

MINUTES
LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 EAST THIRD STREET
LOVELAND, COLORADO

STUDY SESSION 6:30 P.M.

Councilors present: Gutierrez, Fogle, Ball, Johnson, Overcash, McKean, Shaffer, and Clark were present. Councilor Krenning was absent. City Manager, Bill Cahill was also present.

**1. LOVELAND FIRE RESCUE AUTHORITY
I-25 TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

LFRA Captain Greg Gilbert presented this information only item. The objective of the presentation was to introduce to City Council a successful model for collaboration for managing traffic incidents on Interstate 25 (I-25) in Northern Colorado between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP), and Loveland Fire Rescue Authority (LFRA). Given that I-25 is the one of the primary commerce corridors through our State, it was critical to the leadership in the CSP, CDOT and LFRA that all three organizations can assist and restore normal traffic flows safely and efficiently as a single response team. A significant spring storm occurred in March of 2013 that served as a catalyst for change in incident management. Within a 3 mile incident area, there was a 60 car pile-up requiring 20 fire apparatus and 54 fire personnel. 11 patients had to be transported to the hospital and the interstate was closed for 8 hours. Traffic Incident Management (TIM) was developed as a planned and coordinated program to detect and remove incidents and restore traffic capacity. TIM is intended to improve safety, enhance the efficiency of clearing traffic incidents, support interoperable communications, reduce the potential for secondary incidents, and support economic vitality by minimizing delays. This collaboration has been very successful and serves as a model for implementation throughout the State.

**2. CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
REGIONAL HIGHWAY ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY I-25 AND US HIGHWAY 34**

Johnny Olson, Region 4 Director and Aaron Grekko, and Bill Cahill, City Manager presented this information item to the City Council and discuss regional highway activities, in particular Interstate 25 and US Highway 34. The completion of the North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in 2011 described the total improvements to I-25 north of Denver would cost over \$1.2 billion and take over sixty years to complete. Since the release of the EIS, multiple groups have formed to advocate for more rapid completion of needed improvements. These include the Fix North I-25 Business Alliance and the I-25 Elected Officials Coalition.

Much of the recent discussion for Highway 34 centers on a possible Planning and Environmental Linkages ("PEL") Study, to examine the environmental, social and economic impacts of the highway while taking into account the surrounding communities' growth.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business to come before Council, Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the March 22, 2016 Study Session at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Teresa G. Andrews, City Clerk


Cecil A. Gutierrez, Mayor

