

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY



[Oak Street Plaza](#)

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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.

JUNE 14 WORK SESSION

- **Land Use Code Update Phase 1 Housing Implementation**
 - Provide an overview of proposed Land Use Code Changes.
Neighborhood Livability & Social Health 1.1 – Improve and increase availability and choice of quality housing that is affordable to a broad range of income levels.

JUNE 21 REGULAR SESSION

- **Referral of Ballot Questions to November 2022 Ballot**
 - Consider referring ballot questions related to Ranked Choice Voting and moving the regular municipal election to November of odd-numbered years beginning in 2023.
High Performing Government 7.1 – Provide world-class municipal services to residents and businesses.
- **Referral of Ballot Questions to November 2022 Ballot (new)**
 - Consider referring ballot questions related to Council Compensation.
High Performing Government 7.1 – Provide world-class municipal services to residents and businesses.
- **Election Related Code Changes**
 - Consider amendments to Chapter 7 of the City Code relating to Campaign Finance and other minor amendments to Chapter 7.
High Performing Government 7.1 – Provide world-class municipal services to residents and businesses.

JUNE 23 URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY BOARD - CANCELLED

- **CANCELLED**

JUNE 28 WORK SESSION

- **Budget for Outcomes**
 - Provide Councilmembers with the emerging themes staff sees forming relative to the 2023-24 City Managers Recommended Budget. The dialogue with Council will help provide guidance to the executive team as it begins its deliberations to decide which budget requests will be recommended for inclusion in the 2023-24 Budget.
High Performing Government 7.1 – Provide world-class municipal services to residents and businesses.
- **1041 Rules**
 - Discuss regulations and feedback received through public involvement
Neighborhood Livability & Social Health 1.6 – Align land use regulations and review procedures to guide development consistent with City.
- **Solar 120% Sizing Rule and Rates**
 - Review the current code regarding solar system sizing and rate compensation Seek Council direction on making changes in support of scalable and sustainable solar deployment.
Environmental Health 4.1 – Intensify efforts to improve resilience and to meet 2030 climate, energy and 100% renewable electricity goals.

JULY 5 REGULAR SESSION

- **Referral of Ballot Questions to November 2022 Ballot (second reading)**
 - Consider referring ballot questions related to Ranked Choice Voting and moving the regular municipal election to November of odd-numbered years beginning in 2023.
High Performing Government 7.1 – Provide world-class municipal services to residents and businesses.
- **Election Related Code Changes (second reading)**
 - Consider amendments to Chapter 7 of the City Code relating to Campaign Finance and other minor amendments to Chapter 7.
High Performing Government 7.1 – Provide world-class municipal services to residents and businesses.
- **Redistricting Ordinance (first reading)**
 - Adopt a revised District-Precinct map to achieve a balance in population between the districts and to conform City precinct boundaries to County precinct boundaries.
High Performing Government 7.1 – Provide world-class municipal services to residents and businesses.

JULY 12 WORK SESSION

- **Water Adequacy Determination Review Process**
 - Provide Council with an update on the creation of a water adequacy determination review process including an overview of best practices from other jurisdictions.
Neighborhood Livability & Social Health 1.6 – Align land use regulations and review procedures to guide development consistent with City Plan.
- **Contracting of Waste Pick-up and Hauling**
 - Present and discuss several options for contracting of waste pick-up and hauling for households within the Fort Collins community to seek feedback from Council on next steps in the formation of the RFP and hauler selection process.
Environmental Health 4.3 – Enhance efforts to achieve 2030 zero waste goals.
- **Minimum Wage Analysis**
 - Inform Council on the work currently being done on the analysis of an established minimum wage in the city.
High Performing Government 7.4 – Attract, retain, engage, develop and reward a diverse and competitive workforce to meet the needs of the community now and in the future.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT – UPCOMING EVENTS

Lagoon Series:

The Lagoon Summer Concert Series is back in 2022 at Colorado State University. The City of Fort Collins will host an interactive engagement booth each night of the series which runs June 15 – July 27. Stop by to learn more about upcoming projects and programs and to provide input. For more information visit: <https://lagoonseries.com/>

Schedule:

6/15 – Funky Business

6/22 – Nothing But Nineties

6/29 – Ryan Chrys & The Rough Cuts



7/6 – Christine Alice
 7/13 – Clark Street Station
 7/20 – Rusty 44
 7/27 – Wendy Woo

Juneteenth:

Juneteenth is an annual holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States and has been celebrated by the Black and African American community since the late 1800s. This year, the City will be joining other local partners to sponsor a communitywide celebration from June 17 -19. Events will include dance, music, art, theatre, health & wellness, vendors and more. Please visit <https://www.focojuneteenth.com> to see the full schedule and join the festivities.



Pride Month:

June brings Pride Month in Fort Collins, a time to celebrate and uplift our LGBTQ+ neighbors and coworkers. Fort Collins has always had LGBTQ+ community members, but the history of the fight for legal equality and social acceptance is rarely told. It is a story of struggle and resilience in the face of discrimination and violence, as LGBTQ+ community members carved out spaces to be safe and welcome as they lived and loved in Fort Collins.

For Pride Month, the City’s Historic Preservation Services Division has a webpage and walking/biking tour highlighting important places associated with the history of our LGBTQ+ community. Check it out at www.fcgov.com/historicpreservation/pride. Colorado State University is also working on an expansive history of LGBTQ+ people living in Northern Colorado through the [Queer Memory Project of Northern Colorado](#).

CSU's Pride Resource Center is hosting a number of events this month, and has also put together a broader [community calendar](#), including local activities such as the City of Fort Collins [Natural Areas Department's LGBTQ+ Community Hike](#).



SALES TAX - MONTHLY & YEAR TO DATE

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

APRIL SUMMARY OVER PRIOR YEAR

	Month	Year to Date
Net Sales Tax Collected:	12.5%	13.9%
Net Use Tax Collected:	8.4%	25.1%
Net Sales and Use Tax Collected:	12.0%	15.3%

Year to date, sales and use tax collections excluding rebates are up 15.3% and total \$57.1M.

APRIL SUMMARY OVER BUDGET

	Month	Year to Date
Net Sales Tax Collected:	14.3%	12.0%
Net Use Tax Collected:	8.6%	13.6%
Net Sales and Use Tax Collected:	13.6%	12.2%

Year to date, the City has collected 12.2% more sales and use tax revenue, totaling \$6.2M over budget.

CP - ENGINEERING

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:

- Continued outreach and engagement with business owners and stakeholders on Linden Street throughout the project.
- Linden Street is closed to traffic and will remain accessible by pedestrians throughout the project.
- All new subsurface storm and utility infrastructure is in place.
- Paver work is beginning to take form starting at Walnut and working toward Old Firehouse Alley
- Concrete work is complete from Walnut to Old Firehouse Alley to include planters, bollard bands, bike rack pads, light pole caissons and tree grate collars
- A full section of pavers was completed on the south side of the street in front of Domistyle and The Blind Pig. Temporary patio dining has been reestablished for The Blind Pig.

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

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%

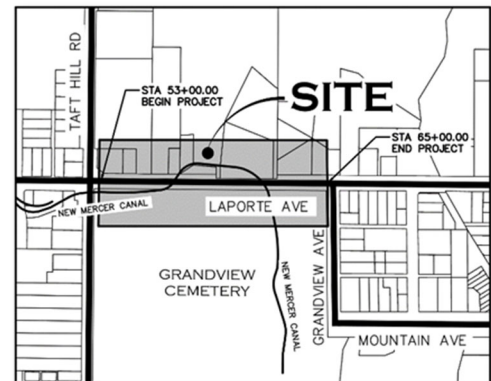
Project Details:

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 currently under way.
- Construction set to begin October 15th.

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: Summer 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
- Waiting on final IGA revisions from CDOT
- Expected to advertise for design contract July 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: Fall 2024
Phase: Final 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.
- Started final design

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



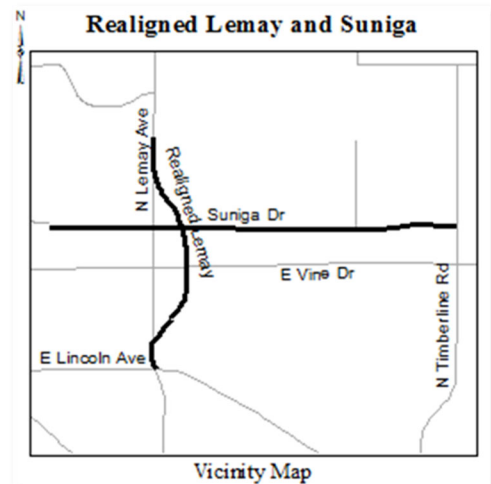
VINE AND LEMAY BNSF IMPROVEMENTS

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, Suniga intersection signals, and artwork to be installed in the surrounding area.
- Landscape repair is under way.
- The pedestrian underpass pump system is installed and operational.
- The red concrete cross walks at Lincoln and Lemay will be installed the first week of June and will involve lane closures.
- Curb and gutter repairs will continue under lane closures.
- Landscape is planned to be fully installed by September 15th, 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)

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:

- **Art is being developed for the park, expected to go to the APP board in June.**



- **Construction will begin soon, following final plan approvals.**

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 is ongoing, with structural pieces being installed. Timeline for completion is on track.**

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:

- **Interviews have taken place for design team members. Work continues on Timberline widening project as well as the siphon overpass.**

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

SPRING CANYON DOG PARK

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 has begun on the pond improvements.**
- **Staff are working on signage for the project.**

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

TRAVERSE PARK

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:

- **Trees and shrubs have been planted. Restroom is now open.**
- **A grand opening celebration is being planned for July.**

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

EDORA DISC GOLF PARK UPDATES

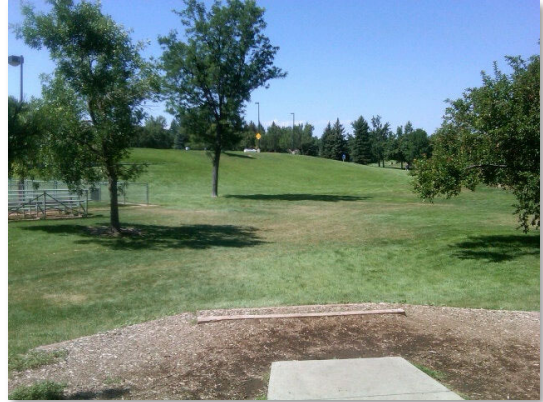
Funding Source: TBD
Total Project Cost: TBD
Phase: Planning
Estimated Completion: TBD

Project Details:

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

Project Status:

- Staff are beginning incremental improvements to holes at the course.
- Improved signage is also being finalized.



CP - OPERATION SERVICES

BLOCK 32/42 – CIVIC MASTER PLAN REFRESH

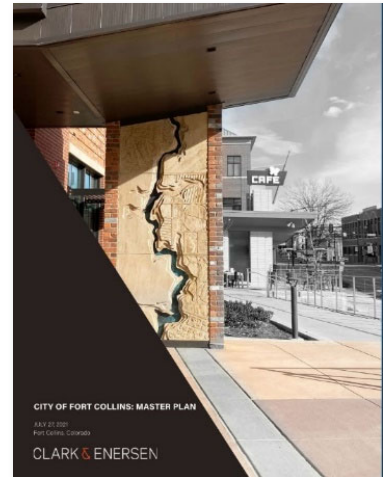
Funding Source: Capital Project via BFO: \$300,000
Estimated Project Cost: TBD
Phase: Conceptual Master Plan
Estimated Completion Date: June 2022

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

11.18 & 11.19 DRAKE-DIXON AUTOMATED TIE CIRCUIT

Funding Source:

11.18 Estimated Budget: \$412,000

Automated Switch: #11.19 Estimated Budget \$160,000

Phase: **Construction**

Project Details:

- Install circuit tie between Dixon Creek 824 and Drake 216

Project Status:

- Design has been completed.
- A new 642 switch arrived on April 27, 2022, and 10x10 vaults and lids are planned to be order soon.
- All phases of work are planned to be completed by the end of October 2022.



Pad Mounted Switchgear at
Drake/Dixon

PRIORITY #7 VILLAGE EAST CABLE REPLACEMENT

Funding Source: BFO 8.9

Estimated Project Budget: \$242,000

Phase: 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 #7 citywide and involves the replacement of 36 sections of single-phase power and 5 sections of three-phase power. The replacement primarily occurs within the Village East Subdivision located between Stover Street and S. Lemay Avenue, north of E. Horsetooth Road.

Project Status:

- Approximately 97% of all the single-phase cable sections have been replaced.
- Approximately **100%** of all the three-phase cable sections have been replaced.
- 100% of the existing transformers designated for replacement have occurred with minimum outages.
- **Construction is planned to be completed by end of July 2022.**



Aerial of Village East Cable Replacement

PUBLIC SAFETY

POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY



Fire Academy Graduation | June 3

Congratulations to the newest graduates of the Front Range Fire Consortium Fire Academy. The 2022-1 academy recruits swore an oath at a ceremony at the CSU Performing Arts Center. PFA had eight people in the class who are now officially part of the Poudre Fire Family as probationary firefighters.

Welcome to: Benjamin Akers, Dakota Bostik, Brian Connell, Jeff Guthrie, Justin Janik, Jonathan Reynolds, Beau Sanchez, and Elijah Williams.

The class was dubbed "Group Cold and Snowy" after the conditions they trained in for several weeks. "It was four degrees on day one, a day which is already designed to be tough," said Training Captain Tony Dragan.

The environment is intentionally stressful (both physically and mentally) and they worked hard to prepare to serve. "They have spent over 800 hours training at the academy ... continue to be exceptional" Captain Dragan continued. "You've already proven it to us, now prove it to yourself, your crews, and your community."

The PFA graduates will receive their station assignments and begin serving the community the week of July 4, 2022. [See a full photo album of the ceremony here.](#)

Missing Tuber Located after Several Hours of Searching | June 4



At 3:00 p.m., crews were dispatched to reports of a person that had been tubing the Poudre River with two other people and could not be found. The other members of the group reported that they had seen him running along the shore after his tube which was in the water but had lost sight of him and not been able to make contact since.

Crews and teams parked along the Gateway Bridge on N. College just west of the Whitewater Park, donned swiftwater gear, and began searching upriver along both shorelines. Members of PFA and the Larimer County Dive Rescue Team searched the shores multiple times and three drones were deployed in an effort to locate the missing tuber.

After over two hours of searching along the shore and from the air with the drones, the teams transitioned to a land focused search. Crews and response vehicles moved from College Ave. to Legacy Park. Fort Collins Police Services, Larimer County Dive Rescue Team, and Larimer County Sheriff's Office remained and planned to search until dark.

At about 8:00 p.m., the missing tuber was located. He was safe and worked with responders to wrap up the incident.

The incident serves as a reminder that the Poudre River is not safe for novice recreation right now. The water is too high, fast, and cold. [Learn about how and when to recreate on the Poudre River here.](#) For now, **SAY NO TO THE FLOW** until conditions have improved.

Memorial Day Flag Presentation

PFA took part in a special event for Memorial Day at Grandview Cemetery. Following the ceremony BSA Troop 96 helped the firefighters fold the flag that was flown. PFA thanked all who have served in the military and asked the community to do the same.



POLICE SERVICES

Notable cases

Suspects arrested for kidnapping man - Just after 9:30 p.m. on May 8, 2022, Fort Collins 911 received a call from a resident on Sherwood Forest Court. The caller said an injured man knocked on their door and needed help. Officers arrived and located the victim, a 44-year-old man who said that he had been taken against his will from a convenience store in South Fort Collins and driven to a storage facility on East Mulberry Street. He said the suspects assaulted and stabbed him, then drove him to a neighborhood and dropped him off. After first responders contacted the victim, he was transported to an area hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Wellington resident Amanda Causey was arrested on charges of First degree kidnapping (class 1 felony), Aggravated robbery (class 3 felony), Criminal extortion (class 4 felony), Second degree assault (class 4 felony), and an existing warrant for failure to comply/fugitive from other jurisdiction. Fort Collins resident Robert Williamson was arrested for First degree kidnapping (class 1 felony), Criminal extortion (class 4 felony), Second degree assault (class 4 felony), and Tampering with physical evidence (class 6 felony).

Cyclist injured in hit-and-run crash, community tip leads police to suspect vehicle - On May 27, 2022 at 8:19 pm, Fort Collins Police responded to a crash between a bicyclist and pickup truck on the I-25 NE Frontage Road just north of Mountain Vista Drive. The pickup truck left the scene. The 35-year-old cyclist had serious injuries and was hospitalized. Due to the severity of his injuries, the Fort Collins Police CRASH (Collision Reconstruction and Scene Handling) Team responded to investigate. Officers got a good description of the suspect's vehicle and issued a Medina Alert through the state. An observant community member saw the suspect vehicle in City Park two days later and called

police. The investigation is still active at press time for this report, but police anticipate a resolution to this case soon. More information will be released as updates become available.

Community Engagement

Bike Team rides in Ride of Silence - Members of the FCPS Bike team joined in the "Ride of Silence" memorial bike ride event with local cyclists. Riders traveled from Old Town to the locations of the two cycling fatalities the previous year. County Commissioners and Mayor Arndt were also present. The bike ride honors cyclists killed in crashes with automobiles and was the first ride in a few years because of COVID.



FCPS teams up with Outreach Fort Collins for presentation – District One officers, and Outreach Fort Collins staff co-presented a “Safety and Awareness” training for Downtown businesses. This event educated business staff about the roles of OFC and FCPS, provided details about the difference between disruptive and criminal behaviors, and empowered people to call the appropriate resource if they need help.



FCPS supports Honor Flight – In mid-May, our Motor Officers supported the Honor Flight sendoff for veterans in our community. Honor Flight gives veterans the chance to visit memorials in Washington D.C. from WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. It's truly a privilege to meet these veterans and support their journey!

Chief surprises class with in-person response to their letter – A McGraw Elementary School class recently sent Chief Swoboda a letter asking him some questions about policing and public safety in Fort Collins. Rather than simply sending back a written response, Chief decided to visit the McGraw Elementary School class and have a discussion. Meaningful dialogue is such an important part of learning and growing as a community, and this was an excellent opportunity to connect with students.



Police in the Park – The Police in the Park summer event series kicked off with an engaging evening at Twin Silos Park in early May. Throughout the summer, officers will hold these events at recreational and mobile home parks. The goal is to meet community members in a relaxed, neutral setting and simply be available for questions, positive interactions, and relationship-building.

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	88	86	-2.27%
Conceptual/Preliminary Design/Staff Reviews	106	63	-40.57%
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	173	137	-20.81%
Zoning Plan Reviews Performed	1,342	1,543	14.98%

Overall Development Review Center revenues are \$(725,707) under projection for 2022 as of May 31st, with Building Services under by \$(648,538), Neighborhood Services and Code Compliance over by \$58,838, Development Review over by \$8,970 and Engineering Development Review under by \$(144,976).

GRAFFITI UPDATE

During the month of May 2022, the Graffiti Abatement Team abated 75 issues consisting of 267 tags measuring 738 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
May	30	6	39	75

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
May	27	8	10	3	15	12

SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Contract for Trash Initiative Upcoming Community Conversations



Fort Collins is considering shifting household trash and recycling collection to a contracted system. This would mean that rather than each household selecting their own trash hauler, the City would conduct a competitive purchasing process and contract with one hauler to service single-family homes, duplexes, and small multifamily complexes (with seven or fewer units) in a neighborhood. Many communities in Colorado and across the U.S. have found that this type of system reduces the number of trucks in residential neighborhoods, provides a consistent price for

all community members, and increases recycling and compost collection opportunities. If a household wanted to select a different hauler, they could pay an opt-out fee.

The City invites community members interested in learning more and sharing their thoughts to visit OurCity.fcgov.com/Contract-For-Trash. The Our City page includes information on contracted systems, research findings, ways to share your thoughts on the project and links to register for upcoming virtual community conversations. At these events, City staff will share their findings thus far, what a contract for trash might look like in Fort Collins, and answer questions from attendees. Events will be hosted on:

- Thursday, June 9, 7- 8 pm
- Friday, June 10, 12- 1 pm

Find more information and to register for community conversations at OurCity.fcgov.com/Contract-For-Trash.

National Healthy Homes Month



Happy Healthy Homes Month!

No matter the age of your home, its important to make indoor air quality a priority.

One of the ways to improve your indoor air quality is to create a clean air space to ensure your home is healthy, especially during a wildfire.

Join us in celebrating Healthy Homes Month and learn how to create a healthy home by preparing your home for wildfire smoke.

Sign-up for a workshop today!

- July 21 from 6 – 7 p.m. – [Register here](#)
- August 4 from 6 – 7 p.m. – [Register here](#)

Each participating home will receive a FREE furnace filter! For questions, call or email Selina at 970-224-6129/ slujan@fcgov.com

SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Juneteenth



Juneteenth is an annual holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States that has been celebrated by the Black and African American community since the late 1800s.

This year, the City will be joining other local partners to sponsor a communitywide Juneteenth celebration in Fort Collins. The event will run June 17-19 and include dance, music, art, theatre, health & wellness, vendors and more. Visit <https://www.focojuneteenth.com/> to see the full schedule and join the festivities.

Juneteenth is also now an official City holiday which will be observed on Monday, June 20.

ECONOMIC HEALTH

National Business Survey

The City of Fort Collins is excited to launch the 2022 National Business Survey (NBS) and gather feedback that will create a more connected and effective business community. This survey will be valuable in many ways:

- It provides a fast way for businesses to give valuable feedback and creates an opportunity for dialog between businesses and community leaders.
- It allows the businesses of Fort Collins to become involved in the development of the decision-making process and move the community forward. Your voice matters, and it's important that you get the chance to make it heard.
- After taking the survey, you will be able to stay informed on future polling or survey efforts, and continuously have an active voice in the community.
- The survey keeps individual opinions and data anonymous, while allowing City staff to see broad demographic and geographic breakdowns of results. Your privacy is important to us.

By taking this survey and participating in the Polco Platform, we're getting input from you, the business community, that will help ensure that we understand your values in a clear, identifiable way. It also guarantees that we are representing all members of the community — all of whom are key in helping influence the decisions we make about programs, policies, and other matters that are important. Your feedback helps create a healthier economy, happier residents, and a better tomorrow.

Interested in making a positive, progressive change in the community? Take the 2022 National Business Survey at polco.us/2022focobiz to join the conversation now through Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

UTILITIES

CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS SERVICE UNIT (CCSU)

Upcoming Public Engagement

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

- June 2, 7 & 8 – **Poudre School District Summer Institute** - Utilities staff will teach Kinard Middle School teachers about Our Climate Future, and ways students and teachers can help transition Fort Collins to a carbon-neutral, zero waste, and 100% renewable electricity future by 2050.
- June 11 – **Big Splash: An 1883 Water Works Open House** – Utilities staff will engage the public on the history and importance of water in Northern Colorado through water conservation activities and resources.
- June 14 – **Stream Ecology Education** – Utilities staff will engage CSU Native American Cultural Center students with hands on activities down at the river. Participants will learn the importance of water and what a career at Utilities could look like.
- June 16 – **Graywater Ordinance Public Meeting** – Utilities staff will engage stakeholders with a virtual meeting providing information on graywater and upcoming ordinance considerations.
- June 17 – **Stream Ecology Education** – Utilities staff will engage the Boys and Girls Club with hands on activities down at the river. Participants will learn the importance of water and what a career at Utilities could look like.
- June 18 – **Xeriscape Garden Party** – All are welcome to this annual event! Community members will explore the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden and engage experts on how to improve their sprinkler system, select low water use plants, compost, and more.
- June 22 – **Summer Bike to Work Day** - Utilities once again has partnered with businesses and organizations to sponsor the Oak Street Plaza breakfast and bike repair station. Grab a bite to eat, receive free bike adjustments and learn about Utilities resources.
- June 23 - **Stream Ecology Education** – Utilities staff will engage the Children’s Workshop with hands on activities down at the river. Participants will learn the importance of water and what a career at Utilities could look like.
- June 24 - **History of Utilities**- Utilities staff will visit Winslow Independent Living residents to share the history of Utilities in Fort Collins.
- June 28, 29 & 30 – **Stream Ecology Education** – Utilities staff will engage Camp Fun Quest students with hands on activities down at the river. Participants will learn the importance of water and what a career at Utilities could look like.
- **Care Housing Resident Summer Events** - During the month of June Utilities staff will engage residents every Thursday, providing resources and information to save energy, water and money.
- **Urban Lakes Engagement**- Throughout May and June Utilities, Natural Areas and Park’s are gathering water quality feedback of urban lakes and ponds. Share your feedback:
www.fcgov.com/urban-lakes

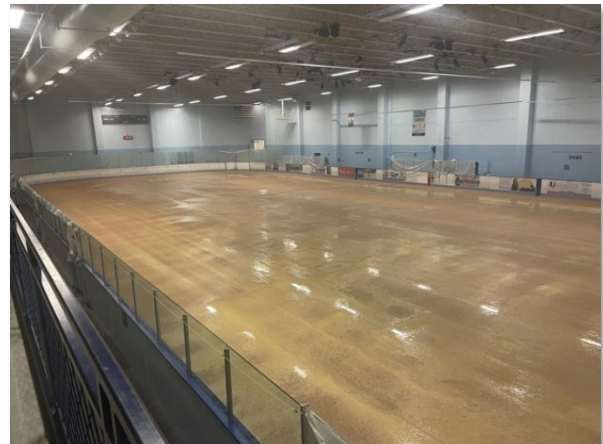
In 2022, Community Engagement has reached 2,583 participants through 77 engagement opportunities.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

RECREATION

- There are about 300 participants enrolled in learn to skate classes so far this summer.
- City Park Pool summer aquatics staff training was last Thursday, and the pool officially opened last Saturday. Mulberry Pool is back open full time, as well.

- EPIC pool was shut down last week for a leak repair, installation of a FAST record board, and some deep cleaning projects in the facility.
- Group swim lessons will begin on Saturday, June 4. There are roughly 1,380 slots for group swim lessons this summer, with 1,257 currently enrolled. That's 91% capacity! Aquatics is also almost fully staffed for swim instructors, with minimal instruction holes.
- Summer day camps and sports have begun!
- The youth sports program has over 200 kids registered, which is back to pre-pandemic numbers.
- The SOAP Troupe (Slightly Older Adult Players) [performed their spring show recently](#) at the Senior Center. The performance is written and directed by participants, and showcases the value of older adults staying active, engaged, and connected with others through Recreation.
- EPIC Ice shutdown is ahead of schedule. The sand on the two rinks has been leveled and saturated with water. They are currently freezing as we speak. The painting of ice portion will begin next Tuesday or Wednesday, and we are on target to reopen on June 13th.



PARKS

- Memorial Day events were hosted at Spring Canyon Community Park, Edora Park, Grandview and Roselawn Cemetery.
- All splash pads have been energized at Spring Canyon, Fossil Creek and Oak Street Plaza Park. Old Town Square has been on for a couple of weeks already.
- Edora pond dredging is completed.
- Golden Meadows Park entrance sign was replaced.
- Completed the downtown planting operations.
- Still recruiting hourly employees. Currently 33 positions down.





CULTURAL SERVICES



Bird House Village Garden Art Exhibit

- **The Gardens on Spring Creek** is presenting a new art installation by local artists Dan Huling and Todd Dundla. [Bird House Village](#) features nine unique bird communities that will be displayed throughout the Gardens with themes of community, creative re-use, and changing climate. The exhibit will open on Friday, June 3rd and will remain through February 2023.
- The **Museum of Discovery** will unveil its new exhibit [FOOD FOR THOUGHT Micro Views of Sustenance: Threats and Prospects](#) on June 19th, 2022. The photography exhibit offers a perspective on the ways in which food is connected to climate change and other ecological issues of our times. The exhibit will be available for viewing until September 4th, 2022.
- **The Lincoln Center**, with support from the Lincoln Center Support League, is sponsoring the annual free [Children's Summer Series](#) on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. during the months of June and July. Great for children of all ages, this series features hour-long presentations of comedy, music, culture and fun. Performances will take place on the Lincoln Center lawn on June 22, June 29, July 6 and July 13 at 10 a.m.

NATURAL AREAS



World Migratory Bird Day

City Council's priority "Help Bird Species Recover" includes celebrating World Migratory Bird Day in May. A successful series of activities included:

- **Bird Banding and Birding Walks at Pineridge Natural Area**
Eighty-six people enjoyed the seeing birds up close with Bird Conservancy of the Rockies as they banded birds. Community members also participated in bird walks led by Fort Collins Natural Areas Volunteer Naturalists.
- **Bird Box Decorating at Primrose Studio at Reservoir Ridge Natural Area**
Twenty-nine residents joined the Northern Colorado Wildlife Center and City of Fort Collins Natural Areas to decorate a bird box of their very own to provide additional habitat for local birds.
- **Night Sky-Friendly Lighting and Owling Walks at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area**
Forty-two community members learned how to help local bird life and other wildlife with night sky friendly lighting with the City of Fort Collins and Fort Collins Audubon Society. Then they went on a night hike with expert Volunteer Naturalists and ecologists to look for owls and other birds.

A big thank you to all the partners who made World Migratory Bird Day celebrations possible:

- Bird Conservancy of the Rockies
- Northern Colorado Wildlife Center
- Fort Collins Audubon Society
- City of Fort Collins Natural Areas
- City of Fort Collins Utilities



Grant for Poudre River Native Fish Project

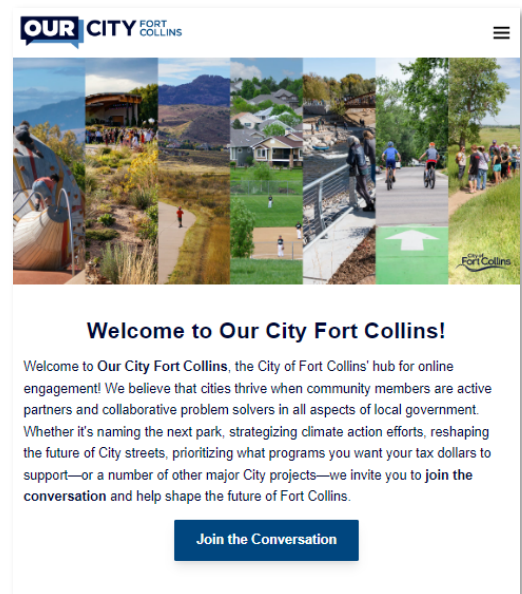
A \$199,879 grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife was awarded to the Natural Areas Department to support the Poudre River Native Fish Project. The project will improve habitat for the plains topminnow, a small native fish. The plains topminnow is declining locally and throughout the state and is considered a Tier 1 Species of Greatest Conservation Need. The Plains Topminnow will be reintroduced into small, constructed pools in a side channel of the Poudre River near Drake and Ziegler Roads. Water from the City's instream flow water right will be used to fill and maintain the constructed pools. The City is working to secure this water right by rebuilding a badly damaged diversion structure at the CSU Environmental Learning Center slated for construction in 2022-23 (see <https://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/elc>). This project aligns with City Council's priority for a healthy and resilient Poudre River and Natural Areas' long-term restoration plans in this river reach.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

OurCity Refresh:

The City's online engagement platform was recently updated to have a more modern look and an enhanced user experience. The new design also features an improved responsive interface for mobile devices. OurCity serves as a central online engagement hub for a variety of projects including: 2023/2024 Budgeting for Outcomes, Trash Districting, Plastic Pollution, 1041 Regulations and more!

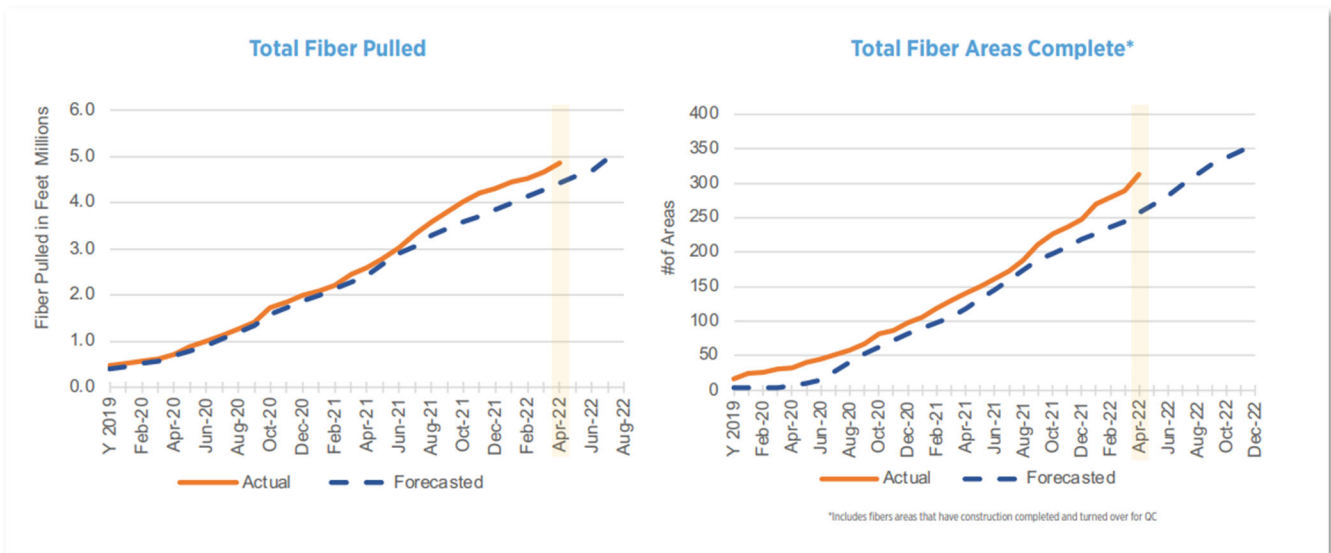
Visit the new and improved site at: [OurCity.fcgov.com](https://www.fcgov.com)



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 7th 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

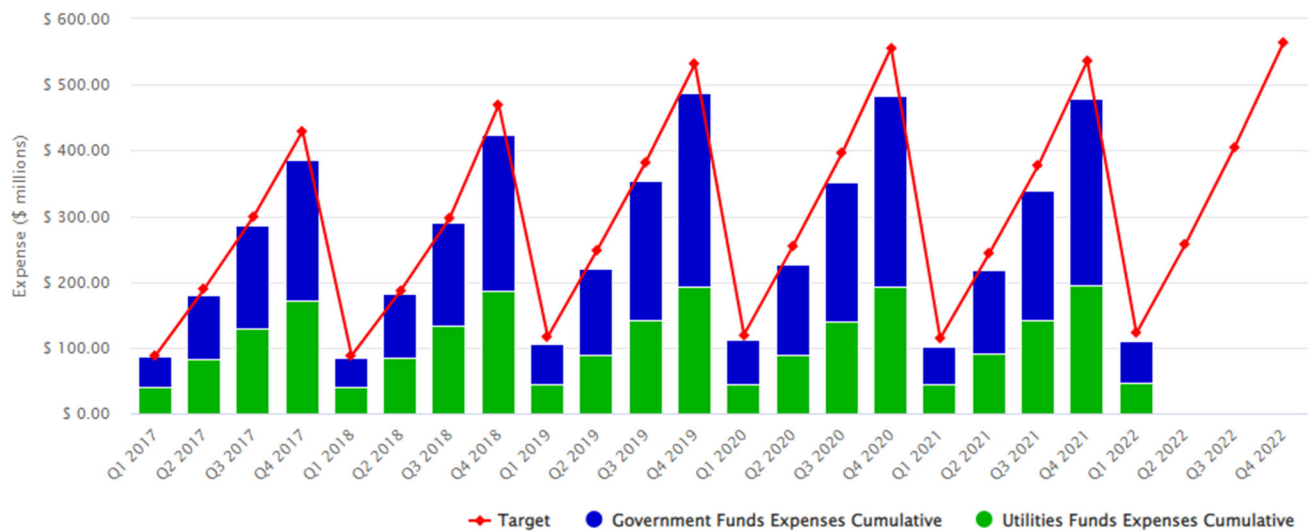
Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) at @FoCoConnexion! Join the Connexion community—get updates and information on services and more!

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 High Performing Government Outcome Area.

■ Accuracy of Cumulative Budgeted Expenses (\$ millions)



Analysis:

Accuracy of Cumulative Budgeted Expenses is a quarterly measure that compares actual spending, in both governmental funds and utility funds, to budgeted expenditures. Meeting this target means that City spending was on track with expectations according to the budget. Falling below the target means that the City spent less than anticipated.

Governmental Funds

Community Services: Positive variance of \$3.6M is driven by \$2M timing of contracts, invoices, and expenses across all departments in purchased services and supplies. \$0.7M underspend in personnel due to classified vacancies and hourly hiring/retention difficulties. \$0.6M timing of park division infrastructure capital projects.

Planning, Development & Transportation: Overspend is driven by (\$490k) in de-icing due to multiple snowstorms and Larimer County purchasing salt earlier than anticipated, (\$437k) in vehicle repair services due to timing of expenditures, (\$352k) in snow removal services, (\$306k) due to timing of traffic signal charges in TCEF account, and (\$170k) in fuel costs due to increase in global fuel prices. Offset by underspend of \$253K in street maintenance contracts due to timing of work completed.

Information & Employee Services: IES underspend is primarily driven by \$2.1M of Medical/Dental claims performance, \$779 in Stop Loss premiums savings and timing of payment, \$591 in various Ops projects that are encumbered and ongoing, \$390 in timing of vehicle parts/services/garage equipment, and \$323 on timing of JDE renewal.

Utilities Funds

Light & Power: \$416K for Energy Services, primarily for consulting and rebates & incentives. Community Renewables is under budget due to Conservation Incentives and the timing of solar installations.

Purchase Power: Weather and actual demand (COVID event changes) for the year are key factors on spending.

Water: \$929K for Water Treatment, primarily for contract payment to other governments, testing services, and maintenance contracts. Water Resources is under budget by \$378K, driven by water assessment services and consulting. Water Engineering is under budget by \$314 due to consulting services.

Customer Services & Administration: Under budget due to lower than budgeted spending on computer hardware and software, personnel, and building maintenance and security services.

Definition:

This metric covers the accuracy and precision of planned (budgeted) and actual expenditures. Expenditures include operating costs, such as personnel, insurance, consulting and supplies, as well as debt payments and capital equipment purchases. Not included are the costs of large capital projects that occur over several years and have a beginning and end. Expenditures are separated into Governmental and Enterprise. Governmental expenditures are for those activities that are primarily supported by taxes and grants and to a much lesser degree from fees. Examples are Police, Streets Maintenance, Parks, Museum, Fire, etc. Alternatively, Enterprise expenditures related to activities that are accounted for like a business and are entirely supported by fees charged to users. These include Light and Power, Water, Wastewater, Storm Drainage and Golf.

Why is this metric important?

Accuracy and precision in expense budgeting is very important to ensure the City can provide the full amount of programs and services citizens expect. Over estimating budgeting expenses takes money away from additional programs and services that could be provided to the community. The City strives to do a better job being accurate with our expense forecasts without going over the Council approved budget. The City is not allowed to go over budget according to statutory law.

City's impact on this metric:

High – The City has direct control over the amounts it forecasts and how much it actually spends. Historical analysis of actual spending to budgeted spending should allow the City to improve the accuracy of its budgeting.

Benchmarks:

This metric contains no benchmark data because the target for this metric is not influenced by the performance of other cities. External reference points would add no value to the data because the City's goal is always to be as accurate as possible with its own budgeted expenses. The evaluation criteria for this metric was revised so that Green performance is between 96-100% of the target, Yellow performance is between 93-96% of the target and Red performance is below 93% of the target.

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