - Bike / Pedestrian Grade Separated Crossings)
Estimated Project Budget: $3.2M
Estimated Completion Date: 2022
Phase: Preliminary Design

Project Details:
The Power Trail provides connectivity between the Spring Creek Trail to the north and the Fossil Creek Trail to the south. There is currently a 2-mile stretch between Harmony and Trilby with no access to the east due to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. Two City Departments (Park Planning & Development and Engineering) are partnering This project will design and construct a pedestrian overpass over the railroad tracks and a trail connection to Timberline road halfway between Harmony and Trilby.

Project Status:
- The City has executed a design work order with the design consultant team.
- City Staff and the design team are developing and analyzing alternatives for the overpass location and alignment.
City Staff is coordinating with Union Pacific Railroad for preliminary engineering review and project coordination.

CP - PARK PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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.
- A combined consultant RFP for the East District Maintenance Facility and the Bucking Horse Park is being used. Staff recently toured existing facilities and park with consultant team.
- Design efforts, led by Park Planning & Development, are underway.
Funding Source: First United Methodist Church
Total Project Cost: Based on fundraising efforts - $200,000
Phase: Construction
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 of improvement will extend into the summer of 2020.
- Stone walls are in place, irrigation and lighting are nearly complete and plantings will be coming soon.
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:
- Gateway Marker is completed and installed. Final signage is coming soon.

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:**
- Track Paving is completed.
- Track shoulder work continues.
- Skills pad concrete paving is completed.
- Seeding around track and skills pad is finishing up.
- Plan is to turn over Track & Skills pad to Police Department late July so they can start using it and will help determine where the lane stripping needs to be.
- Lanes will be striped in September.

**Phase II – Building Construction:**
- Building footings & foundations are in.
- Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing underground rough-ins are completed
- Building backfill is underway.
- Precast walls began delivering then end of June.
- Processing submittals for materials and systems to be used.
- Working through RFI’s to address contractor’s questions.
- Building construction is to complete in December.
- Currently expecting LEED Silver for Admin building.

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**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:**
- This project has been put on hold until late 2020 or 2021.
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:
- This project has been put on hold until late 2020 or 2021.

CP - UTILITIES

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:
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 performs a wide range of real-time analysis in the management of the City’s electric distribution system.
Project Status:

- The GWD team has completed resolving issues discovered during the first round of Site Acceptance Testing (SAT) and has conducted a second round of SAT. The team is currently preparing for go-live scheduled for the week of July 6th.
- Work is underway this week to do final testing the integration between GWD with the warehouse materials database.
- The eight-member GIS editing team has completed connecting our nearly 80,000 customers to the network endpoints in the GIS. Work is now underway connecting our many distributed generation customers according to the new model.
- The ADMS vendor and our IT team have been carrying out extensive testing of the large array of servers deployed for the new system in preparation for SAT.
- The ADMS vendor is currently preparing for SAT scheduled to begin July 7th.
- The new ADMS go-live is scheduled for the week of August 10th.

REMINGTON STREET STORM SEWER

Funding Source: Stormwater and Wastewater
Estimated Project Budget: $3,551,750
Status: In construction
Estimated Completion Date: 3rd Quarter, 2020

Project Details:
The Remington Street Outfall is a storm sewer and sanitary sewer replacement project along Remington Street from Spring Park Drive to Prospect Road. The storm sewer will be upsized to alleviate flooding along Remington and the surrounding areas.

Project Status:

- Asphalt milling at Parker intersection and 1600 block of Remington - complete
- 9’x10’ stormwater box structure installation in Parker Street - complete
- Relocation of Light and Power through Parker intersection - underway
MAPLE AND PEARL STREETS WASTEWATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Funding Source: Wastewater  
Estimated Project Budget: $587,000  
Status: In design  
Estimated Completion Date: November 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 intrusion. The result is a poorly functioning sewer system, with inadequate flows, sewage backups, and high maintenance requirements. The construction of the proposed project will replace the aging sewer 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:
- Construction contractor selected from RFP process  
- Utility coordination sheets sent out

DWRF CARBON ADDITION PHASE I

Funding Source: Wastewater  
Estimated Project Budget: $2,200,000  
Status: In construction  
Estimated Completion Date: November, 2020

Project Details:
The Drake Water Reclamation Facility has several projects underway in order to meet Regulation 85 nutrient removal requirements, which is effective January 2021. One of these projects is Carbon Addition Phase I. This project improves existing infrastructure to create a chemical storage and delivery system to discharge a glycerin-based liquid into the treatment process to facilitate removal of Nitrogen and Phosphorus, two nutrients which contribute to impairment of surface water quality. The design includes new piping and pumps while utilizing an existing storage tank.

Project Updates:
- Continue part time construction activities  
- Finalize NPT pump panel configuration  
- Coordinate construction activities in process areas with plant staff

PUBLIC SAFETY
POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY
Two Fires Caused by Fireworks on 4th of July Weekend

Units were dispatched to a wildfire on E. Harmony Rd. west of the I25 Harmony exit at 3:42 p.m. on July 4. The high winds and heat were both factors in fire attack and maintaining fire control. The fire burned over 1.5 acres. There were no injuries or risk to structures. The PFA Fire Investigator found used fireworks on scene and people nearby reported hearing popping shortly before seeing smoke. The last unit cleared the scene at 6:46 p.m. after ensuring all hot spots were extinguished.

At 12:47 a.m. on July 5, PFA was dispatched to a fire in a two-story home on Camino del Mundo. A fire had started outside of the garage in a five-gallon bucket containing used fireworks. The flames spread to the garage, attic, and exterior walls of the house. Thankfully, one of the residents was awoken by a smoke alarm and discovered the fire. Firefighters saw heavy smoke as they approached the area. Upon arrival, they found fire on the side of the home and the garage side door. Flames were crawling up the exterior and beginning to involve the second story. The house was filled with light smoke. Firefighters completed a search of the home and used a traditional hose attack from the exterior and interior to extinguish the flames. They had to remove some of the garage ceiling to inspect the interior spaces and maintain control of the fire. Two adults and three children went to the hospital for assessment and a firefighter suffered an ankle injury. The cause of the fire was improperly disposed of fireworks.

Front Range Fire Consortium Graduation | June 19

Five PFA recruits graduated from Front Range Fire Consortium Fire Academy 20-1. This academy was an academy like no other. Adaptability was constant for both recruits and training staff. The recruits started traditional academy as part of a class of 37 (the biggest ever). Then, the pandemic changed everything. Recruits returned to their individual departments. Training staff worked tirelessly to reshape the academy, keep recruits safe, and deliver the training needed to make these firefighters ready to join their brothers and sisters on the frontline. “Each one of you accepted everything that came at you. You displayed courage, leadership, and duty. Thank you for your work” said Battalion Chief Brandon Garcia.

Two People Rescued from Low Head Dam | June 17

PFA responders rescued two people from the low head dam near Bellvue Watson Fish Hatchery. Units were dispatched at 9:43 a.m. to reports of a male who was in the river, along the bottom portion of the dam, and yelling for help. A bystander heard his cries and was able to help him from the water, but this left both people in need of rescue from the top of the dam. Responders created a two-line boat system to rescue the individuals and bring both patients back to safety. The patient that was in the water was evaluated by UCHealth. This incident is sadly a reminder of the fatality that happened in the same area on June 18, three years prior. River safety remains a high priority for PFA and the agencies that partner on the “Play It Safe on the Poudre” initiative.
POLICE SERVICES

Community Engagement
FCPS participated in several community conversations focused on equity and police-community relations. On June 10, Chief Swoboda joined Councilmember Gorgol and Mayor Pro Tem Stephens for a Listening Session via Zoom. Chief also participated on an Equity & Inclusion Lunch & Learn panel on June 4. FCPS staff also attended this internal virtual event.

June was Pride month, and Chief Swoboda to the concerns and challenges faced by our LGBTQIA+ community related to inclusion and safety. We want all members of our community to feel safe, valued, and celebrated for their diverse identities. To read the post, please click here.

Notable Cases
Man Arrested for Shooting at Home - On June 17, Fort Collins Police received a request for a welfare check on a Fort Collins man. The person shared concerns about the man's personal welfare and noted that he had access to multiple weapons in his home. While officers were working with the UCHealth CORE (Community Outreach, Response, and Engagement) Team to develop a safety plan, FC911 received a call from a resident who said someone was shooting at their home. Patrol officers and members of the SWAT team responded to the address in the 2500 block of Shields Street and located the suspect, who was identified as the subject of the initial concern. The man refused to comply with verbal attempts to resolve the situation. At 5:24 p.m., he was safely taken into custody. Nobody was injured during the shooting incident that prompted the 911 call, but the victim's home did sustain property damage consistent with gunshots. Investigators recovered multiple firearms and additional evidence at the scene.

Construction Crewmember Killed by Driver - On June 26 at 9:58am, FCPS was notified of a collision involving a truck versus multiple pedestrians at the intersection of Prospect Road and Azalea Drive. Callers reported a truck went off the roadway and collided with multiple AEG construction crewmembers who were working as part of a contract with Connexion. When officers arrived, they determined that a Chevrolet Silverado truck had traveled west on Prospect Road. The truck crossed over the oncoming lane of traffic before driving off the southeast corner of the intersection with Azalea Drive. The truck collided with four crewmembers who were working off the roadway. Three adult workers suffered serious injuries and were transported to local hospitals for treatment. One worker, later identified as Zac Foster, 24, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the truck, Scott Duwaldt, 52, of Laramie, Wyoming, was not injured. He was arrested and booked at the Larimer County Jail on charges of Vehicular Homicide, Vehicular Assault, and Driving Under the Influence.

Police Standards & Improvements
In the month of June, FCPS continued to build out the Transparency webpage to include information about topics of interest and concern. At the community’s request, we added data about arrests and citations (broken down by race), complaints, the School Resource Officer program, and more. Q&A from the June 10 Council listening session was also added to the page. The page will serve as an evolving resource to proactively and responsively provide information to the community we serve. To view the page, please visit https://www.fcgov.com/police/transparency.
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+FZONING&vid=2&cmd=showdt

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

Manufactured Housing Zone District
Implementation of Land Use Code amendments creating a new Manufactured Housing zone district is anticipated to begin in July, first with recommendations from the Affordable Housing Board on July 7th, and the Planning and Zoning Board on July 16th. Staff will then present the Land Use Code amendments for City Council consideration on July 21st. Staff also anticipates a late July work session with Council to discuss policies related to the rezoning of properties to the new manufactured housing zone district and schedule to begin the rezoning process.

Harmony Corridor Plan Amendments
On June 16th, City Council approved Harmony Corridor Plan Amendments pertaining to the ‘Gateway Area’ at I-25, that include new land use policies and design standards and guidelines.

Oil and Gas Operations
In partnership with the Affiliated Local Government Coalition, staff is developing comments on the revised draft Mission Change rules (released on June 26th). Comments are due to the Colorado Oil and Conservation Commission on July 13th. While rulemaking hearings are tentatively scheduled to conclude in September, staff anticipates the schedule will get extended into early October with rule adoption in late November.

Home2Health
All year one deliverables were completed as outlined in the approved scope of work, and year-end reporting to CDPHE is complete as of June 30. Contracting for year two is currently underway to be completed in mid-July. In year one of Home2Health a diverse group of approximately 400 people were engaged in discussions about housing affordability and health equity through a combination of Community Guide conversations, questionnaires, presentations, Strategic Doing events, storytelling, and small-group discussions. Home2Health funding also supported several key pieces of policy evaluation and analysis including a feasibility analysis of inclusionary zoning and a nexus study for impact fees, a Health Impact Assessment of inclusionary zoning and impact fees, and a Land Use Code Audit. Work in year two will build off of accomplishments in year one and will also support the development of the City’s Housing Plan. Upcoming events include a July workshop on housing affordability in partnership with Our Climate Future, a July update to the Planning and Zoning Board, and an August update to the Affordable Housing Board.

Conceptual Reviews & Preliminary Design Reviews – June 2020
There were 7 Conceptual Reviews and 4 Preliminary Design Review held in June 2020. Information on all past and upcoming Conceptual Reviews and Preliminary Design Reviews can be found online at:
https://www.fcgov.com/developmentreview/proposals/
New Development Applications – June 2020
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Development Project Decisions – June 2020
More information on development project decisions: https://www.fcgov.com/developmentreview/proposals/

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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Juan Eagle Award

It is our honor to share that the Code Compliance/Neighborhood Services team has won the Juan Eagle Award!

The Juan Eagle Award is presented yearly to a Colorado Association of Code Enforcement Officials member jurisdiction that has planned and successfully held a community event that embodies the values of code enforcement to protect the health and safety of the residents, while promoting good community involvement and values. The Juan Eagle is a traveling trophy and will live at the awarded jurisdiction for the year until it is presented again the following year.

Neighborhood Services/Code Compliance implemented a new program in 2019, the "Block Party Trailer". This program features a trailer loaded with tables, chairs, and games to support neighborhood block parties. The trailer is delivered to the host and later picked-up by the Neighborhood Services Team. It has proven to be very popular and has been a positive impact with residents in the community.

Way to go Neighborhood Services Team!!
Events – County issuing variances
Beginning in June, the Larimer County Health Department began issuing variances to allow certain events to take place in a modified form. The first of these in Fort Collins will be the Warrior Women/Epic Mini-Triathlon on July 18, 2020. Other race producers have indicated that they intend to request a Larimer County Health Variance to hold events later this summer.

Mediation and Restorative Justice
Restorative Justice Services received a grant from the Colorado Division of Public Safety, Juvenile Diversion Funds to support ongoing operations of Restorative Justice. The grant is for grant year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and the amount is $67,612.

The Restorative Justice team also completed an outreach project in June. The project included creating videos and printed materials to increase awareness of restorative justice. The videos will be on the City’s RJ website and will also be used for community presentations and volunteer trainings. The video project was done by FCTV and was funded by additional grant funding received from Juvenile Diversion, Colorado Division of Public Safety.

YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON

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Overall Development Review revenues are $(890,304) under projection for 2020 as of June 30th with Development Review under by $(810,608) and Engineering Development Review under by $(79,696).
GRAFFITI UPDATE

During the month of June 2020, the Graffiti Abatement Team abated 63 issues consisting of 252 tags measuring 4,337 square feet of graffiti-covered surfaces.

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SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Phase 2 of Engagement for the Our Climate Future Initiative

The City is asking community members for their ideas on how to achieve the community’s goals around waste, energy, and climate as part of the next phase of Our Climate Future. This new phase of engagement builds upon priorities identified last fall, which include sustainable transportation, reuse and recycling, renewable energy, equity and inclusion, and more.

Collective action works! We’ve seen how it changed the course of Covid-19 and we’re seeing how it is elevating the voices of people of color to combat systemic racism in America. Collective action can also be a powerful tool to ensuring Our Climate future is equitable, resilient, and prosperous for all.

Our Climate Future (OCF) is the City of Fort Collins’ effort to update three community environmental plans: Fort Collins’ Energy Policy, the Road to Zero Waste Plan, and the Climate Action Plan. This process centers on co-creating equitable solutions with our community, leveraging collective action to respond to community priorities and achieving the goals set forth in the three plans. We’re doing this by centering equity and leading with race. By elevating voices of community members who have been historically underrepresented in past City planning processes, we are building a more resilient and sustainable future that benefits all.

The City seeks to collaborate with community members, businesses and local content experts to brainstorm strategies to achieve priorities identified during the first phase of OCF, such as more diversity and inclusion, greater renewable energy, affordable housing, clean air and water and a healthy economy and natural environment.

Throughout July, August, and into September, community members can engage in this process through an online idea board, virtual workshops and more. Each week will focus on 1-2 of the priorities identified by the community during the first phase of the planning process. The focus of each week is as follows:

- Week of 7/6 - Affordable Housing and Job Opportunities & Healthy Economy
- Week of 7/13 - Be Prepared for Future Changes in Our Climate & High-Quality Water for All
- Week of 7/20 - Local and Regional Transit
- Week of 7/27 – Local and Dependable Food
• Week of 8/10 – More Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
• Week of 8/17 – More Renewable Energy
• Week of 8/24 – Healthy Air Quality & Natural Environment
• Week of 8/31 – More Reuse, Recycling and Composting

Share your ideas now at fcgov.com/ourclimatefuture

**Timberline Recycling Center Special Collection Event**

The City of Fort Collins' Timberline Recycling Center is partnering with local reuse business [Chair Table Home](#) to collect gently-used furniture for donation to local affordable housing groups.

When: Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Where: Hard-to-Recycle Materials Yard at the Timberline Recycling Center, 1903 S. Timberline Rd.

Safety: While hosting this event, City staff are dedicated to protecting the health and safety of the public, staff, and volunteers. All community members participating in this event are asked to adhere to the following procedures and guidelines:
• Remain in your vehicle at all times, event staff will unload donations from your vehicle.
• Face coverings are required by all attendees. All staff and volunteers at the event will also have appropriate personal protective equipment.
• Refrain from attending the event if you, or anyone in your household, are exhibiting symptoms of illness.

Items Accepted: The following items will be accepted during the event. Items should be in usable condition or require only minor repair.
• Small Dressers (2 – 3 drawers)
• Small Dining / Kitchen Tables
• Dining / kitchen chairs
• Small tables (end tables, coffee tables, nightstands)
• Small Bookcases (3 – 4 shelf)
• Dishware and Silverware
• Pictures, Art, Other Home Décor
• Towels

NOT ACCEPTED:
• Refrigerators and other large appliances
• Beds, futons and mattresses
• Sheets, comforters, pillows and any other bedding
• Couches, armchairs and love seats

During the event the Hard-to-Recycle Materials Yard will be open for regular business, collecting electronics, wood waste, scrap metal and more. Learn more about this event at fcgov.com/TRC.

**SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**

**Development of 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan**

The City of Fort Collins Draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan will be available for public review June 20, 2020–July 21, 2020. The Plan governs the City’s investment of federal funds for housing and community development priorities and needs, homelessness issues, and the needs of special populations for the next five-year period. An online Public Hearing was held on Thursday, July 2, 2020, from 2:00–3:00 p.m. City Council will take action regarding the Plan on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 6 pm. That meeting is also considered a Public Hearing. Find out more at fcgov.com/socialsustainability.
**ECONOMIC HEALTH**

The City is Promoting the Use of Face Coverings While Visiting Businesses

citing a mask inside businesses protects us all. Learn how you can be a responsible consumer while you support and shop local. Visit ForFortCollins.com for tools, resources, and ideas for both business and community to help our businesses reopen strong, reopen safe.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the widespread use of face coverings as a mechanism to slow the spread of COVID-19, particularly by people who may not yet show signs of being sick.

**UTILITIES**

**CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS**

Riverside Community Solar – With Council having approved (June 16) the resolution authorizing the acquisition, staff and Clean Energy Collective are finalizing all documents and anticipate a closing in the next several weeks to transfer the assets and program management to Utilities.

Our Climate Future (OCF) - The project has restarted in earnest with refined staff teams structure and the consultant on board. Virtual engagement survey and workshops are available for interested residents and stakeholders at https://ourcity.fcgov.com/ourclimatefuture to develop detailed strategies and tactics to achieve climate, energy and waste objectives.
Four Sprinkler Auditors started training on June 15\textsuperscript{th} with the Audit Program beginning on July 1\textsuperscript{st}. Program changes were made this year to ensure audits minimized in-person contact with customers and follow all City and County requirements. As of July 1\textsuperscript{st} the schedule is booked through mid-August with over 200 audits – only 100 audits away from the season’s goal of 300.

In early 2020, Water Conservation launched a residential customer portal (replaces Monitor My Use), which has been named My Water and will be co-branded with My Energy’s new customer portal. The number of customer’s registering for the portal has increased by 50\% beginning since January 2020, with over 700 new registrations. My Water customer portal allows customers to set high use alerts, view their monthly, daily and hourly water use, and get customized recommendations on actions they could take to improve their water efficiency.

The Xeriscape Incentive Program inspected 21 completed residential projects, issuing rebates to each of those customers for converting high-water use landscapes to low-water/no-water landscapes.

**Utilities Community Engagement** reached 4,467 participants through 98 outreach events and programs. In the month of June, Utilities offered the following engagement opportunities:

- June 9\textsuperscript{th} - Staff presented information on **Utilities Affordability Programs** to City employees at the Employee Check-In meeting.
- June 10\textsuperscript{th} - A virtual meeting was held for the **Working Families Thrive** group to provide updates from local non-profit organizations about COVID-19 and how to navigate future guidelines while still assisting clients. Staff provided an overview on payment assistance resources and LEAP updates.
- June 15\textsuperscript{th} - **Sprinkler auditors received a tour of 222 Laporte Ave.** This tour highlighted the sustainability aspects of the building.
- June 15\textsuperscript{th} – A **solar contractor orientation** was held for contractors that expressed interest in joining the Participating Solar Contractor Network. Contractors in the network can access the residential solar rebates.
- June 23\textsuperscript{rd} – A panel of experts answered common water-wise landscape conversion questions in a **virtual Commercial Landscape Q&A Session** for HOA & commercial customers.
- June 25\textsuperscript{th} - Staff shared information on the **Utilities Affordability Programs (UAP)** to Kaiser Permanente staff via Zoom.
- June 26\textsuperscript{th} - Staff shared information on the **Utilities Affordability Programs (UAP) as well as Energy and Water conservation** in-person to Villages on Horsetooth residents, an affordable housing community in town.
- June 26\textsuperscript{th} – Staff shared information on the **Utilities Affordability Programs (UAP)** to Larimer County staff via Zoom.

In July, Fort Collins Utilities Customer Connections is focused on stakeholder outreach and training and continues to evaluate the feasibility of in-person programming and conducting programs through remote option when possible.

In the month of July, Utilities will offer the following engagement opportunities:

- **Our Climate Future** - We’re asking community members for ideas on how to achieve the community’s goals around waste, energy, and climate. Sign up for a workshop or share ideas now: fcgov.com/climatefuture
  - July 9- Job Opportunities & Healthy Economy Workshop, Housing Affordability Workshop
- **July 14 – Wade the River** – This drop-in event gives community members an opportunity to search for what lies beneath the surface of the Cache la Poudre River. Biologists and educators from Colorado State University, Natural Areas and Utilities will be on hand to identify findings, and help participants understand how a healthy Poudre River means good quality drinking water for the City of Fort Collins.
July 23 – **Source to Tap** – This collaborative program with Natural Areas provides Junior Naturalists the opportunity to explore the journey of a drop of water, from its source to your tap at home. This program will include a short hike and exploration of how the City assesses the health of our watershed to provide drinking water.

July 24 – **Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) Annual Rent Party** – Due to COVID-19, N2N will not have an onsite event. Rather they are asking supporters to host smaller fundraising parties called Rent Party. Utilities is sponsoring the event through the Utilities Strategic Sponsorship Program. The goals is to have at least 20 individual parties throughout the month of July.

**LEAP Deadline Extended and Assistance Amounts Increased** – The Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) can now receive assistance for cooling costs in addition to heating costs. Enrollment closes on July 31.

**CARES Act Funding for Utilities Payment Assistance** – Governor Polis dedicated $4.8 million in CARES Act funding to go toward utilities bill payment assistance for those affected by COVID-19. Energy Outreach Colorado is currently working on the logistics for how to distribute the money. It will likely be given out via the normal channels (for our local customers that means via Catholic Charities, La Familia and DiscoverGoodwill).

Water Conservation Staff is accepting applications for the **Xeriscape Incentive Program** for HOAs and Commercial Properties grant program. Full applications are due August 1.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

### RECREATION

**COVID 19 Safety Guidelines:**
- As Recreation has reopened facilities, we are following CDC recommendations including: maintaining 6 feet physical distancing, using markers on the floor, installing sneeze guards to protect the cashiers and guests, requiring face coverings for staff and guest, and implementing additional cleaning throughout the facilities.

**FunQuest: Child Care Summer Program**
- Recreation partnered with PSD to be able to hold our summer FunQuest program at Riffenburgh Elementary School through July 17, 2020. FunQuest enrollments through June had over 450 participants. Staff are preparing to bring programming back to Northside Aztlan Community Center the week of July 20th.

**Virtual Programming:**
- Virtual Programming continues to be popular for patrons who are not ready to venture back into our facilities but are still wanting to be connected. We saw over 165 enrollments in our virtual fitness programs. We will be combining virtual and in person fitness programs in July.
The Farm
- The Farm opened for drop in visits on the weekends only with new measures such as one-way traffic, and a limited number of visitors at one time. 371 visitors in 4 weekends.

EPIC
- EPIC has hosted practice for 168 FAST members and 50 Vortex members during the month of June.
- 2,297 participants have utilized Sign Up Genius to reserve lap swim lanes.

PARKS
- Reopened many of the amenities in the Parks system including hosting weekend leagues for Triple Crown.
- Assisted with the closure of the homeless shelter at Northside Aztlan Community Center.
- Fossil Creek Community Park had two tennis courts renovated.
- Forestry partnered with Natural Areas on the Community Canopy program and distributed 225 trees for planting on private property.
- Forestry hosted the annual Mulch Giveaway Day on June 27th loading almost 500 vehicles/trailers with mulch recycled from City pruning/removal operations.
- Participated on the Alternate 4th of July Activities team and developed a day long list of activities to honor Independence Day.

CULTURAL SERVICES
- The tenth season of Pianos About Town began in June in Oak Street Plaza with artist Katie Fahrenbruch painting a mural inspired by the flowers of Fort Collins. The program started in 2010 as a collaboration between the City of Fort Collins Art in Public Places Program, Bohemian Foundation, and the Downtown Development Authority. Community members can watch as local artists transform donated pianos into public art. Scattered at locations across town, the completed pianos invite passersby to make and listen to music together.
- The City of Fort Collins Art in Public Places Program and Engineering Department, in partnership with the Downtown Creative District, is hiring local artists to paint temporary murals on the concrete barriers around outdoor dining areas throughout downtown. Shawna Turner is the first mural artist painting the barriers at the Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant.
NATURAL AREAS

2540 West Vine Drive and City Give

The City of Fort Collins’ Natural Areas Department has long had interest in conserving multiple tracts of land off West Vine Drive, between Taft Hill Rd and Overland Trail. In 2019, the Department acquired the first 35-acre plot often referred to as the “east Smith farm” property. Soon after, a passionate group of neighbors met with City staff to express support for the conservation of a second tract at 2540 West Vine, known as, the “Ashley property”.

The neighbors’ commitment to West Vine began years earlier as they advocated on behalf of an open space and maintaining the character of the neighborhood. Their passion, including the willingness to build a community fundraising campaign for the restoration of the Ashley property, motivated the City to enthusiastically continue negotiations for this site. With the property under a long-awaited purchase agreement, the neighbors’ advocacy continued as they launched a campaign to fuel and fund the restoration of these 35 acres.

The City’s newly launched department, City Give, creates an exciting platform for community giving efforts, like this campaign. City Give allows specific designation of charitable gifts to direct and restrict these funds in support of the donor’s intended purpose. As the City finalized the purchase of 2540 West Vine Drive in late June, these passionate residents continued their impressive efforts. Two community advocates, Doug Swartz and Dennis Sovick, led the campaign and contributed an invaluable amount of energy, time, and stewardship to the project.

In partnership with City Give, the community campaign surpassed fundraising goals reaching a total of $75,225.00 in charitable gifts dedicated to the restoration of the beloved neighborhood property for increased biodiversity, habitat, and public access. As the Natural Areas Department now moves to onboard this property into its portfolio of conserved urban lands, the City will continue to welcome neighbors’ involvement, input, and volunteerism in wildlife, land, and scenic conservation of this West Vine natural area.

Nature in the City Grant Awardees

Nature in the City is awarding $145,117 in funds to 18 projects this year through its grant program. The grant program empowers residents to plan and implement projects that improve access to nature, increase landscape diversity, and help connect wildlife habitat throughout the city. Projects are spread across the City and will demonstrate a variety of ways to weave nature into the fabric of the urban landscape. Funding amounts break down into the following:

- $10,000 in residential-scale grants to 11 community members to create native habitat in their yards and inspire their neighbors.
- $7,500 to two planning grants for CARE Housing and Maple Hill HOA to develop implementation ready plans for next year.
- $53,000 to two community-scale projects at Oakridge Village VII HOA and Warren Woods/Landings HOA to improve habitat and connect the community to nature.
- $75,000 to three neighborhood-scale projects at O’dea Elementary School, Poudre Valley Mobile Home Park and First Presbyterian church that focus on increasing access to nature.
- Watch the project at First Presbyterian evolve! It’s located on College just south of Mulberry on the west side of the road. The pollinator garden will be a highly visible and accessible demonstration of how to increase our local biodiversity to provide native habitat.

Visitation Continues to Break Records
Data from trailhead counters shows that the community’s natural areas experienced a 94% increase in visits during March – May 2020 as compared to the same time period in 2019. Some areas, such as Gateway and Soapstone Prairie natural areas saw visitation more than double during this time period (137% and 147% increase, respectively).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public Engagement Webinar on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
City staff participated in a virtual Public Engagement Webinar on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion organized by the International Association for Public Participation. The webinar also covered topics such as examples from other municipalities regarding changes to their public engagement approach because of COVID-19, and strategies on engaging with community members who do not have access to internet.

COVID Spanish Town Hall with Dr. Chris Urbina
City staff partnered with Poudre Library District to host a Spanish town hall for community members to learn about the health impacts of COVID-19. The town hall included the participation from Dr. Chris Urbina, a public health expert in Colorado. Community members were able to ask health related questions about COVID-19.

Public Engagement Presentation with Chamber of Commerce
City staff met with members of the Chamber of Commerce to share information regarding the City’s efforts on two of the City Council’s priorities related to Reimagining Public Engagement and Reimagining Boards and Commission.

BROADBAND – FORT COLLINS CONNEXION

Connexion Construction
Connexion and our contractor, Atlantic Engineering Group (AEG), suffered a tragic loss when a truck collided into a Connexion construction site. Four crewmembers from AEG were struck, resulting in three people being hospitalized and the death of Zachary Foster. Our continued thoughts are with the families, friends and coworkers of all the individuals involved, and with our own staff who have been impacted by this tragedy. This loss will be felt by our organization and community for a long time. It is critically important that we help support work zone safety. Working in and around traffic is hazardous and we ask our community to help keep our employees safe by not driving distracted, putting away electronics, not driving while tired or impaired and to be extra aware and cautious when entering a work zone.
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 High Performing Government Outcome Area.

![City Employee Safety - Days Away Restricted or Transferred (DART) Rate YTD](image)

**Analysis:**

**Note:** This historical data of this metric changes in subsequent time periods because injury data is tied to the date of injury regardless of when treatment occurs or the case changes from recordable to time away restricted, or transferred. For example, if an employee has an injury in March but he does not seek medical treatment until June, it will be captured on March’s OSHA log and it will not show up on the June log. National benchmark data for any year is only available in September of the following year. There is an approximate 18 month lag time in current available national benchmark data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

There has been a reduction in the number of cases that require modified duty and/or lost time from the job. The change in the work being done and how it is done have contributed to this decline. The pandemic also changed behavior in the City, which may account for the reduction in the DART for Police Services.

We will continue to work with groups on reducing the hazards that lead to these types of injuries. We are also working on improving job descriptions to ensure that they accurately reflect the work being done. We will also work with HR and CAO to determine how best to use these accurate job descriptions. SRM is also making every effort to be involved with reopening plans in the City. The
department sees great potential in reopening in a mindful way that addresses the reduced staffing levels and adjusted work.

**Definition:**
The Days Away Restricted or Transferred (DART) rate calculation is based upon the number of work related injuries and illnesses severe enough to cause an employee to be temporarily reassigned or miss work completely in relation to the total number of employee hours worked. This is a nationally recognized standard safety metric. Current-year benchmarks are not available as they are published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and have an approximate 18 month lag time.

**Why is this metric important?**
DART rate is important because it is a nationally benchmarkable measure widely accepted as representative of injury severity in the workplace. It is important for the City to provide a safe workplace for all employees and the only way to achieve that is by driving a culture of proactive safety built on continuous improvement. As safety efforts drive down injuries and injury severity, the costs associated with workers' compensation claims can be driven down as well. The reduction of days away, restricted or transferred is directly related to reduction in lost productivity as well as lost efficiency because only workgroups that are whole can operate at optimal performance.

**City's impact on this metric:**
High – Reducing the DART rate requires the City to reduce the number of injuries that result in days away, restricted or transferred. Getting employees back to work quickly and efficiently following injuries enables to the City to spend less money on benefits used to keep employees who are off or on modified duty whole. Many studies have led to the well accepted fact that employees who return to work quickly following an injury rehab faster, better, and more completely than those who do not. Driving down injuries that impact the DART rate requires workgroups to be engaged and to actively interact with injured workers to get them back to work as efficiently as medically possible. This engagement in conjunction with other ongoing proactive safety efforts has concrete and continuous impact on improving the City's safety culture.

**Benchmarks:**
This metric contains General Industry and Public Entities benchmark data. The General Industry benchmark gives overall context to the City's performance, while the Public Entities benchmark allows for a closer comparison that accounts for the unique challenges that face local governments.

To view the entire Dashboard, please visit: [http://fortcollins.clearpointstrategy.com/](http://fortcollins.clearpointstrategy.com/)