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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 10, 2011

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**THRU:** Darin Atteberry, City Manager   
Diane Jones, Deputy City Manager – Community Services 

**FROM:** Karen Cumbo, Planning, Development & Transportation Director  
Mark Jackson, PDT Budget, Policy & Communications Manager

**RE:** March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Work Session Summary – Transportation Update

PDT Director Karen Cumbo, PDT Transportation managers, and key staff presented information regarding transportation construction and maintenance projects scheduled for 2011. In addition to scheduled projects, the impact of Keep Fort Collins Great (2B), grants, and partnerships with other agencies was also discussed. All council members were present. The purpose of the presentation was primarily informational, with no specific questions or feedback requested. Council comments and questions were taken.

#### Comments, themes, questions, and requests from Council included:

- Council had several questions regarding the City's Street Oversizing program (Transportation Impact Fee) and how developer and community shares of costs were calculated.
- Did Staff complete the concrete construction guidelines as promised? (yes)
- Kudos to PDT Staff for being awarded state/federal bridge grants, saving over \$1 million in KFCG dollars for other transportation needs.
- Discussion of neighborhood traffic mitigation (calming) projects scheduled for 2011.
- Are there any projects scheduled for retrofitting existing City streets as discussed in the Transportation Master Plan? (Yes; there are action items planned to identify candidate projects.)
- Is too much attention focused on street maintenance projects in the southeast portion of the City? (No. These are routine maintenance projects scheduled for roads over 12 years old.)
- Council and staff discussed the importance of maintaining streets in good condition for as long as possible to save on much more expensive reconstruction costs necessary if streets fail.
- Are the City's street construction standards adequate? (Yes. The City's standards are stringent and go beyond that required by many other cities.)

- Were streets in the Fossil Lake area constructed to City standards? Was the construction oversight by the City or County? (The streets were built to City standards per the adopted Larimer County Urban Area Street Standards. Staff will research whether construction occurred under County or City watch.)
- Will Staff come back to City management and Council to discuss amending street standards if and when it is determined necessary? (Yes)
- Council and Staff discussed different types of treatments used for street maintenance and their respective costs and life expectancy.
- Council and Staff discussed the latest projected schedule for construction of the Mason Corridor. Construction of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) guide-way and stations will begin no later than January 2012. Some preparatory construction in advance of the two-way conversion of Mason Street will occur this year.
- Council suggested ways to give residents better information as to the condition of their roads and when they can expect them to receive treatment. Staff will take under advisement and work to improve information available.
- Council had questions regarding when streets annexed into the city as part of the Southwest Annexation phases can expect maintenance treatment. Staff is currently completing an inventory of conditions in this area and discussing options for addressing sub-standard street conditions that exist.
- What is the status of the Transportation Utility analysis? (The project is funded for 2011 and internal discussions are underway to begin the analysis of future transportation funding options.)
- Council had questions regarding future transit service expansion. Staff explained that FLEX regional bus service will expand service to Sundays as a result of grants received. If additional resources were available, Transfort management would like to expand fixed route service hours and include weekend service.
- Council and Staff discussed other pressing bridge repair /replacement needs after our two highest priority projects are completed.
- Is a roundabout at the intersection of Canyon and Mulberry being considered as a future project? Council expressed an interest in the project as a gateway into downtown, an urban design feature for the improved Lincoln Center, and for safety and mobility improvements. (Staff will investigate the viability of the project, and will consider the project versus other safety and mobility improvement needs throughout the City.)
- Council and Staff discussed the pros and cons of using concrete versus asphalt applications, in terms of costs and life expectancy.
- Council's summary comments were very complimentary of staff and the information provided.



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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 11, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council members  
**THROUGH:** Darin Atteberry, City Manager *DA*  
**FROM:** Mike Freeman, Chief Financial Officer  
Josh Birks, Economic Advisor *JAB*  
**RE:** **March 8, 2011 Work Session Summary – Economic Health Update**

This memorandum provides a summary of the discussion relating to the Economic Health Update, which occurred at the City Council Work Session on March 8, 2011.

**Attendance:** Mayor Hutchinson; Council Members – Ohlson, Poppaw, Roy, Troxell, Manvel, Kotwitz; Staff – Darin Atteberry, Diane Jones, Mike Freeman, Josh Birks, Christina Vincent

### Economic Health Action Plan Update

- Staff presented an overview of the proposed Update to the Economic Health Action plan, funded with \$150,000 from the Keep Fort Collins Great tax revenues.
- A general timeline was provided with the update planned for adoption by years' end.
- Council Comments –
  - Please strengthen the scope to include benchmarking and comparison to other high performing communities.
  - Please include some review of best practices relating to economic development.

### Targeted Industry Cluster Updates

- Staff presented an update on the five adopted Targeted Industry Clusters and a new emerging sixth cluster around engine and fuel innovation.
- Staff clarified the history around funding contributions to the Colorado Clean Energy Cluster (formerly the Northern Colorado Clean Energy Cluster).
- Council Comments –
  - Please provide additional information concerning the types and locations of projects the cluster engages in as a result of City funding.
  - If the opportunity arises, please consider changing the name of the Colorado Clean Energy Cluster to reflect that no type of energy production is absolutely clean.
  - In the future, please provide additional information regarding City activities relating to the Uniquely Fort Collins Cluster.

### Urban Renewal Update

- Staff presented an update on the Urban Renewal activities. Special emphasis was given to the existing conditions study underway in the Midtown Area. This builds on the work already completed at Prospect South and Foothills Mall.
- Staff clarified the benchmarking activities that the URA has been engaging in for the past two years. This includes meeting with other Front Range Urban Renewal Authorities and learning from their experience. Fort Collins has become a trend setter in green building improvement requirements and overall policy and procedures related to URA activities.