

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 1999

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Eric Levine, Air Quality Advisory Board chair

SUBJECT: Air Quality Advisory Board -- 1998 Annual Report

The Air Quality Advisory Board met in 12 regular meetings, one special meeting, two retreats and numerous committee meetings during 1998. Following is a summary of the Board's activities:

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL and OTHERS

- **Fiscal and Environmental Impact Model** -- Memo to Council suggesting refinements to the model.
- **Alternative Transportation Concerns in Downtown Developments** -- Memo to Council recommending that plans for the justice center, parking garage, and transportation center support alternative modes.
- **Air Quality Consequences in the Transportation Alternatives Feasibility Study** -- Memo to Council recommending air quality analysis methods and transit policy goals for the study.
- **Joint recommendation on air quality redesignation** -- Memo recommending that Council not initiate a request for redesignation as an attainment area at this time.
- **Indoor Air Quality Issue Paper** -- Memo to Council recommending continuation of the indoor air quality program with emphasis on carbon monoxide, radon, and environmental tobacco smoke.
- **Adoption of 1999 Air Quality Action Plan** -- Memo to Council recommending adoption and warning that VMT growth rates used in the Plan may be too low.
- **City of Fort Collins Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program** -- Memo to Council recommending continued purchase of alternative fuel vehicles, with emphasis on cleaner diesel engines.
- **Legal Interpretation of the Clean Air Act** -- Memo to North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council recommending clarification of federal, state, and Planning Council authority regarding redesignation as an attainment area.
- **Transportation funding committee recommendation** -- Memo to Council supporting the recommendations of the Transportation Funding Advisory Committee.

COMMITTEES

- **Benchmark:** to identify first class air pollution programs and apply techniques to Fort Collins
- **Cities for Climate Protection:** to work with staff, technical experts, and residents to set a greenhouse gas reduction target and develop a Local Action Plan for Fort Collins targeting energy conservation and solid waste reduction
- **Regional Inspection and Maintenance (I/M):** to evaluate I/M needs on a regional level
- **New Source Review:** to work with staff to implement programs pertaining to new commercial and industrial businesses in Fort Collins
- **State Implementation Plan:** to work on redesignating Fort Collins as an attainment area
- **Tobacco Smoking:** to participate in the review and update of the City's Smoking in Public Places law