

# CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY



[Electric Bus Reveal](#)

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# ISSUES BEFORE COUNCIL

Please note that this list is subject to frequent change. Please call the City Clerk's Office for up-to-date information. 970-416-2774.

## MAY 17 REGULAR MEETING

- **2022 ARPA Mid-Cycle Appropriation**
  - Appropriate additional ARPA funds for short-term/immediate programs and projects.  
**Economic Health 3.1 – Facilitate government and local partners to achieve effective regional economic resilience.**
- **2022 COP Debt Issuance**
  - To Adopt the 2022 COP's and appropriate the proceeds from this debt issuance.  
**High Performing Government 7.8 – Maintain and protect assets and infrastructure to drive reliability, cost effectiveness, efficiency and improve the customer experience.**
- **Call of Special Election on November 8, 2022 (second reading)**
  - To call a special election to be held in conjunction with the November 8, 2022 General Election.  
**High Performing Government 7.1 – Provide world-class municipal services to residents and businesses.**
- **Executive Session**
  - To discuss legal questions related to pending and anticipated Halligan Reservoir eminent domain litigation and itger real property acquisition litigation.
- **Adoption of 2021 International Fire Code with Amendments (consent)**
  - Consider adoption of the 2021 International Fire Code with local amendments.  
**Safe Community 5.3 – Partner with Poudre Fire Authority to provide high-quality fire prevention, community risk reduction and emergency response services.**
- **Staff Report: Poudre Valley Fire Protection District Board to present Poudre Fire Authority's 2021 Annual Report**
  - Build relationships between Council and Poudre Fire Protection District Board members (the "parents" of Poudre Fire Authority) and to present the 2021 Annual Report to both groups in Work Session  
**Safe Community 5.3 – Partner with Poudre Fire Authority to provide high-quality fire prevention, community risk reduction and emergency response services.**

## MAY 24 WORK SESSION

- **Expanded Outdoor Dining**
  - To discuss on-going outdoor dining program options.  
**Economic Health 3.3 – Systematically engage the business community with an emphasis on starting, sustaining and renewing businesses.**
- **Larimer County Regional Transportation Update**
  - Receive input from all of the communities in Larimer County to help direct next steps for a regional transportation solution.  
**Transportation 6.2 – Manage traffic congestion and improve high-priority intersections for all users.**
- **Halligan Water Supply Project Update**
  - Provide Council with a periodic update on the Halligan Water Supply Project.  
**Environmental Health 4.4 – Provide a reliable, high-quality water supply.**



## JUNE 7 REGULAR MEETING

### ▪ Executive Session

- Conduct mid-year evaluations of Council's direct report employees: Interim City Manager, City Attorney, and Chief Judge.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT – UPCOMING EVENTS

### Community Survey

Surveys were mailed to randomly selected households across Fort Collins beginning in mid-April. Residents who receive the survey are encouraged to complete the survey and return by mail or online using a unique link code. Survey responses are completely confidential and allow residents the opportunity to rate City services and amenities and provide input on what priorities the City should focus on in the future.

The annual Community Survey helps inform the City's Strategic Plan, Budget, and helps the City:

- Prioritize programs and projects
- Improve existing services
- Identify disparities in perceptions of service across various demographics
- Create communication outreach efforts



Residents who did not receive a survey in the mail but would still like to weigh in can share their input online beginning May 6 at:

- English: <https://polco.us/fc2022>
- Spanish: <https://polco.us/fc2022sp>

### 2023-2024 Budget

Throughout the summer and fall, there will be a variety of ways community members can weigh in on the priorities that matter to them most, as well as specific funding proposals. Even if people have only a few minutes, there are opportunities to share their feedback. For more information or to participate, visit: <https://ourcity.fcgov.com/23-24budget>.

## SALES TAX - MONTHLY & YEAR TO DATE

This report reflects Sales and Use Tax collected in March for economic activity that occurred in February. Please note the sales and use tax collected in March is predominately from February sales but also includes delinquent collections from prior periods.

### MARCH SUMMARY OVER PRIOR YEAR

	Month	Year to Date
<b>Net Sales Tax Collected:</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>14.4%</b>
<b>Net Use Tax Collected:</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	<b>31.4%</b>
<b>Net Sales and Use Tax Collected:</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>16.5%</b>

Year to date, sales and use tax collections excluding rebates are up 16.5% and total \$42.6M.

### **MARCH SUMMARY OVER BUDGET**

	Month	Year to Date
Net Sales Tax Collected:	7.1%	11.2%
Net Use Tax Collected:	15.5%	15.3%
Net Sales and Use Tax Collected:	8.3%	11.8%

Year to date, the City has collected 11.8% more sales and use tax revenue, totaling \$4.5M over budget.

## **CP - ENGINEERING**

### **CITYWIDE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS PROJECT**

Funding Source: Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP)

Estimated Project Budget: 2022 - \$1.2M

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:**

- Staff has prioritized eight project locations and is currently in the construction design phase:  
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0f31cd83165a408eaa707b4a6d3c2387>

More information is available at <http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/pedneeds.php>

### **LINDEN STREET RENOVATION PROJECT**

Overall Project Improvements



## 2022 Construction



Funding Source: Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP)  
Estimated Project Budget: \$3.8M  
Estimated Completion Date: 2022  
Phase: Construction

### 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:

- **Linden Street is closed to traffic and will remain accessible by pedestrians throughout the project.**
- **Continued outreach and engagement with business owners and stakeholders on Linden Street throughout the project.**
- **New storm main and laterals have been placed. Final inlets to be placed near Jefferson intersection.**
- **Demolition and subsurface work are being performed from Old Firehouse Alley to Jefferson. This work includes underdrains, electrical, irrigation and caissons for light poles and shade structure anchors.**
- **Subsurface work is complete from Walnut to Old Firehouse Alley.**
- **Planter seat walls and other hardscape items are being installed from Walnut to Old Firehouse Alley.**

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

## TIMBERLINE ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT

Funding Source: Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF), Developer Contribution, Federal Grant  
Estimated Project Budget: \$8M  
Estimated Completion Date: 2022  
Phase: Construction

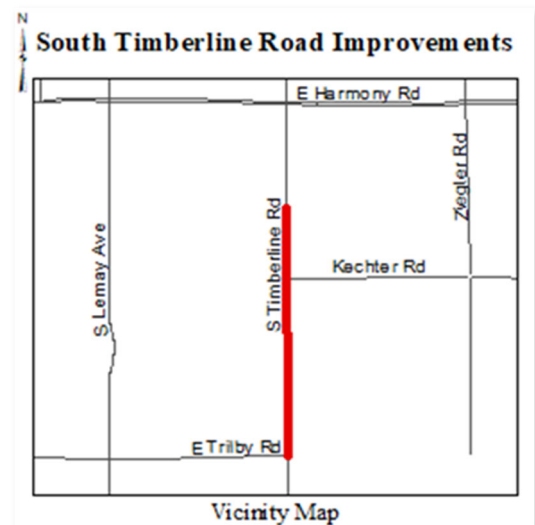
### Project Details:

This project will reconstruct South Timberline Road from Stetson Creek Drive to Zephyr Road to the City's four lane arterial roadway standards. Zephyr Road to Trilby Road will be restriped to include two northbound lanes and one southbound lane. Planned improvements include intersection improvements at Kechter Road and Zephyr Road, multi-modal accommodations, raised medians and center turn lanes, access control, landscaping improvements, and roadway improvements. A pedestrian underpass crossing Timberline Road will also be constructed near Bacon Elementary School.

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:

- Construction on the Mail Creek Ditch Box Culvert is completed.
- Construction on the east half of the Pedestrian Underpass Box Culvert is completed
- Work on the west half of the pedestrian underpass is underway. Traffic patterns are shifted to the east side of Timberline Road so work on the western portion of the two structures can be completed.
- The box culvert projects are on track to be completed in late June 2022.
- The Timberline (Stetson Creek to Zephyr) project bid opening resulted in pricing that exceeded the project budget. Engineering is rescoping the project and seeking additional funds to re-bid the corridor project this summer with the goal of starting construction in late summer, 2022.



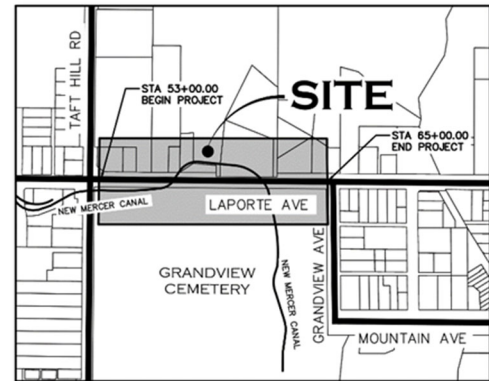
More information is available at <https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/timberlinewidening>

## LAPORTE AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS

Funding Source: Capital Bridge Program  
Estimated Project Budget: \$4.2M  
Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2023  
Project Phase: Design 30% to 90%

### 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 is entirely locally funded and will employ the GM/GC contract method.



### Project Status:

- SEMA was awarded the CMGC contract.
- Design team working on progressing 30% designs
- **30% Design reviews tentatively scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May.**
- Putting together Public Involvement Plan

More information is available at <https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/laporte-road-and-bridge-improvements>

## LAPORTE AVENUE ROADWAY AND MULTI-MODAL IMPROVEMENTS

Funding Source: CCIP, Pedestrian Program, TAP grant, MMOF grant, Revitalizing Mainstreets grant, TCEF  
Estimated Project Budget: \$4M  
Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2024  
Project Phase: Project Development

### Project Details:

This project will design and construct 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:

- CDOT IGA execution authorized by City Council
- **Expected to advertise for design contract June 2022**

More information is available at <https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/laporte-road-and-bridge-improvements>



## POWER TRAIL/ MAIL CREEK TRAIL OVERPASS CONNECTION PROJECT

Funding Source: State Multi-Modal Options Fund Grant, Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP - Bike / Pedestrian Grade Separated Crossings)  
Estimated Project Budget: \$4.5M  
Estimated Completion Date: 2023  
Phase: Preliminary Design, Railroad Coordination

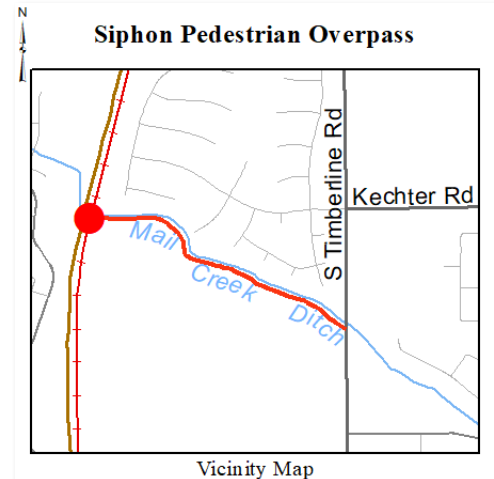
### Project Details:

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 to deliver this connection. This project will design and construct a trail overpass over the railroad tracks and a trail connection to Timberline Road halfway between Harmony and Trilby.

### Project Status:

- Coordinating alignment with railroad, utilities, and Parks Department.
- Final design is scheduled to start in June 2022

More information is available at: <https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/siphonoverpass>



## VINE AND LEMAY BNSF IMPROVEMENTS

Funding Source: Keep Fort Collins Great (KFCG), Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF), 2017 / 2018 BFO, 2021 BFO  
Estimated Project Budget: \$28M  
Estimated Completion Date: 2022  
Phase: Construction

December 2021 Progress Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EVOLt97ZR8>

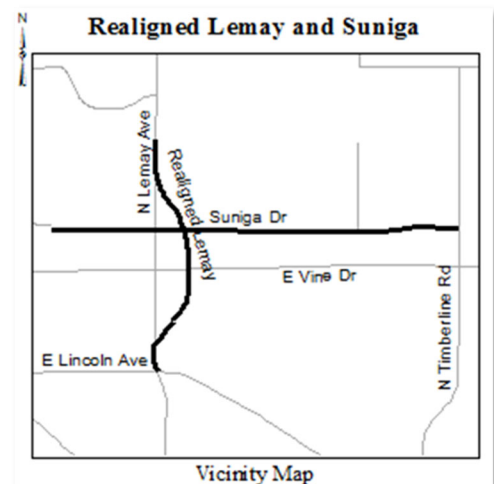
### Project Details:

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:

- All paving was completed, and the project was opened to vehicular traffic on December 11, 2021.
- Remaining work includes landscaping, bridge concrete stain and lighting, underpass stormwater pumps, Suniga intersection signals, and artwork to be installed in the surrounding area.
- Landscape repair is beginning the second week of May
- Landscape is planned to be fully installed by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- A ribbon cutting and celebration is being planned for later in 2022.

More information is available at [fcgov.com/engineering/vine-lemay](https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/vine-lemay)

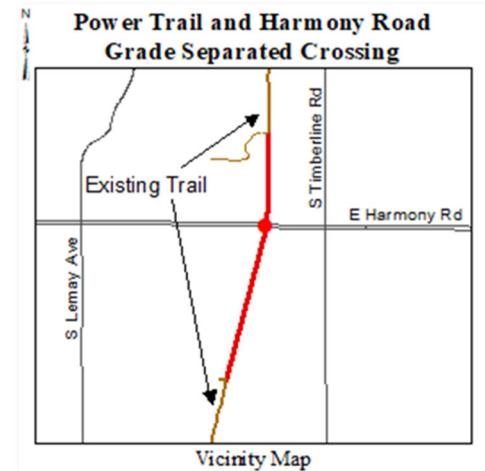


## POWER TRAIL AND HARMONY ROAD GRADE SEPARATED CROSSING

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: 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. 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 underpass at Harmony Road as well as the trail connections on either side.



### Project Status:

- Reassessing alternatives in light of new pricing information regarding duct bank relocation
- Awaiting BFO offer status to inform project schedule

More information is available at <https://www.fcgov.com/engineering/powertrailcrossing>



# CP - PARK PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

## BUCKING HORSE PARK

Funding Source: Neighborhood  
Parkland Funds  
Total Project Cost: \$2.5 - \$4.5 million  
Phase: Design  
Estimated Completion: 2023

### Project Details:

Bucking Horse Park is a park planned for the Bucking Horse neighborhood.

### Project Status:

- **Contracts for construction being finalized, with work anticipated to begin in the next month.**



More information available on [project webpage](#).

## EAST PARK DISTRICT MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Funding Source: Neighborhood Parkland &  
Community Parkland Funds  
Total Project Cost: \$7 million  
Phase: Design  
Estimated Completion: Fall/Winter 2022

### 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:

- Construction continues on the maintenance facility.





## MAIL CREEK TRAIL

Funding Source: Multiple Funding Sources including Grants, TCEF, and Conservation Trust Funds  
Total Project Cost: TBD  
Phase: Pre-Design  
Estimated Completion: TBD

### Project Details:

When completed, the Mail Creek Trail will create a trail connection from Kinard Middle School to the Power Trail, providing much needed trail access for southeast Fort Collins. Currently, design of the Siphon overpass and construction of the trail widening/underpass at Timberline Road are in progress, in partnership with the Engineering Department. In addition, Park Planning & Development is working to identify the best location for the future Mail Creek Trail.



### Project Status:

- Staff reviewing proposals from consultants to design the section of trail between Timberline Road and Spindlebush Lane.
- Staff are working to develop long term planning of the trail alignment in coordination with other ongoing projects. At this point, trail construction will likely begin in 2024.

More information available on [project webpage](#).

## POUDRE TRAIL AT I-25

Funding Source: Conservation Trust Fund & GOCO Grant (\$1M for Fort Collins)  
Total Project Cost: \$3 million  
Phase: Design  
Estimated Completion: 2023

### Project Details:

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 \$2 million 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:

- Staff has completed 100% plans and project specifications.
- Staff continues to coordinate with adjacent property owners to acquire easements for trail construction

More information available on [project webpage](#)

## SPRING CANYON DOG PARK

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Funding Source: Nature In the City Grant for \$75,000

Total Project Cost: TBD

Phase: Design

Estimated Completion: Fall 2021

### Project Details:

The water quality at Spring Canyon Community Park was adversely affected by the drainage out of the dog park pond. Particularly, issues like E. coli were difficult to manage and put the dog park pond at risk of closure. Park Planning & Development worked with Stormwater, Parks, and Environmental Regulator Affairs to seek and receive a grant from Nature in the City. This grant will allow for much needed LID improvements and restoration work on the dog park and SCCP water quality ponds.



### Project Status:

- **Construction will begin in the spring, expected opening by summer.**
- **Staff are working on signage for the project and preparing for the start of construction.**

More information available on [project webpage](#).

## TRAVERSE PARK

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Funding Source: Neighborhood Parkland Funds

Total Project Cost: \$3.5- 4 million

Phase: Construction

Estimated Completion: December 2021

### Project Details:

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



### Project Status:

- **Plantings are underway at the park.**

More information available on [project webpage](#).



## EDORA DISC GOLF PARK UPDATES

Funding Source: TBD  
Total Project Cost: TBD  
Phase: Planning  
Estimated Completion: TBD

### Project Details:

Staff are coordinating with two private disc golf groups to significantly improve the course located at Edora Park.

### Project Status:

- Staff are working to finalize signage updates for the course.
- Construction on the hole modifications is anticipated to begin soon.



## CP - OPERATION SERVICES

### BLOCK 32/42 – CIVIC MASTER PLAN REFRESH

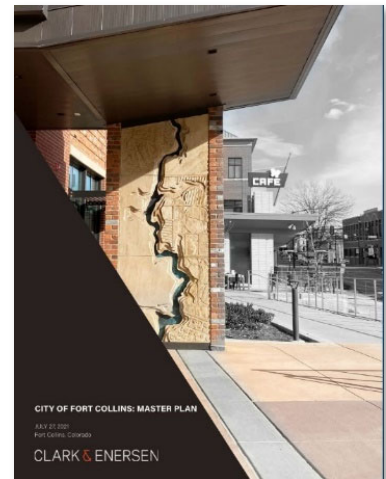
Funding Source: Capital Project via BFO: \$300,000  
Estimated Project Cost: TBD  
Phase: Conceptual Master Plan  
Estimated Completion Date: June 2022

### 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:

- The Master Plan has been adopted by City Council.
- Next steps as outlined in the Council Work Session presentation are ongoing. This includes the traffic and parking studies and Civic Center Master Plan Space Planning.



# CP - UTILITIES

## LIGHT & POWER JOINT TRAINING FIELD WITH POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY

Funding Source: Offer # 11.21

Estimated Project Budget: \$110,000 (\$55,000 each in 2021 and 2022).

Phase: Design

### Project Details:

- Poudre Fire Authority (PFA) and Utilities staff have been coordinating a plan to collaborate on training services that will benefit both agencies at the PFA Training Center on West Vine Drive. The development of these props will benefit the City's Utilities Service Area by eliminating the need to purchase land on which to erect the props, and PFA benefits through the partnership by adding new dimensions to special rescue training, as well as partnering with Utilities to facilitate other site improvements. In this arrangement, PFA staff is working with Utilities staff to develop the construction drawings, surveys, and any excavation and installation work that is necessary for the project. PFA's cost is expected to be minimal, and Utilities has existing and future offers in the City's budgeting process to cover their portion of the expenses.



### Project Status:

- Initial poles for climbing and pole rescue training have been set. Remainder of poles are to be set **in mid- 2022**.
- Access road improvements are expected to be constructed in **mid-2022**.

## STONEHENGE CABLE REPLACEMENT-PRIORITY #4

Funding Source: BFO # 8.9

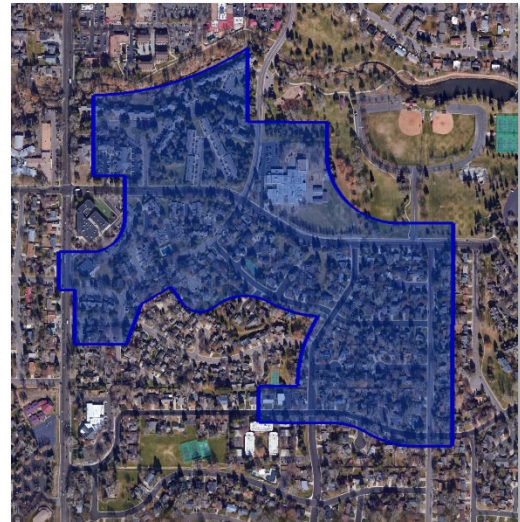
Estimated Project Budget: \$283,500

Phase: In Construction

### Project Details:

- Electric primary cable has been evaluated through the City based on year of installation, style of cable and

manufacturer to establish a prioritized failure risk. This area was calculated as Priority Area #4 citywide and involves the replacement of one (1) section of 3-phase power and 56 sections of single-phase power. The replacement primarily occurs within the Stonehenge Subdivision located east of S. Lemay Avenue along Stuart Street.



Aerial view of priority area.

**Project Status:**

- Due to COVID 19 and with a lot of people working and learning from their homes, extra construction planning around outages is needed and may require outages to occur after hours or on weekends.
- Approximately 70% of all the single-phase cable sections have been replaced.
- Currently the 3-phase cable section is still in construction planning.
- Currently, 75% of the existing transformers designated for replacement have occurred with minimum outages
- This project is expected to be complete in the second quarter of 2022.

## CABLE REPLACEMENT PRIORITY #1-WOODWEST

Funding Source: BFO # 8.9  
Estimated Project Budget: \$275,000  
Phase: Construction-On Hold

**Project Details:**

- Electric primary cable has been evaluated throughout the Light & Power (L&P) service area based on the year of installation, style of cable and manufacturer to establish a prioritized failure risk. This area was calculated as Priority Area #1 citywide and involves the replacement of 26 sections of single-phase power and four sections of three-phase power. The replacement primarily occurs within Woodwest Subdivision and Cimmaron Square Subdivision located southeast of W. Drake Road and S. Shields Street.



Aerial View of Woodwest Priority Area

**Project Status:**

- This project is scheduled to be complete in May 2022.



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY



### **Firefighters Completed Wildland Refresher Training**

Many pieces contribute to wildland fire preparedness and prevention and one major aspect is training. Crews recently completed their wildland fire refresher course which includes classroom and training scenario time.

All firefighters participated in a 90 minute course that reviewed fire suppression techniques for grass fires and discussed the Marshall Fire and other case studies. Then crews went out to the fields at the PFA Training Center and completed fire attack scenarios. The cones you see in the photo to the right represent “the black” or the area already burned by the fire and the space typically used by responders during fire suppression.

### **Distracted Driving Awareness Month**

April was Distracted Driving Awareness Month. PFA reminded the community to keep their phone down and their eyes up. PFA has responded to 359 motor vehicle crashes in 2022 already. People suffered injuries in 169 of those crashes. Ten required extrications, meaning a passenger or driver could not remove themselves from the vehicle. Responders used tools to remove the vehicle from around the patient while providing medical care when needed.

Remember, IT. CAN. WAIT. Eyes on the road can truly mean the difference between life and death and not just for yourself, but those with you, and others on the road.

## Hoffman Mill Fire and Manure Fire in Same Day | April 29



PFA responded to two fires that started from spontaneous combustion on April 29. At 2:19 p.m. Crews responded to multiple small manure fires throughout the horse corrals west of the Rampart Rd. and S. Overland Trail intersection. Firefighters were able to extinguish the flames but remained for several hours battling the wind as it reignited hot spots and spread embers. There were no people or animals in the corrals at the time and no injuries were reported.

Then, at 4:54 p.m., Crews were dispatched to a fire near 1380 Hoffman Mill Rd. Callers reported that the fire in the mulch and slash piles was quickly growing and heavy smoke could be seen from a distance. A second alarm wildfire response was dispatched. PFA had responded to a small fire in the mulch pile that morning and the area was being closely monitored by the City of Fort Collins. The strong winds caused it to reignite.

Crews accessed the fire from Hoffman Mill Rd. and the Poudre Trail. Firefighters attacked the flames in the piles which were about 10 ft. tall and set up a perimeter to keep the fire from spreading to the nearby field. They also set up structure protection for the buildings to the east as a precaution. The fire jumped from the mulch and slash piles to a strip of trees and grass immediately to the east. Crews were able to keep the fire from spreading much beyond the area.

A PFA Brush Truck and Crews along with workers from the City of Fort Collins Forestry Department, Parks Department, and Streets Departments remained overnight. PFA Crews left the fire at 7:00 a.m. the next day and continued to work with the City and assess as needed.

Thank you to the City workers for all the collaboration and work.



## POLICE SERVICES

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### Notable Cases

Accidental shooting death - On April 10, 2022, Fort Collins Police Services responded to a home in the 1200 block of Lincoln Avenue where a six-year-old boy had accidentally shot himself. He was transported to an area hospital but died as a result of his injuries. After processing the scene, gathering evidence, and conducting interviews, detectives learned that Roy's mother, Rosinetta Mackall, had taken the handgun out earlier that day and left it laying in an area frequently accessed by her children. Several hours later, Roy picked up the gun and accidentally shot himself. Mackall was charged with Child Abuse – Knowingly/Recklessly Causes Death (class 2 felony) and Unlawful Storage of a Firearm (class 2 misdemeanor). Her husband, Ronald Matthews, was also charged for lying to police and tampering with evidence of his conversations with Mackall surrounding the incident. This was a heartbreaking case for all involved and the impact resonated throughout our community. FCPS will continue to provide information and resources regarding safe gun storage to prevent future tragedies.

Uncooperative armed suspect safely arrested - In late 2021, Fort Collins Police detectives received a report of repeated assaults that occurred several years earlier. The suspect was identified as Dakota Colvin, who was 19 at the time of the incidents. Colvin was reported to have sexually assaulted two young children who he knew during the summer of 2016. The assaults happened on numerous occasions over several months. After a lengthy investigation, a warrant was issued for Colvin's arrest in April 2022. Police contacted him on April 22 in the 800 block of East Harmony Road. Colvin was armed and refused to follow instructions. Officers used several less lethal tools in an effort to gain his cooperation. K9 Eleiko was deployed, and officers were able to safely take Colvin into custody. A handgun was removed from his possession. Colvin was arrested for Sexual assault on a child by one in a position of trust (class 3 felony), Pattern of sexual assault on a child by one in a position of trust – 3 counts (class 3 felony), Felony menacing (class 5 felony), Resisting arrest (class 2 misdemeanor).

*All charges are simply an accusation by law enforcement officers, and all parties must be presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.*

### Community Engagement

Drug Takeback Day – FCPS hosted a Drug Takeback event on April 28 as part of the national effort to safely dispose of unwanted medications. Safe disposal ensures that medications don't fall into the wrong hands, and it keeps chemicals out of the landfill and water system. A total of 249 people stop by during the four-hour event. They dropped off a total of 513 pounds of unwanted meds, which FCPS turned over to the DEA for destruction. Community members also have the option to dispose of prescription and OTC medications year-round at the disposal kiosk located at the main Police Services Building.



Autism Fair – The Mental Health Response Team was busy serving and engaging throughout the month of April. They had a chance to connect with members of our community at the Autism Resource Fair hosted at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery. They spent time meeting local families, learning about their experiences and concerns, and celebrating neurodiverse perspectives here in Fort Collins. They also got to meet the legendary scientist and autism advocate, Dr. Temple Grandin, who spoke at the event!



Center for Family Outreach event - FCPS joined members of our community at The Center for Family Outreach annual breakfast. Hundreds of people gathered to celebrate The Center and their mission: provide case management, prevention, education, and early intervention for youth and families. They offer services like crisis intervention, tutoring and other classes for youth struggling with substance use, mental health issues, family conflict, and at-risk behavior. This was a great opportunity for officers and professional staff members to connect with other community partners invested in supporting our youth.



## Agency News

**Vitals Program Launch** - In mid-April, Police Services announced that officers will begin using [The Vitals App](#), becoming the first public safety agency in Colorado to use the cutting edge technology. Fort Collins is also the first city in the nation launching Vitals through a co-response model, as UCHealth and FCPS partner to bring this program to our community.

The Vitals App allows a vulnerable person or caregiver to download an app, and voluntarily provide real-time critical information about medical conditions, visible and invisible intellectual and developmental conditions or disabilities, memory loss and mental health challenges. The customized account profiles often include de-escalation cues and techniques, behavior triggers, current medications, etc. When first responders (FCPS and UCHealth personnel) come within 80 feet of the person, they'll get a notification on their phone with this information. They can then use this added context to effectively de-escalate and support the person's immediate needs.

# PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORTATION

## BUILDING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

### 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%2FZONING&vid=2&cmd=showdt>

For a detailed listing of development Proposals under review, please visit:

<https://www.fcgov.com/developmentreview/proposals/>

### YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON

	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	% Change
Development Project Submittals Received	79	86	8.86%
Conceptual/Preliminary Design/Staff Reviews	89	63	-29.21%

Building Permits Issued	3,090	2,544	-17.67%
Building Permit Valuations (\$M)	\$99.21	\$174.01	75.39%
Building Inspections Performed	10,133	11,057	9.12%
Zoning Inspections Performed	143	118	-17.48%
Zoning Plan Reviews Performed	1,092	1,023	-6.32%

Overall Development Review Center revenues are \$(1,127,365) under projection for 2022 as of April 30th, with Building Services under by \$(558,438), Neighborhood Services and Code Compliance over by \$49,149, Development Review over by \$9,255 and Engineering Development Review under by \$(627,331).

## GRAFFITI UPDATE

During the month of April 2022, the Graffiti Abatement Team abated 62 issues consisting of 403 tags measuring 1,994 square feet of graffiti-covered surfaces.

Month	Access FC	Hotline	Pro-Active	Total
January	4	43	8	55
February	2	25	12	39
March	28	6	37	71
April	23	9	32	62

The issues were distributed throughout the City in the following Council Districts:

Month	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
January	11	7	5	5	5	22
February	11	8	6	5	5	9
March	29	4	2	14	6	15
April	21	8	1	8	12	10



# SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

### Reminder About Outdoor Burning Rules



This time of year, please remember that outdoor fires can negatively affect those around you and also create safety hazards because of the recent dry, windy weather conditions. In March 2019, the City of Fort Collins Council adopted new nuisance code language to address health and nuisance impacts of wood smoke.

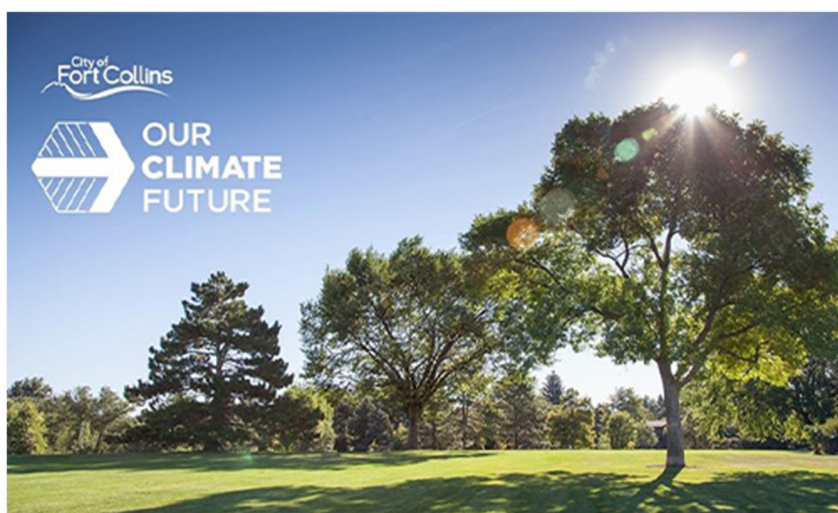
- Outdoor wood burning fires must be at least 15 feet from adjacent property lines
- Wood burning fires must be extinguished by 10:00 p.m.

Learn more at: [fcgov.com/airquality/outdoorburning](https://fcgov.com/airquality/outdoorburning)

### Our Climate Future: Upcoming Partnership Opportunities

Our Climate Future is all about community voices, priorities, and leadership. In 2022, there are three primary pathways for how the City and community might come together on this important work:

- Community members may provide insights, feedback, and their expertise as consultants to City-led teams and projects.
- Community organizations may partner with the City on projects with shared outcomes and decision making.





- Community organizations may seek resources from the City to support their own projects.

Use this [guide](#) to help you think through how you might want to engage this year.

Check the May FoCo Environmental Newsletter for a survey to express your interest in being a Community Strategy or Next Move Consultant! Opportunities for the other pathways (co-led projects and community-led projects) will be coming this summer.

## SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

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### Kechter Townhomes Project Awarded \$2.2M in funding from DOLA



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This awarded project is a part of an exciting new program through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), with funding from HB21-1271, that offers state assistance to local governments that have implemented strategies to promote the development of innovative affordable housing projects. The program is funded with both federal and state stimulus funds.

This project was reviewed based on a variety of factors such as readiness, capacity, impact on local housing needs, sustained and equitable community support, provision of community benefits, and consideration of sustainable development patterns.

This project will build 54 permanently affordable townhomes in the South Fort Collins/Loveland Water District. City Council approved the sale of the land bank parcel to the project partnership in November 2021. A groundbreaking celebration occurred on March 7, 2022. To learn more about the Kechter Townhomes Project visit: [fcgov.com/socialsustainability/landbank](https://fcgov.com/socialsustainability/landbank)

## ECONOMIC HEALTH

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### Asian American and South Pacific Islander Heritage Month



May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month! This month is an annual celebration that recognizes the historical and cultural contributions of individuals and groups of Asian and Pacific heritage. Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. To read about Asian Americans in Early Fort Collins, [click here](#).

## UTILITIES

### CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS SERVICE UNIT (CCSU)

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#### Upcoming Public Engagement

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

- May 2 – **Watershed Deliberation** – Utilities staff will teach Front Range Community College students about the importance of taking action to address water conservation and understand how they can help.
- May 3, 4, 5 – **Stream Ecology Education** – Utilities staff will provide a watershed field trip for fifth graders from Werner Elementary. Students will explore the Poudre River by dip netting for macroinvertebrates which are an indicator for water quality health.
- May 4 – **Net Zero Cities** – Utilities staff will have a booth at this working symposium dedicated to sharing technology, resources and knowledge for the continuous development and advancement of net zero energy, carbon and waste reduction.
- May 5 – **Spring Key Account Meeting** – Utilities staff will engage businesses at this biannual meeting with important Utilities updates and provide information about one of its critical functionalities: wastewater treatment.
- May 11 – **Sustainable Business Program Pilot Kick-off**- Lead by Sustainable Living Association and in partnership with local businesses, Utilities and Sustainability Services, a new sustainable

business program model will be piloted this summer. This event signifies the beginning of the pilot process.

- **May 13- History of Utilities-** Utilities staff will visit Winslow Independent Living residents to share the history of Utilities in Fort Collins
- **Urban Lakes Engagement-** Throughout May and June Utilities, Natural Areas and Park's staff will seek community member input on the water quality of urban lakes and ponds. Input will impact management policy decisions planned in late summer.

In 2022, Community Engagement has reached 1,878 participants through 54 engagement opportunities.

## WATER UTILITIES

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- **Utilities Executive Director** Kendall Minor started on February 22 and provides strategic leadership over the City of Fort Collins' utility portfolio, including essential electric, water, wastewater and stormwater services. The position is part of the City's executive leadership team and reports to the city manager. Kendall most recently served as the vice president of construction for Cherry Street Renewables in Atlanta, GA. He spent more than a decade as the utilities portfolio leader for Southern Company, where he began his career in 2007. He has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. During his career, Kendall worked on every facet of utilities required to lead power generation, transmission and distribution, water/stormwater, fiber, as well as renewables.
- **Director of Water Utilities** Jason Graham started on April 18 in this newly created position that unites Water Resources and Treatment Operations, Water Engineering and Field Services, and Stormwater Engineering and Development Review. Jason has local roots and a bachelor's degree in Biology from Colorado State University, as well as a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Colorado. He has worked for the City of Fort Collins for 23 years, where he's held various roles with the water side of Utilities, including director of plant operations for Drake Water Reclamation Facility.
- **Water Field Operations.** Director of Water Field Operations Andrew Gingerich and Human Resources Senior Partner Maryann Fillingim will speak on partnerships (conducting operator survey and building Utilities and HR relationship) at the May 18-19 Rocky Mountain Workforce Convening in Castle Rock, CO. The workshop theme is "Building a Sustainable Workforce through Recruiting, Retention, Competency, and Partnerships" and is a follow up to the November 2021 American Water Works Association webinar "The Four Pillars of a Sustainable Water Workforce." The event is part of a nationwide effort to address the challenges of sustaining the water sector workforce, and will feature interactive panel discussions, facilitated plenary sessions, and a chance to provide input on the development of programs and initiatives that will emerge from the workshop.
- **Environmental Regulatory Affairs Division.** Kathy Marko, new Environmental Regulatory Affairs Division Manager, started on April 4 after a very competitive selection process. She has a degree in Environmental Engineering, and comes from the City of Longmont, where she has worked in the regulatory arena for 14 years, including managing programs related to drinking water, wastewater, stormwater quality, watershed health, air quality, and solid waste. Kathy enjoys collaborating with colleagues and partners to participate in the development and

implementation of meaningful regulations to help protect public health and the environment, with a focus on implementing sustainable solutions.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### RECREATION

- All 3 licensed childcare programs are at 100% capacity (based on available staffing).
- There are over 3,100 current enrollments in summer youth programs with projected revenues of more than \$550,000.
- For all youth programs, there are 1,120 waitlist enrollments for summer (about 50/50 between early learning and school age). There are 211 waitlist enrollments for Funtime Preschool alone.
- EPIC hosted the PSD all City Swim Meet on April 25.
- The Farm has 4 goat kids, 3 lambs, 4 pullets (formerly chicks) and 2 poult, (baby turkeys). Weekend pony rides also began the week of April 2.
- The Spring Artisan Market was held at the Senior Center on April 9. The event had several hundred community members attend.



### PARKS

- Edora pond dredging project.
- East Maintenance Facility is under construction.
- Old Town Square Oak tree removal.
- Spring clean-ups underway on all medians.
- Hiring hourly staff for the summer.





## CULTURAL SERVICES

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### Live at the Gardens Summer Concert Series

- **The Gardens on Spring Creek** and **The Lincoln Center** have partnered yet again for the [Live at the Gardens Summer Concert Series](#)! From June to September, enjoy the sounds of summer with a season of good vibes in a breathtakingly beautiful venue. Upcoming concerts include [Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives](#) on June 18<sup>th</sup> and [Chris Botti](#) on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Fort Collins Museum of Discovery** is collaborating with Sustain Music and Nature to bring “[Trail Sessions: iZCALLi and Fancy Bits](#)” on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. The event features a hike followed by a concert by Colorado bands iZCALLi and Fancy Bits on the rooftop of the museum. This is a free event. RSVP at [sustainmusicandnature.org](https://sustainmusicandnature.org).
- The **Art in Public Places** twelfth season of [Pianos About Town](#) is underway! Look for a new artist painting every two weeks in the Art in Action Tent, located on Mountain Avenue at the south end of Old Town Square. Multiple artists will paint murals on pianos Downtown mid-May through early October. The project is a collaboration among the Bohemian Foundation, Downtown Development Authority, and the City of Fort Collins Art in Public Places.

## NATURAL AREAS

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### Grant to Improve Habitat for Wildlife and Resiliency

A \$328,900 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to control and eradicate invasive annual grasses across seven Front Range foothills open spaces was recently awarded to City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department, Larimer County Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Boulder County Parks & Open Space, and Jefferson County Open Space.

City of Fort Collins Natural Areas will receive \$22,875 to aerially treat 780 acres of Bobcat Ridge and Coyote Ridge natural areas to control invasive and non-native cheatgrass. The treatment will focus on areas used as winter range by elk and mule deer. The Natural Areas Department will match the grant with cash and in-kind staff time.

### **Supporting Hawk Nesting at Soapstone Prairie**

Ferruginous hawks thrive in the open landscapes of the short-grass prairie. This species of hawk is particularly impacted by human land use and are identified as a species of conservation concern by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Elevated nest sites can be scarce in grasslands, yet with a power pole donated from Fort Collins Utilities Light and Power, Natural Areas created a reliable nesting site, protected from the prairie winds. Staff hopes to confirm active nesting this month and will track any progress on a bi-weekly basis, via an ongoing raptor nest monitoring project.



### **Buckhorn Addition Will Add 675 Acres to Bobcat Ridge Natural Area**

The City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department is purchasing 675-acres adjacent to Bobcat Ridge Natural Area. The acquisition will take place in two parts; 414 acres were bought in April 2022, and 261 acres are planned to be purchased in early 2023.

Thanks to a partnership with Larimer County Natural Resources, a portion of the purchase price was funded in exchange for a conservation easement on the entirety of Bobcat Ridge, which after both additional land acquisitions will total 3,280-acres.

The acquisition is in a high-priority area. It eliminates 11, 35-acre homesites and a 28-lot subdivision, which were ready for development and would have negatively impacted the scenic values and wildlife corridors at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area.

The Buckhorn Addition to Bobcat Ridge provides excellent wildlife habitat and includes ponderosa pine forests, mountain mahogany shrublands, riparian areas along Buckhorn Creek, and rock outcroppings.

While the Buckhorn Addition will be closed to the public for some time, there are several opportunities for future visitor use including event space rentals and a trail network to connect to adjoining conserved lands. The addition includes a ranch homestead, a shop building, and structures associated with an event center.

Future public access will be planned and opportunities for public engagement will be available after the real estate deals are finalized.



## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### Community Equity Forum

More than 80 community members joined City staff and volunteers from Colorado State University's Center for Public Deliberation for a forum on Thursday, April 28 at the Senior Center. The event included round table conversations on criminal justice and housing in the community. The City's recently released Equity Indicators Dashboard was also featured along with upcoming engagement opportunities. Childcare, dinner and live interpretation were provided.

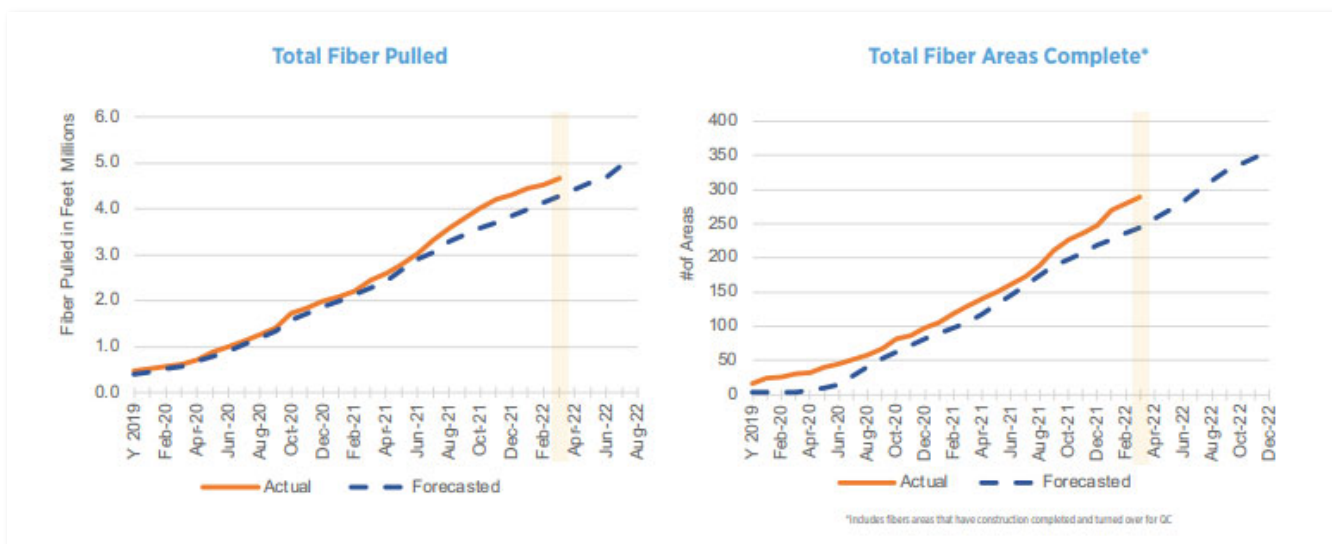


## BROADBAND – FORT COLLINS CONNEXION

### Connexion Construction Update

Connexion continues to build out across the city of Fort Collins. We are on target to complete construction by the end of the year.





We are releasing new neighborhoods for service weekly with new customer sign ups daily. Our vendor partner, OnTrac, recently added a 7<sup>th</sup> installation truck to help with the increase in new customer installations.



### Lawn Restoration

Our goal throughout the entire construction and installation process is to be as minimally invasive as possible and return your property to its original state. Following work, crews will restore landscaping and clean up after themselves when finished. However, there are occasions where your sprinkler system may be impacted. But not to worry! If your lawn or sprinkler system has been affected by construction or installation, please call our Construction Help Line at 970-674-7800 and we will take care of any resodding and/or sprinkler repair.

### Social Media

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) at @FoCoConnexion! Join the Connexion community—get updates and information on services and more!

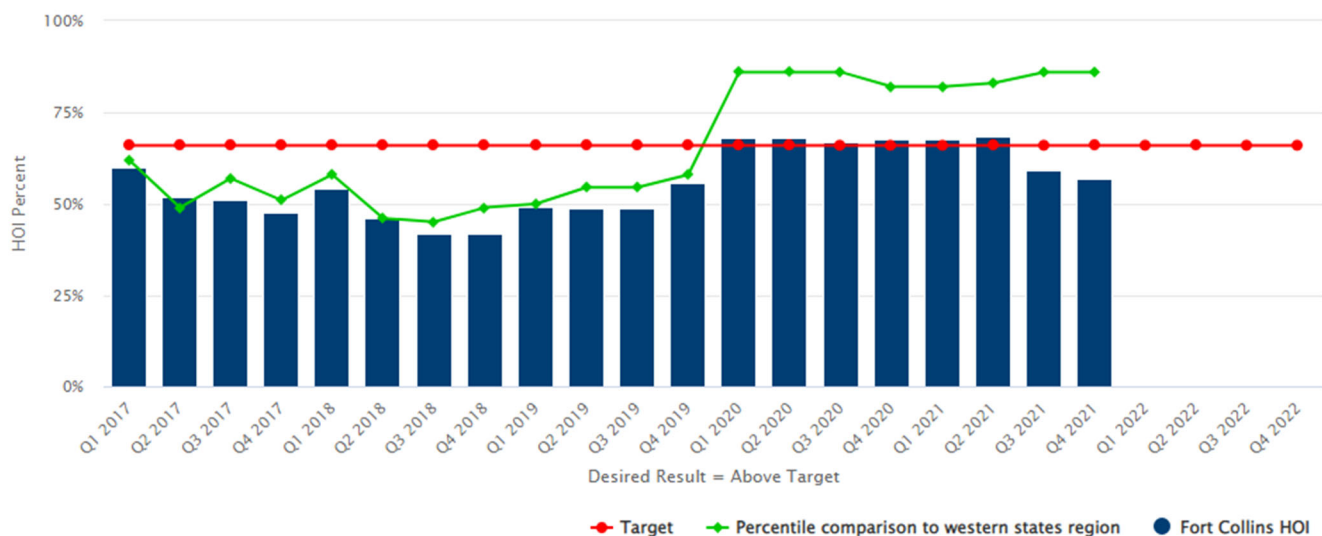


# COMMUNITY DASHBOARD HIGHLIGHT

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 Mobility, and High Performing Government. The Dashboard is made up of 37 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 Neighborhood Livability and Social Health Outcome Area.

## Fort Collins' Housing Opportunity Index (HOI) compared to western states region HOI



### Analysis:

- **This is a quarterly metric reported one quarter in arrears.**
- While more than achieving the goal of staying in the top 66% of Western State, Fort Collins remains in the top 86% this quarter.
- However, the home ownership index score for Fort Collins continued to drop to 56.8% of the homes sold this quarter being affordable to residents making the area median income. House prices continue to rise faster than increases in income.
- Robust demand continues to overwhelm housing supply and production of new homes continues to face labor and supply chain headwinds.
- This information is always published for the preceding quarter.

### Definition:

The Housing Opportunity Index (HOI) is defined as the share of homes sold in an area that would have been affordable to a family earning the local median income. The target is to be in the top third (66% or better) for the Western region of the United States.

**Why is this metric important?**

This metric measures how the community's housing affordability changes over time based on income and housing cost. Data draws from the private housing market and interest rates and is an indication of how well the market is responding to families earning the area median income.

**City's impact on this metric:**

Low – The City does not directly affect the private housing market or residents' income levels. Through grants provided by the Competitive Process, the City often incentivizes a limited number of new housing units for lower-income residents, which would be included in the number of housing units reported through the HOI data. This metric reports market activity more than City activity.

**Benchmarks:**

This metric contains regional benchmark data because the target for this metric is defined as being in the top 66% regionally for HOI. Comparing Fort Collins' HOI to the regional HOI allows a separate analysis of internal and external trends, which places the City's performance in context. There are only 6 reporting areas in Colorado, which is not enough for a good comparison. This data is published quarterly, although published for the preceding quarter.

To view the entire Dashboard, please visit: <http://fortcollins.clearpointstrategy.com/>