Improvement Costs

Roadway improvements are a significant investment that will happen over time and through various funding sources including local, state, federal and private funds. The range of draft cost estimates are as follows:

\$18-20 million

\$3-5 million

- \$20-25 million » Frontage roads improvements:
- Infrastructure modernization: »
- \$12-15 million Intersection improvements: »
- Traffic flow improvements: »
- Median and streetscape upgrades: »
- Multi-use path construction: »
- Art, signage and way-finding: »
- \$10-13 million \$8-10 million \$7-10 million
 - 80% of the project funding will come from state, federal, and private sources

20% State & Federal 60%

Ft. Collins

Private 20%

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

To achieve the vision for College Avenue in Midtown the plan lays out a fifteen year implementation strategy. In 2015, CDOT will repave this portion of College Avenue. With that effort the City is coordinating some sidewalk and striping improvements. The first phase (2015 to 2020) is envisioned to be Drake to Horsetooth, focused on intersection improvements in particular the Horsetooth intersection that has some identified funding currently. The second phase (2021 to 2026) is likely to be Prospect to Princeton and the third phase (2027 to 2030) would be the southernmost section Horsetooth to Harmony Road.

2015 - 2020	2021 - 2026	2027-2030
Design & Input	Design & Input	Design & Input
CENTER DISTRICT Drake to Horsetooth including intersections	UPPER AND NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICTS	SOUTH DISTRICT Horsetooth to Harmony
finalize construction plan engage property owners	Prospect to Princeton including intersections	finalize construction plan engage property owners
coordinate with SFCBA*	finalize construction plan engage property owners	coordinate with SFCBA*
Capital Funding	coordinate with SFCBA*	Capital Funding
\$2 millon/year local \$7.5 million from CDOT \$7.5 million from FHWA	engage neighborhoods	\$1 millon/year local \$5 million from CDOT \$5 million from FHWA
\$2 million private CDOT RAMP funding	Capital Funding \$1 millon/year local	\$2 million from private CDOT PROGRAMS
CDOT FASTER	\$5 million from CDOT \$5 million from FHWA	NFRMPO TIP Ft. Collins TIP
NFRMPO 2015-2020 TIP -t. Collins "Building on Basics"	\$1 million from private CDOT FASTER	FHWA funds
Ft. Collins 2015-2020 TIP	NFRMPO 2020-2025 TIP Ft. Collins "Building on Basics"	Operations Funding
FHWA TIGER program FHWA discretionary funds	Ft. Collins 2021-2026 TIP	Business Improvement Dist.
CO Senate Bill 1 (extension)	FHWA discretionary funds Community Block Grants	Ft. Collins general fund Private sponsorship
Operations Funding	Operations Funding	
Business Improvement Dist. Ft. Collins general fund Private sponsorship	Business Improvement Dist. Ft. Collins general fund	City of College Avenue Transportation Study
uth Fort Collins Business Association		The full plan documents can be found at: www.fcgov.com/advanceplanning/midtowninmot

Midtown in Motion College Avenue Transportation Study



October 2014

Project Vision

This effort is the first step in making the improvements outlined in the Midtown Plan a reality. The plan targets safe connections to the MAX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service for pedestrians and bicyclists and a high functioning automobile network that the City wanted and needed for some time.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

O Project Goals

- » Make College Avenue **safer** for all modes of travel
- » Strengthen bicycle and pedestrian connections to MAX
- » Create universal designs for all ages and abilities
- » Create a well functioning high quality and **attractive street**

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Character



- High quality streetscape a area identity
- Bike friendly
- Walkable
- Improved way-finding

Bicycling



Despite the bicycling ition on College

- On sidewalks
- Using frontage roads
- For everyday trips



Driving

College Avenue is used primarily for local trips with

- only 20% pass through trips
- nearly 50,000 vehicles everyday
- several high accident ntersections
- congestion during peak travel times

Walking

Walking College Avenue is an

- Missing, narrow and isconnected sidewalks
- forced to walk close to traffic

lack of walking connections to businesses and neighborhoods

College Avenue is a major north-south arterial with a series of six through lanes extending from Harmony on the south to Prospect on the north. The project study area has some auxiliary travel lanes that are used for acceleration and deceleration from adjacent land uses. The corridor is US Highway 287 and is operated in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). The corridor has raised medians, and a functional classification described as a Principal Arterial by the City of Fort Collins. The speed limit along College Avenue is 40 miles per hour (MPH). The corridor traffic volumes range form 40,000 to 50,000 vehicles on a daily basis and 80% of the motor vehicle trips on College Avenue do not travel all the way through the three mile corridor. Only 20% of the traffic is considered "through".

preferred alternative

While a variety of alternatives were evaluated, the preferred alternative was selected due to its ability to provide high quality pedestrian and bicycle enhancements while maintaining automobile access and mobility. It also received the most positive feedback from project stakeholders and the community as well as the strongest triple bottom line analysis. It is also implementable and will provide "world class" corridor infrastructure without breaking the bank.

The preferred alternative also achieves all of the *Midtown in Motion* project goals of creating safer travel conditions for all modes, strengthening bicycle and pedestrian connections to MAX, using universal designs for all ages and abilities, and creating a well functioning high quality and attractive street. Additionally, it helps to achieve the vision created in the *Midtown Plan* which includes creating an area that has high quality streetscape and area identity and is bike friendly and walkable with improved way finding.

The preferred alternative does all off this by creating a system of multi-use paths along the corridor while maintaining the three travel lanes for automobile travel. Additionally, the existing frontage road system is reenvisioned to a network of one-way access roads that maintain property access and parking while allowing enhancements for bicycle travel.

DESIGN VISION

Shade Tree (typ) Sandstone Landscape Upper District: Rutgers to Prospect Midtown in Motion Boulder (typ) Center District: Monroe to Princeton Ornamental Tree (typ) Low-Water, Naturalized Shrub Bed - Rock Mulch (typ) Evergreen Tree (typ) 4'-6' 11' 10'-12' 5' 11' 11' 11 11' 11' 5' 8'-10' 10'-12' 18 23' Buffer 11' 11 21' 11' 11' 11 18' Low-Water, Naturalized Shrub Bed - Rock Mulch (typ) UPPER DISTRICT TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION CENTER DISTRICT TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION Ornamental Tree (typ) Neighborhood District: Princeton to Rutgers Midtown in Motion South District: Harmony to Monroe Facing No **Decorative Fencing** similar to accent fencing at Harmony Road & College Avenue 21' 21' 10 11' 11' 11' 11' 21′ 8' 10'-12' 10'-12' 8' 11' 11' 11 11' 11' 11' NORTH

NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION

INTERSECTIONS







SOUTH DISTRICT TYPICAL CROSS SECTION