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## **WORK SESSION**

**May 28, 2013**

**6 p.m.**

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. North Front Range Transit Vision - Regional Transit Feasibility Study. (staff: Kurt Ravenschlag, Emma McArdle; 1 hour discussion)

The North Front Range Transit Vision – Regional Transit Feasibility Study was initiated in the spring of 2012 by the Cities of Fort Collins and Loveland, the Town of Berthoud, Larimer County and the North Front Range MPO. The Study’s intent is to assess the feasibility of transit operation integration in the North Front Range 2010 Transportation Management Area (TMA) boundaries. The Study’s focus is on operational integration options and related governance structure.

After a nearly yearlong process of data collection and analysis, public outreach, alternative evaluation and focused discussions with the regional transit providers, the project management team and steering committee have identified a recommendation regarding integration of regional transit operations. The Study recommendations are as follows:

1. Ultimately, pursue full integration of both fixed-route and paratransit operations for Loveland and Fort Collins. This may be done in a phased approach rather than in one step.
  2. Utilize an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to form an “Authority” to act as the governance structure for the regional transit operation. The IGA would allow for additional entity participation.
  3. Develop a joint task force to draft a Phased Integration Plan to improve transit coordination and customer benefits over time.
3. Development Review Project Transparency Update. (staff: Laurie Kadrich, Delynn Coldiron, Sarah Burnett; 1 hour discussion)

Transparency in the development review process and improved, consistent and reliable processes related to development proposal reviews have been areas of concern for Council and the community. City staff has responded to these concerns in various ways since 2009; however, the significant increase in multi-family project submittals starting in 2011 resulted in additional concerns. Interested citizens wanted the ability to become fully informed about specific development projects being proposed as early in the process as possible. Although much of the information was available on the City’s website, customers wanted access to related documents and records in a consolidated, clear and easily accessible manner.

In response to this feedback, a combined effort between Community Development & Neighborhood Services and Information Technology staff have resulted in numerous additional improvements. We are excited for the opportunity to provide Council with an update on this item, which will include a demonstration of many of the specifics.

4. Operation of the Mary Alice Murphy Center of Hope. (staff: Joe Frank; 20 minute discussion)

The United Way of Larimer County is requesting City funding in the amount of \$45,000 for the operation of the Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center of Hope, from January to July, 2013 (six months). Other funding partners include United Way (\$58,000), Bohemian Foundation (\$45,000) and Serve6.8 (\$35,000). The Murphy Center, located at 242 Conifer Street, is the one-stop center in Fort Collins for homeless and near homeless persons. The operation of the Center is an important component in the community’s network of housing and complimentary services so that homelessness is rare, short-lived and non-recurring in Fort Collins.

This item was added to the May 28 work session to brief Council before its June 4 consideration of funding for the Mary Alice Murphy Center of Hope.

5. Other Business.
6. Adjournment.