### Atmosphere and Sense of Safety

An area left out of this is traffic noise/aggression driving in the downtown area. That, particularly the "coal rollers," produce a very unpleasant downtown atmosphere.

Move homeless shelter from Linden St (away from downtown)

Interesting challenge. I think you have to address [homelessness] - do you make downtown a center for services? Or not?

1) Are we doing too much to encourage the homeless to be in Fort Collins? Too little incentives to seek out a job. 2) Vagrants/beggars ruining the character of Old Town in the evenings.

Equality...Every human has a right to dignity. At the same time, I don't want to feel like I need to hand out money every time I go downtown. Most panhandlers are not disruptive and I don't mind. I love the music...any kind:)

Provide additional resources to serve homeless and transient populations to diffuse tensions

Having homeless begging on almost every street corner is getting tiresome and not good for encouraging tourists and visitors to Fort Collins

I am not sure that current behaviors of "everyone" downtown warrants the attention and publicity that seems to have been generated by local officials and media. My daily walks around downtown and Old Town seem reasonably safe to me. The biggest safety issue is just trying to get across College Ave. This is especially dangerous when cars are turning right onto College with or without the light.

I believe the river should be developed so people can enjoy it - walk to the river, grassy spaces, use our river (i.e. San Antonio)

Not an issue I've noticed

Enforce no-smoking law

Do the homeless population feel unsafe? That is my biggest concern, as I don't personally feel unsafe. More eyes on the street is always a good way to go - more residential housing in an d near commercial areas.

I like Hickenlooper's approach in Denver with change meters to reduce panhandling. I do not feel unsafe downtown. It actually feels very safe considering the size of the City. I think the active alleyways help with feeling safe.

Diversify shops so not so many bars would make things better

Not sure what to do about the homeless. They have a right to be out and about just like anyone else. But maybe limit (time) loitering, signs say there will be no loitering but it does not seem to be enforced. Enforce it. I'm afraid to "sit" downtown because I'll be asked for money. need to find something for them to do? I really don't have any idea on this one. I just don't want our downtown to be a turnoff for people who visit because they are constantly asked for money.

Keep working holistically to solve the root problems of homelessness. Keep officers walking the streets and knowing downtown business owners, homeless population and citizenry

Slow down car traffic; give priority to pedestrians, 2nd bikes. Bike racks need to be USEABLE and efficient space wise - NOT an "artistic sign" first. Can be artistic if functional first. More people at all hours on the "streets" make downtown a safer place - higher density, walkable. Homeless issue is complex and a multi-stakeholder approach is wise.

Please include environmental audits to ensure alleys/parking/sidewalks are well lit/bushes trimmed to eliminate areas for potential criminal activity.

Vibrant communities are safe communities by virtue of people walking the streets at all hours and caring. Homeless is a problem in Fort Collins. Why can't the City show more compassion for these folks and assure them a place to stay every night so they don't have to sleep in the parks, along the river, etc. Isn't a basic reason for government to exist to take care of its people, especially those that cannot take care of themselves?

Do NOT eliminate seating and other public space in an attempt to combat homelessness. Many of us also need seating!

Be prudent in granting liquor licenses. Move homeless support service out of downtown, closer to other services such as clinics, job training, mental health and food services (food bank). Love the downtown ambassador idea.

My experience with downtown is that it is safe. I visit at least twice a week, mostly during the day. Occasionally I'm offended by cigarette smoke. I don't mind the homeless though I feel badly for their circumstances - bathrooms must be available for all. Places which are warm and welcoming need to be supported or created, i.e. libraries. Worst thing is auto congestion.

Whenever a developer gets ANY exemption to the rules (modification of standards, variance, APU, etc.) it should ONLY be to increase affordability. The giant condo development on Mountain and Shields got an extra dwelling unit which will be 2000+ sq. ft., 3 stories and cost \$750,000. That 6th unit should have only been allowed to be an affordable unit, preferably one which a barista at the planned coffee shop could afford. These exemption are only ever granted to give the developer more profit, when they should instead be done to advance public/civic/social-sustainability/environmental goals.

I appreciate efforts to make the city more walkable, bikeable, and pedestrian-friendly. I like streetmosphere; and hope it will again be feasible some day. Also, I support efforts to support the arts, artists and creative industries.

This is one area you excel. We have a safe, beautiful, welcoming downtown due to the struggle between historic preservation and new development. I see that struggle necessary in areas like this.

#### Bicycle Parking

Bike parking is more efficient than car parking. Expand street bike parking, including lit/covered areas.

Provide more bike parking on Mason (not College)

Are all the current spaces used? Consider facilities on the edges of downtown - and in the garages

DON'T reduce vehicle parking in front of retail stores for bike parking

More racks on sidewalks. Make spaces that are welcoming and easy to park bikes in parking garages (bike parking would be free)

Prioritize bikes and public transportation over cars. This supports climate plan as well. Replace car parking spots with bike parking

How about limiting the number of restaurants and cafes that have outdoor seating on sidewalks - also limit how large such seating is. In some areas it's almost impossible to use the sidewalk because of outside seating. Eliminate some of this and put bike parking there. If bikes are to increase, how about a program to make bike riders ADHERE to the laws of the road!

We could use a dedicated area or areas for bicycle parking. The sidewalks are not wide enough. Maybe shrink the width and sizes of College Ave?

I am not sure of the purpose of the bike shelter (ex: South Transit Center). Is it for security of bikes or weather protection?

Plaza or alley parking also seasonal option - winter biking is less, so open parking spaces in winter, convert to bike in summer

Sidewalks are overcrowded now. There are many times you can't walk on the sidewalks. The bike rack in the parking space on Linden is too close to the handicapped parking space. Too many bikers end up with their bikes into the handicapped space.

Put it everywhere! I would support bike parking taking up car parking, as well as smaller racks on the sidewalk. I also use bike parking in the alleys. For me, the most important aspect is ease for bikes with baskets (i.e. no front tire hookup, if that makes sense). Many of the streets are so wide, couldn't there be bike racks on the street and then car parking? Let's think of some creative solutions.

With the wide streets it seems that there is opportunity to narrow travel lanes and provide sidewalk, bike parking, car parking and keep traffic lanes.

Add spaces by taking parking spaces and in garages - most sidewalks are already congested

Sidewalks are too crowded for additional bicycle parking. Take some parking spaces from cars and install more bike racks. Add way-finding signs or racks that are easy to see from a distance. Maybe have a sign on top of them that stands above the cars. Maybe a bicycle shape 10 feet in the air.

Add bicycle parking in car parking spots - implement a "bike carrier" and "bike taxi" service in the downtown area

Install bicycle parking in all parking garages. Taking public parking spaces and sidewalks to serve bicycles is not the highest/best use of land at this time.

It's already too difficult to walk the sidewalks if and where they exist due to lack of continuity, trees, patio dining, etc. Walking is available to most everyone. As the population ages more people will walk instead of bike. We need to get rid of the antiquated policy of having the property owner initiate a sidewalk in front of their house. Instead the City needs to start connecting sidewalks for increased access to all.

Need more bicycle parking but NOT at the expense of pedestrian sidewalks and seating. The ONLY solution is as an alternative to car on-street parking.

Use our great alleys for bike parking. Encourage new buildings to include indoor/sheltered parking for employees, plus showers. Use space in downtown green spaces for bike parking.

Make it safe.

Enforce bicycles' right to take the lane on College. Pedestrian crossings need improvement. Mountain and College is the worst but all along College the crosswalks should go in all directions at once with no right (or any) turn on red. Every time I visit downtown I have to dodge a turning car or one running a red light (because it turned yellow three cars ahead and the driver decided to go for it)

I like, and prefer sidewalk parking over the street-space racks. The street racks are awkward when used by a lot of bikers...it can be hard to get in to unlock your bike.

A bold transit plan that focuses money and resources on upgrades and additional routes to buses would help ease our parking, climate action and need for so many lanes. Then we can dedicate more space for cycling and walking.

# Climate Action Plan Implementation

As stated above about transit, this would take a big bite. If you're serious, then you would take BNSF to court for that land and make those rails a commuter transit. But let's not kid ourselves. For commercial development, the recognition of passive solar techniques to reduce the amount of heating and cooling required in a building. As well as allowing more flexibility with credits.

I support CAP strategies. More thinks like Innosphere would be good. Possibly having signage around that explains what the City is doing toward CAP would be helpful, so that locals and visitors could easily identify the measures being taken.

No more exceptions to development rules unless the only reason is to truly increase environmental sustainability. This means no house larger than allowable FAR and otherwise increased energy efficiency or renewable energy. No "greenwashing." Bigger buildings are never "greener" and impervious surfaces are not environmentally friendly.

New buildings and remodels: maximize energy efficiency and reward if they achieve net zero efficiencies. Expand public transportation, bicycle accessibility and pedestrian safety and entertainment, recognizing the adverse environment of congestion and the unhealthy air quality. Offer competitive challenges among businesses and offices regarding lighting, energy and water consumption.

Use rooftops for solar and wind collection, green roofs, etc. Free internet downtown. City should invest in composting, city-wide, for businesses and residents - collection, too.

Aggressively reduce automobile traffic without killing the commerce of downtown. There's a need for convenient, safe, and free parking combined with public transportation.

Please put the numbers to carbon reduction goals vs. sources of carbon vs. costs and develop a plan with timetables and budgets. Community awareness needs to be raised. I really like the idea of using the butterfly building to have real time displays of community energy use, water use, etc. Show generation by source etc.

If downtown is to lead the way in meeting the CAP goals, please make sure that it is fair and equitable for ALL businesses throughout the City

Yes! To all, especially more efficient land use patterns. Yes to stricter energy standards for ALL new buildings. Yes to renewable energy use. Yes to becoming a model city for how to develop and be wise about energy. Give our citizens something to be proud of. Tell them of our accomplishments. An energy savings meter? (i.e. "we are this far to our goal") - real time uses of water

Encourage incentives and recognition rewards for builders to be recognized for radical environmental innovation. Become known for a city that supports such innovation. Remove barriers to creative building solutions. There are already many people in town who are innovative, creative, pushing boundaries - use this human capital by supporting innovation here through monetary and award/recognition incentives.

Add recycle bins to every place there is a trash can. Gives people environmental options. Also sort trash to make sure items have been separated properly. Add water bottle refill stations. Allow neighborhoods/residents to install as many solar panels as they can and tie into the grid. Allow residents to install water reclamation systems in their hoses/yards to use available rainwater instead of flushing it into the gutters.

City is doing a great job with the ideas already suggested. Synchronizing lights on Howes would help move traffic going through, easing some car pollutions.

Green roof incentives/partner with CSU. Downtown composting bins. Curbside composting like Boulder. Bustang to transit center more frequently.

A stronger emphasis on public transit or alternative transportation (I'm thinking specifically about bikes) seems to overlap these big themes. Consider green space, like green roofs or green walls. Curbside composting!

Public/private partnerships to ensure education and participation. Leadership from the City.

Promote walking and biking, better bus routes (E-W connections)

Find funding from tax or other sources (grants, donations, etc.) to cover rooftops with solar panels

Prioritize cycling and public transportation access to downtown vs. car access. Focus on the least efficient buildings that can be improved.

The City should use the explainer video created to explain the Climate Action Plan to spread the word about what they're trying to do by 2050. It's an awesome plan...as a new home owner there aren't enough incentives for us to install solar on our house, but incentives for businesses should be implemented. Oh - and curbside/business compost pickup.

City needs to be much more open and transparent on these costs.

Would like to see additive focus - Nature in the City, adding green back into downtown

The key question is, "What climate 'wedges' provide the best return on investment for reducing emissions?" If we purchase power from Wyoming coal plants, CO2 emissions will remain high. Investment in local renewables is expensive. I don't have a good answer other than to suggest the need for modeling/estimation of potential interventions.

#### Creative Industries

This could be matched with an incubator model to implement more new businesses

Encourage SMALL storefronts downtown to facilitate new ideas; food trucks near downtown (low cost to get started) for example Waffle Lab transition from food truck to storefront

Good luck. Herding cats, Arts Alliance part 32. Not sure it is the role of government.

1) This industry in Fort Collins is deteriorating. 2) Needs much more leadership and subsidized housing.

Love the idea of a centralized hub/communication system - make sure we are working in a complementary way with the diversity of resources that already exist.

Encourage local artist participation in new developments and in the built environment. Celebrate and foster a culture of collecting art by local artists. "Artists in residence with City" program as used in other cities, countries, companies, etc.

Fort Collins needs more creativity. Seems like we just TRY to be like other cities. Always behind what happens elsewhere.

Good to encourage collaboration

There have been attempts at this before. It hasn't worked for long.

In general, I think downtown has done a great job in attracting and supporting creative industries. I like seeing more street musicians these days.

Outside performance area like Shakespeare in the Park in Boulder

Don't spend too much \$ on bureaucracy. Allow the "industry professionals" to direct and focus on their needs. Expand "creative" idea to include things like farmers markets/crafts etc.

Don't we already have this? Carnegie building make sense as a centralized location for this. Trimble Court - maybe something near there.

Work directly with artists to create plans that work. Artists do not fit standard business models but can bring tremendous economic and cultural vibrancy to the City if their needs and concerns are addressed. Don't try to squeeze them into a standard business/marketing model - doesn't work - aka Beet Street. look to programs that are working - Artworks Loveland. This model focuses on providing affordable space where artists can work and work hard on their artwork. This creates natural synergy and innovation and comes from a foundation of valuing art first rather than the economic benefit of art first.

Affordable live/work and community shared space/building. A public "local" community market place that includes local live/work artist and craftspeople and includes tiers of affordable housing and includes a maker space? A shared commercial kitchen? A shared workshop - wood, metal, clay? A creative re-use area/space?

The DBA programs over 100 events and activities in the downtown district, and employs over 100 local artists yet receives zero financial support from the City. The infrastructure is here but the resources are not.

Yes! Attract more visitors through a vibrant, rich cultural environment

City should heavily invest in marketing Fort Collins as a creative hub and should subsidize spaces for artists to create and sell their work - at least for several years to build a reputation as an arts town. Help pass the SCFD.

Promote what currently exists - establish kiosks to feature posters for art exhibitions, play music. CSU events - posters as an art form which focuses visitors and citizens on performances and places. - Museum of Art, Creative Arts Center, Center for Fine Art Photography, Lincoln Center, Symphony, etc. Cultural calendar noting events with a well publicized apt to access. Aim for performance during the week and not just weekends. Promote beyond Fort Collins audiences - help the City be recognized for its arts.

Yes! TIF (Tax Increment Financing) would be good for this. The City will need more affordable housing and studio space to encourage the arts.

I don't think the City should dictate this. That's why Beet Street doesn't work. It forces creativity through a bureaucratic system. Instead the City should support what IS happening, like the Artery, SpokesBUZZ (which you do, a little), the Lyric, Open stage (you do as well, a little). Instead of subsidizing a "non-profit" sponsor artists and events at existing places. Through an application process. Maybe that's what Beet Street could facilitate.

## **Growth and Density**

I think the struggle of building down here does fine. Eventually we will have big tall buildings and I'm fine with that.

Downtown district is appropriate for taller commercial buildings, with transition buffers along edges where residential areas begin. New housing projects should require parking for every unit (virtually everybody still has a car, and parking is becoming an issue)

I live in the Mantz neighborhood which is bordered by Washington-Laurel-Shields-Mulberry. I am very concerned that the City has named the area directly east of my neighborhood [Campus North] and appended it to the Downtown area. Development in this area should not be intensified to "meet the needs of campus." This is a neighborhood with several long-time owner-occupied residents a few young family homes and a VERY few rentals. NO increasing density in the east. This will encroach on our existing character. "Meeting the needs of campus" is NOT the City's job. It is the responsibility of CSU. The density and building heights in this area should not be allowed to increase; 2 or 3 stories at MOST and the zoning should not be changed.

Aim for net zero energy use - with requirements. Building height and mass - compatible with adjacent neighbors. More people --> more cars can strangle downtown. Advance/expand hours and days for transit. Make downtown an interesting place to walk. Any time a variance is asked for require added energy efficiencies and affordable units.

Old Town properties should be able to build out carriage and garage houses for short and long term rentals.

Fort Collins should remain Fort Collins, and not aspire to become New York City! We moved to FC as it is unique, not to see it become yet another suburbia.

The community is becoming like Westminster etc. Just another suburb by virtue of the development surrounding Fort Collins. How do we keep the community UNIQUE? Need to spread development/density midtown and south of town instead of focusing density downtown.

Consider a Design Review Committee of downtown architects/engineers that review/assist property owners through the development process.

Walkable Cities! Key: Pedestrian oriented building facades! Tall buildings are great IF the ground floor street side is engaging for the pedestrian. No to west side of parking garage at Laporte and Mason. No to Brinkman building at Mason and Maple. No to new building west of Old Poudre Feed Store (white painted brick at Linden and Cherry). These first floors are not pedestrian friendly. We need density - why not allow laneway houses as part of increased density? AND we need to preserve our open space, especially farms, agricultural land. Higher density helps us do that!

Building density is good. Sometimes I feel Fort Collins zoning laws are too strict and end up squashing good projects. I think zoning is good but needs to adjust and change to open up for future growth and innovation. Right now if feels restrictive and rule oriented.

Need to title the boards in the room to match THIS (Growth & Density). We certainly don't want things downtown that make it an eye-sore.

Consider impacts of use (traffic, parking, trash service, lighting) not just whether the building is compatible.

Expand views with more rooftop access. Fort Collins doesn't have many views from the street level. Infill in parking lots on Howes and Mountain.

Have penalties if developer departs from approved plans

I do not like the idea of more "new" tall building projects. Appears that any new building will be for apartments - NOT SUSTAINABLE.

It would be a shame if downtown turns into 12 story buildings, creating streets where sunlight shines only at noon. Limit or forbid the buildings/architecture like the student housing project that sprawls between W. Prospect and College Ave. It already resembles tenements and is an ugly addition to the town (the same style of tenement is located near Cherry St.)

Connect downtown to North College better. Involve local artists in visioning and help fund their work in "good jobs" associated with large developments and built environment improvements. Integrate neighborhoods and focus on social sustainability. Downtown has benefitted from a mix of incomes and characters. Displacement weakens longstanding and hard won community connections and character/heritage.

If zoning along Riverside is prohibitive to small business, change that. Easier foot access and welcoming parks/flowers along Riverside. I love that the plan is to make that area an arts district.

Keep the historic core and focus on density on the edges. HAVE to embrace [density] if we are serious about CAP.

Have larger buildings north of Jefferson - the newer/less historic area of downtown - not in OLD TOWN.

Focusing on not having abrupt height transitions helps provide a warm experience.

## Parking Management

Make people drive less. Uber, lyft kiosks. Public transit. More lanes for bikes. LESS PARKING. The more parking there is the more it encourages people to drive.

Make the multi-story parking free for 2 hours and on-street free for 1 hour, to encourage people to use the structures more. People making short visits to stores would be more able to find spaces.

Reverse the current arrangement. On-street should have a cost and the garages should be free.

Build parking and they will come - leading to congestion. Current parking structures are under-utilized. Could have a few parking meters on each block, but not all.

The goals of climate objectives and the maintenance of automobile use are incompatible. We need to implement paid on-street parking and FREE, abundant parking in garages and other structures that are convenient to Old Town shopping.

Question: how does the City educate visitors where to park? Please include resources needed to promote/market public parking for tourists and guests of downtown. What is the plan to address employee parking? Has the City considered creating a Parking District? (Boulder)

Suggested: "Bike Courier and Bike Taxi" in downtown area. City run? Student (CSU) employees? Find a way to encourage employees of businesses downtown to park in garages or in off site lots.

Make all on-street parking by meters - limit to 2 hours. That way people who want to be there longer can park in the garage and free up space on the street for shorter term parking.

Try making on-street free for 1 hour - short term AND parking garages free for 2 hours. Can change this after people get more accustomed to parking garages. More publicity on how to pay in garages and other ways to increase folks comfort level with them.

More parking garages with green roofs or underground parking

Need to have the monitoring system we already have be 24/7. Weekends are impossible and everyone knows you can park anywhere after 4:00, because enforcement ends at 5:00.

Left a post-it there [on the board]

Are the garages always full? Promote walking a couple of blocks - no need to park in front of businesses unless you're not physically able to walk. Think big like NYC!

Increase attention to parking lots out of the downtown area with multi-use transportation alternatives. (i.e. get more cars and trucks out of downtown area)

Paid parking will kill downtown - it should be avoided at all costs. Would it be possible to make the first 2 hours free at the parking garages? More people would use them if they had 2 hours to shop. Paid parking won't help people on limited incomes - they will shop elsewhere, not downtown.

Encourage access by bicycle and public transportation. Delay paid street parking until other management options are exhausted. Remove street car spots for cycle racks.

Oh I know this is so challenging, but I REALLY want there to be FREE PARKING downtown. Free parking for first hour or 2 in garages to alleviate on-street demand.

Real focus should be creating financial partnerships to allow businesses to build structures on the edges of downtown to serve their employees. Needs to be a public/private partnership.

Car sharing (zipcar, etc.) downtown. More signage for parking garages - make them more visible. Continue short-term parking on College. Encourage employees parking in garages - perhaps offered free or discounted rates.

What about congestion pricing for parking? Pay for what you use but allow for pre-purchasing through a card. This will be the toughest part. Parking brings out the worst in people.

#### Supporting Future Investment

I think it's important to invest in our downtown - that foresight and investment has made Fort Collins as vibrant as it is. Keep up the good work!

Expand TIF to continue matched investment in downtown

City should dedicate their property tax investment after the DDA back into downtown - DDA version 2.0. PS - if a business wants to make improvements, all should be considered.

Can DBA and DDA be combined? Can districts have their own TIF authority?

TIF needs to be more transparent in terms of property tax losses. Need some idea of projects in the future that may require this type of assistance. TIF may be ready to retire anyway!

Funding should continue to be provided as well as the influence of community via the City

The current levels of support seem good enough to spur private investment. This will only get better, as more projects/investment become reality. Make sure the reinvestment creates great public spaces!

Maintain current level of support. Expand streetscape and lights north to the river to expand inviting walkability to businesses beyond Laporte.

Seems most of the money has gone for the 5 block area - if downtown really is considered the larger map then TIF is OK. More could be spent on the River District.

Maintain current level of support for future investment. If downtown area "grows" then increase it.

Continued TIF funding is critical for downtown growth and development

I support increased TIF for downtown improvements. However these funds need to be used to make/keep our downtown WALKABLE and AFFORDABLE (at least to some extent). Affordable to artists, people working for nonprofits, people who work jobs in downtown, etc. I do not support the use of these funds for "putting" brick on the facades of new buildings. Most new buildings that have brick are not interesting or compelling to walk by. Ignoring the pedestrians will kill the downtown.

I would suggest multiple overlay of special districts: BID (marketing, wayfinding, economic development); GID (infrastructure improvements); SID (etc.).
A great example would be Lakewood (Belmar) and Boulder.

Tax the new stadium!

Yes - especially to support artists and creatives.

Use existing funds more carefully - Tie funds to affordable businesses.

Plan for? It should have expired long ago.

Yes, I support TIF for this. Using alleys as public spaces is nice and pedestrian friendly.

More public transit!

### **Atmosphere and Sense of Safety**

I want a hard line & no tolerance of disruptive behavior in the old town/downtown area

I do not want to encounter panhandlers nor observe homeless in business doorways or on the sidewalk by day or night. Violent town = I move!

More public downtown restrooms would be great.

Better & bigger needle exchange. We have used needles showing up in the alleys.

Having police "walking the beat." Knowing the landscape of Old Town critical.

Removal of restrooms in Old Town Square has created more issues in close by residential areas. We need more public restrooms

Stop creating soup kitchens in Old Town

Provide housing for the homeless. City could start a program of sponsorship of a homeless family to set an example for the private sector to step up to.

I think you guys have done a great job!

The beggars are a problem

Keep working to solve the challenges of homelessness in broad holistic approach. Homeward 2020 great vision.

Move the mission to more appropriate location where subsidized housing can be located.

I've felt more intimidated by drunk bar patrons than homeless people

Drugs; homeless + kids "acting homeless"

Scrumpy's ally- needles and defecation moving into the area. No drainage in the area. This is close to MAX, it should be okay

More police midnight to 3am. Police stay more in the core. Reward nice businesses that close at midnight with more patrol.

# **Bicycle Parking**

Option 1- additional bike parking on sidewalk:

Yes to additional bike parking on sidewalks

Optimize straight line walking paths through all this clutter

Some areas of downtown are lacking in bicycle racks and locking opportunities.

It's impossible to walk down the sidewalks already – signs, bikes, trees tables...

Approach Walrus about making alley between them and the Rio into bike parking.

With patio and sandwich board signs + bike racks there are way too many things obstructing destinations

Respect pedestrian space – vehicles must share roadway (and parking spaces) with bicycles

No

Replace twisty type racks with more efficient multi space bike racks

Sidewalks are already too full to walk w/ trees etc. No more obstacles

Of course, much needed

Option 2 – Replace select parking spaces with bike racks

Yes

1 space each block better for pedestrian traffic

Yes! Also more in parking garages

Yes! About 12-20 bikes can park in one space

More bike parking- less cars

More on-street bike parking

Replace select parking spaces every so often, along bike access roads

Get parking enforcement to provide time/usage data of: 1. Unused bike racks 2. Completely full racks. Develop plan to remove and add bike parking where needed

Great idea if bike rack design is functional and can hold lots of bikes in a small space. The New Belgium racks in Old Town don't seem best use of space.

We need a bike rack on the street on the block of Walnut in front of Illegal Pete's + The Wright Life

Additional Options:

Alley – put racks in or nearby

Consider bike parking in all parking garages

We need more bike parking – both on street and on the sidewalk. It's a bummer when a street sign is all that's available.

More bike racks at back entrances \_e.g., Walrus, Ace, Rio, behind Mason & College, etc.

More bike racks near dismount zone entrances, in parking garages

0 crappy racks = increased volume

Alley or plaza bike parking

Bike locker in Civic Center Garage – door challenging

We need to stop replacing retail store access with bike parking (i.e. Mason)

Traffic calming is needed to increase the safety of biking to and through downtown. Roundabouts, bike lane dedication

# **Climate Action Plan Implementation**

Highlight Smithsonian exhibit on City website

Advance your wind power program too! So many new people to FC don't even know about it. You should promote it more. Also ROOFTOP solar.

Solar on top of parking structures

Transit is not the answer. Only a tiny percentage of people do or will use transit. A vibrant downtown MUST have parking

Increasing public transit seems to both salve parking and climate action. Increase funding in lieu of tax credits for development?

Bottle recycling downtown

I feel like solar on every roof should be the norm (x2)

Energy Museum to showcase innovation

Where can one recycle batteries and light bulbs?

I think Fort Collins is doing a great job! I'm new here and I came here by choice because I like the feel and like what the City and County do with tax money!

Preserve historical buildings (embodied energy)

Add street lighting at night to encourage more biking and walking in the streets when dark

Put more community solar arrays in on City land like we have on the Pickle location

City should provide a location downtown to exchange reusable packing materials

Keep re-using buildings rather than throwing them away and using more resources to build new ones

Permanent indoor farmers' market structure

Encourage innovative green building through offering awards and recognition. Encourage builders to gain success through green innovation

Focus on REAL effects on CO2 emissions: reduce coal use, increase insulation/efficiency. Transit, recycling - these are "warm fuzzies" with poor ROI for changing CO2 levels

Recycling bins not obvious in Old Town - more signage, different color, separate cans, etc.

Implement aggressive programs such as Passive House, which is the only way to reduce energy use. Solar has embodied energy, whereas insulation is lower.

MAX on Sundays

Why isn't there a place downtown to recycle cardboard boxes?

Re roofing existing commercial roofs. Include rebate while that work is completed.

Need recycle bins and every location where there is a trash can. Lets people make better choices.

What about solar water heating? Not high-tech enough??

#### **Creative Industries**

Work to expand things that are working in FC (Community Creative Center, Artery, Museum of Discovery, Center for Fine Art Photography)

More vibrant art + music is necessary

Variety in art + music

Posters for events in more places

Funding for affordable artist live/work spaces & community galleries

I think FoCo is already doing a great job. Keep fostering festivals, maybe create a great visual arts outdoor week-long festival

Encourage informal gathering space for people to do their art (draw, knit, color) or at least host events: activities (drawing contest) i.e. Wolverine Farms

Art specific events for artists to see their work

Support & foster vibrant creatives such as – festivals, concerts, parades, community galleries, sporting event finishes etc.

Use successful models in other cities as a guide (artworks in Loveland, Artspace, Source in Denver)

Help foster creative spaces for the arts in a way similar to the Downtown Artery – upstairs studios + gallery sort of "subsidized" by successful bar downstairs

Free speech free art chalkboard – Charlottesville, VA

More art fairs & exhibits outside in the summer

Update art in the alleys behind Avo's

No more bars!

Funding is essential to allow artists spaces to create & sell. Subsidized rents

Arts + culture detreating in FC. Much more leadership needed. Example - SpokesBuzz

Add Kiosks for posters at appropriate locations for displaying arts & culture events especially at transit centers, shopping centers – for visitors and locals alike

Create space for creatives to showcase, not just as a vendor, but the full creative experience

Lower fees for Lincoln Center events

**Exhibits** 

Public/private partnership w/ dedicated foundation partner

Impromptu spaces like pop-up carts or art lab that aren't bureaucratic

Sculpture walk 40 pedestals, sponsored by businesses, change annually, vote, purchase one at end of year – Sioux Falls

Pop up box office downtown at College and Mountain w/ discounted seats (and on campus). Re. This Booth NYC

Designated space with limited bureaucracy to allow art to happen

Work with artists first rather than business/ marketers

## **Growth and Density**

Where should larger buildings go downtown/ character district comments

Crazy – this could go anywhere – no need to make this a basis for a district

Improve bike lanes on Lincoln. Over or underpass @ Mountain Ave

Keep Poudre Natural District + Oxbow District open – natural development other areas – keep treasure of Poudre River natural

Making these eleven districts seems very complex + complicated. We're a city of 150,000 not 10 million

This so-called "Campus North" district abuts a very well established, mostly owner occupied single-family residential neighborhood. The City must combine to protect the character of this neighborhood.

Single story junk buildings on College should be encouraged to redevelop with parking off alleys in rear

Design elements to consider:

Height:

Existing zoning is effective. Do not change height.

Building height most important when considering commercial + multi-unit building being built next to/a block from single family housed. I.e. the Otterbox buildings near Olive + Sherwood.

Allow buildings to build to zoning height. Contextual height will fill in w/ zoning

Fort Collins is Not New York City

Landscape Setbacks:

Very important since that's what people see as they walk/ride or drive by

Parking adequate so money not the most important factor so we can increase retail downtown

Street trees!

Land Use:

Mixed use

Consider how use impacts area – not just how use impacts the building

Massing Proportions:

Break-up massive walls facing streets

Wedding Cake prescriptive nature could be a negative to Downtown

**Building Materials:** 

Break-up massing with various materials

Upper Floor Stepbacks:

Very important. No 40'-100' single wall/faces at side which is an "affront" to aesthetics/ pedestrians

Stepbacks are only visually effective in first three stories

Stepbacks needed if buildings are high because it isn't friendly feeling to customers

Ground Floor Character:

Think aesthetics for pedestrians + character appeal to the masses

Focus needs to be at the pedestrian level and focus design/\$ at this experience. Size, density and massing are secondary to this experience.

No tall lobbies

Need open welcome ground floors with easy street access

Most important factor to vibrant downtown

Pedestrian intersect

Contextual Setback Diagram:

How about extending the public transport spine up to the "Y" to pick up N College traffic.

Keep a corridor from downtown to its historic neighborhoods

Downtown feel should extend all the way to Laurel with Oft setbacks on College

## **Parking Management - Appropriate Locations**

Allow overnight parking of business vehicles in garages and lots. Encourages vehicle/errand sharing

Transferable garage parking passes for employees

Discounted parking structure rates for businesses for employee parking

Scrumpys - remove driveway, gain flat sidewalk, add another 15 minute spot and move it BACk from Laporte

FREE parking in accessible parking structures

Seasonal parking options since biking and walking in the winter is not as easy. If parking structures are underutilized, have longer free time there. 2 hours to dine and shop is too short a time

Folks that work in Old Town need a long term, affordable parking plan. We all PAY SO MUCH to work in Old Town!!

PAID ON-STREET PARKING WILL KILL DOWNTOWN. Have MANY on-street strategies you have refused to implement.

Make developments provide parking! 1 space per bedroom!

More parking. Agree, 1 space per bedroom.

2 hours free then paid for on-street parking

Install sensors to collect data showing turnover then install on street pay parking in red zones

Free short term parking, not extended to pay

CSU provide parking garage that is PROPORTIONAL to the number of students. Don't add 10,000 students and 400 parking spaces!

Shift times of 2-hour enforcement from 12 noon to 7pm

New developments 1 parking spot per bed

Increase 2 hour enforcement to Saturday and Sunday

Have businesses provide employee parking in garages

Better/more distinct signage for specialty parking spaces

Provide free parking in garages, then on-street one hour free then paid

Are Downtown employees offering res passes to their employees?

1 hour free seems a good compromise. Extend the time past 6pm.

Better signage/awareness of parking garages

No charge for parking on street or in garage

Answer: the City did NOT think about ANY consequence of the Otterbox DISASTER near Sherwood/Olive!! You allowed business day workers to take ALL on-street parking M-F, 8a-5p. I am pissed off! Require Otter to still build a lot for employees.

## Parking Management - Strategy

More 2 hour spaces

No parking meters. Increase downtown tax instead. Keep free parking.

Keep at least SOME free parking

Install parking meters!

Parking meters needed - short term garages - longer term lower rates

Free parking in garages, paid parking on-street

More parking when new buildings are built - OtterBox takes many street spaces

Pursue public-private parking garage with Otterbox by Lincoln Center

More free 15-30 minute parking spots for "run in and grab" type stops - take-out food!

Do NOT charge for on-street parking - NO meters! Other policies will improve turnover

Use ticket kiosks to give free parking initially then paid parking with uber-like rates based upon usage demand

Get real time information on bike and car parking from Parking Enforcement

Need additional parking structures to house workers in downtown

Free parking in garages, hourly rate for parking on streets, business owners receive vouchers to validate customers' parking at time of purchase

Automobiles and climate goals are incompatible

## **Supporting Future Investment**

#### NO TIF!!

Increase/expand support for downtown

Tiered or progressive levy [within special districts] with a cap on total - buildings worth more pay more? [for BID or similar]

Need evaluation of TIF and incentives to businesses [property tax abatements, etc.] - prove that it works

Increase support! Expand TIF if necessary

Maintain support, but NEED to keep things affordable so we don't price out small and local businesses

Create a BID

Are the investments worth it? What did they do, what was their impact?

Maintain - I think things are pretty good right now

How can we keep projects feasible and match the vision for Downtown without TIF or similar? [Investment in downtown] is critical. Need to do something to maintain support.

There should be increased active subsidized work spaces for creative industries - specifically artists, artisans, and crafters who are creating objects and for galleries and places to sell the objects. A strong gallery and creative district will draw tourism. Fund this!

Funds will continue to be needed for downtown to ensure its historic nature and local business are maintained along with infrastructure.

Allow organic growth unless TIF can be proven to provide stable long-term benefits as supporters claim. Let the market dictate who/what/when of development.

Is TIF supposed to eventually be revenue neutral? How did that work out for the currently expiring round?

Keep the DDA involved after 2031. Keep TIF funding improvements and maintenance!

Look at what happened in Timnath with the schools/Costco TIF [TIF was bad for the schools]

Maintain TIF in combination with other ways to increase revenue specifically for downtown

Need an evaluation about TIF - how did it work? Was it revenue neutral?

Increase and expand support to continue to support and incentivize the vibrancy of downtown as the heart of the City.

Raise development fees to cover the money needed for downtown improvements.

At a minimum, the City should continue to fund the DDA at current levels the contributions, in the form of TIF, make developments and redevelopments feasible, which otherwise would not be. These developments and redevelopments help to maintain and enhance Old Town's vibrancy.

Stop Tax Increment Financing!

DDA is so important - no downside to TIF