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AGENDA ITEM:	1%
MEETING DATE:	9/6/2011
то:	City Council
FROM:	Public Works
PRESENTER:	Keith Reester, Public Works Director and David Klockeman, City Engineer

TITLE: North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) - Final Document Review

**DESCRIPTION:** The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), has just released the Final North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) document for review. The City of Loveland has been involved in the EIS since the process began in 2004. The official review period is from August 19, 2011 to September 19, 2011. On August 30, 2011 the comment period was extended to October 3, 2011. As part of this review period, CDOT is requesting that the City of Loveland, as one of the participating local agencies, provide comments back to the Project Team.

#### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

Yes • No

There is no funding impact related to this item for the City of Loveland.

#### SUMMARY:

The North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process began in 2004. The EIS projected growth and transportation related needs to the year 2035. To date, the EIS has gone through Scoping, the development of the Purpose and Need, the Development of Alternatives, the preparation of the Draft EIS, and the Public and Agency Review of the Draft EIS. The City of Loveland has actively participated in all parts of this process from the beginning.

The Draft EIS included Package A and Package B alternatives that addressed specific parts of the previously established Purpose and Need. After the completion of the review and comments for the Draft EIS, a Preferred Alternative was developed that combined elements from Package A and Package B to better address the Purpose and Need as well establish the overall capital costs of the improvements included in the Preferred Alternative.

The capital costs of the improvements included in the Preferred Alternative tota1 \$2.178 Billion (2009 dollars). In reviewing the anticipated allocated funding through the planning year of 2035, it was determined that \$688 Million was available. In order to complete the EIS process, a Record of Decision is required that establishes the transportation improvements that can be implemented within the planning timeframe included in the document. Therefore, based on the available funding, it was determined that three phases would be established for this EIS – Phase 1 from now to 2035, Phase 2 from 2035 to 2055, and Phase 3 from 2055 to 2075.

The capital projects were then established by the Project Team and the local agencies for Phase 1, including \$548 Million for Highway improvements and \$121 Million for Transit improvements.

In addition to the evaluation of the alternatives and documentation and the phasing determination, several other steps have been completed to ensure that the proposed improvements met applicable standards, as well as went through a "legal sufficiency review" with FHWA.

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, the Final EIS was released, which includes all of the above information. The review period is from August 19 to U&( $a^{A}$ , 2011. As part of this review period, CDOT is requesting that the City of Loveland, as one of the participating local agencies, provide comments back to the Project Team. As part of this request, CDOT provided information to City Staff in the form of a guide for local jurisdictions, which is included as an attachment to this item.

The full document is available at a number of locations around the region and locally at Loveland City Hall and at the Loveland Library. The process includes three (3) public hearings during the review period: September 12, 2011 at the SW Weld County Building in Longmont, September 13, 2011 at the Longmont Public Library, and September 15, 2011 at The Ranch (Budweiser Event Center) in Loveland. Public comment will be taken at all of the public hearings. Additional information can be obtained through the project website at <u>www.coloradodot.info/projects/north-i-25-eis</u>.

#### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement Fact Sheet August 2011
- North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement Advertisement Copy for: Release of FEIS, Public Hearing Announcement, and Public Review Locations
- 3. North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement Final EIS Purpose and Need Chapter
- 4. North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement Preferred Alternative Graphic
- 5. North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement Phase 1 Record of Decision Map
- 6. North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement Review Guide for Local Jurisdictions

#### **RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:**

Council discussion, including addressing questions included in the attached Review Guide, and Staff direction for response to Final North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as part of Review Period.

**REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:** 

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#### Wellington to Denver

### **UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Colorado Department of Transportation will host three public hearings in September to gather feedback on the Final Environmental Impact Statement. All meetings will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a brief presentation at 5:30 p.m. and an opportunity to comment publicly.

September 12, 2011- Southwest Weld County Building: 4209 Weld County Road 24 1/2 (I-25 exit #240)

September 13, 2011- Longmont Public Library: 409 4th Avenue in Longmont

September 15, 2011- The Ranch (Budweiser Events Center): 5290 Arena Circle (I-25 exit #259)

#### **Project Overview**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), is completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to identify and evaluate multi-modal transportation improvements along approximately 60 miles of the I-25 corridor from the Fort Collins-Wellington area to Denver. The EIS addresses regional and inter-regional movement of people, goods and services along I-25.



#### **Preferred Alternative**

Over the past year, CDOT has been working closely with FHWA and local agencies to identify a preferred alternative. With guidance from public comments submitted on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and an extensive collaborative effort, a preferred alternative has been identified which will include the following elements:

- General Purpose Lanes one new general purpose lane in each direction of I-25 between SH 66 and SH 14.
- Tolled Express Lanes (TEL) one buffer-separated TEL in each direction of I-25 from the existing HOV/ Express Toll lanes at approximately 84th Avenue north to SH 14.

- Interchanges 13 I-25 interchanges will be upgraded.
- Express Bus Express bus with 13 stations along I-25, US 34 and Harmony Road with service from Fort Collins and Greeley to downtown Denver and DIA.
- Commuter Rail Commuter rail service with nine stations connecting Fort Collins to Longmont using the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad right-of-way, generally paralleling SH 119 then County Road 7 and tying into FasTracks North Metro line in Thornton, providing service to downtown Denver. Passengers may also connect to the FasTracks Northwest line in Longmont, which will travel to Boulder.
- Commuter Bus Commuter bus service with eight stations along US 85 connecting Greeley to downtown Denver.
- Congestion Management- Improvements include accommodations for ridesharing, carpools and vanpools, along with additional bicycle and pedestrian facilities. In addition, signal timing, ramp metering on I-25 and signage will also be improved.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q. When will we have an opportunity to review the Final EIS?

A. The North I-25 Final EIS will be available for public review and comment for a 30-day period from mid-August to mid-September. During this time, the public hearings listed above will be held to gather feedback.

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## FACT SHEET North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement

#### Wellington to Denver

Q. What does the Final EIS include?

A. The Final EIS includes a detailed evaluation of the three build alternatives including Package A, Package B and the Preferred Alternative. A phased approach for implementation of the Preferred Alternative will also be included. The Preferred Alternative and Phase 1 are shown on the project website at

http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/north-i-25-eis

Q. What is a Record of Decision (ROD)?

A. The Record of Decision for North I-25 is a document that will describe the transportation improvements that have been selected by CDOT and FHWA for the first phase of implementation.

Q. What is the North I-25 ROD expected to include? A. A final decision on what to include in the North I-25 ROD will be made after the Final EIS public comment period. It is currently anticipated that Phase 1, as identified in the Final EIS, will be selected for implementation in the ROD. Q. When will the North I-25 ROD be completed? A. The ROD is expected to be signed by CDOT and FHWA in Fall 2011.

Q. When will construction begin?

A. To accommodate current funding limitations, CDOT and FHWA anticipate constructing the improvements in phases over time. CDOT is already moving forward with preliminary design of two northern sections of I-25 improvements. At this time, construction funding has not been identified.

#### **Staying Informed**

For the latest information about the project, visit http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/north-i-25-eis







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NORTH I-25

Mark Your Calendars PUBLIC HEARINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Join the North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Project Team for public hearings on the North I-25 Final EIS!

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is pleased to announce the availability of the Final EIS. The Final EIS identifies and evaluates multi-modal transportation improvements from the Fort Collins-Wellington area to Denver.

**Review Period:** A 30-day public review period will conclude on Sept. 19, 2011. Verbal and written comments on the Final EIS must be received by the North I-25 EIS Project Team by Sept. 19, 2011 to be considered.

**Public Hearings:** Three (3) public hearings to receive verbal and written comments on the Final EIS will be held. All of the public hearings will take place from 4:30 pm to 7 pm at the following locations:

Sept. 12, 2011: Southwest Weld County Service Center, Large Meeting Room, 4209 Weld County Rd. 24 ½, Longmont (I-25 Exit 240)

Sept. 13, 2011: Longmont Public Library, Meeting Rooms A & B, 409 4th Ave., Longmont

Sept. 15, 2011: The Ranch (Budweiser Events Center), Exhibit Rooms B & C, 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland (I-25 Exit 259)

The format for each of the public hearings will include an open house from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm with a brief presentation beginning at 5:30 pm with an opportunity to comment. The open house will then continue after the presentation and comment period. The project team will be available until 7 pm for follow-up questions or clarification.

Public Review Locations: The Final EIS is available for public review at the following	
locations beginning Aug.19, 2011:	

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Berthoud Town Hall	328 Massachusetts Ave.	Berthoud
Brighton City Hall	22 S. 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Brighton
CDOT Headquarters	4201 E. Arkansas Ave.	Denver
CDOT Region 4 Headquarters	1420 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.	Greeley
CDOT Region 4, Loveland Residen	icy 2207 Hwy. 402	Loveland
City of Longmont Civic Center	350 Kimbark St.	Longmont
Dacono City Hall	512 Cherry St.	Dacono
Erie Town Hall	645 Holbrook St.	Erie
FHWA Colorado Division Office	12300 W. Dakota Ave., Ste. 180	Lakewood
Firestone Town Hall	151 Grant Ave.	Firestone
Fort Collins City Building	300 LaPorte Ave.	Fort Collins
Fort Collins Regional Library	201 Peterson St.	Fort Collins
Frederick Town Hall Admin. Bldg.	401 Locust St.	Frederick
Greeley City Building	1000 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Greeley
Greeley Lincoln Park Library	919 7 <sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 100	Greeley
Johnstown Town Hall	101 Charlotte St.	Johnstown
Longmont Library	409 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Longmont
Loveland City Hall	500 E. 3 <sup>rd</sup> St.,Ste. 110	Loveland
Loveland Library	300 N. Adams Ave.	Loveland

Mead Town Hall Milliken Town Hall Northglenn City Hall SW Weld County Building Thornton City Hall 441 Third St.
2951 Ash St.
11701 Community Center Dr.
915 10<sup>th</sup> St.
9500 Civic Center Dr.

Mead Milliken Northglenn Greeley Thornton

More information about the project can be found at http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/north-i-25-eis.

**Comments:** Written and verbal comments can be submitted at the public hearings. Written comments also can be submitted through the website (<u>http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/north-i-25-eis</u>), by facsimile (303-721-0832), or by mail to the following address:

North I-25 Project Team c/o Tom Anzia Felsburg Holt & Ullevig 6300 S. Syracuse Way, Suite 600 Centennial, CO 80111

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#### **CHAPTER 1 PURPOSE AND NEED** 1

#### 1.1 **INTRODUCTION** 2

- The Federal Highway Administration
- (FHWA), in cooperation with the Colorado 4
- Department of Transportation (CDOT), has 5
- initiated preparation of an Environmental
- Impact Statement (EIS) to identify and 7
- evaluate multi-modal transportation
- improvements along approximately 61 miles
- of the I-25 corridor from the Fort Collins-10
- Wellington area to Denver. The 11
- improvements being considered in this 12

#### What's In Chapter 1?

#### Chapter 1 - Purpose and Need

- 1.1 Introduction
- 1.2 **Project Location**
- Background and Project History 1.3 Purpose and Need
- 1.4
- 1.5 Need for Action
- Relationship to Transportation 1.6 Planning Process
- 1.7 **Concurrent Corridor Studies**
- 1.8 Relationship to NEPA
- Final EIS will address regional and inter-regional movement of people, goods, and services in 13
- the I-25 corridor. The Draft EIS was issued in October 2008. 14

#### 1.2 **PROJECT LOCATION** 15

- The regional study area extends from Wellington at the north end to Denver Union Station on 16
- the south, and from US 287 and the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway routes 17
- on the west to US 85 and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) routes on the east. The regional 18
- study area, depicted in Figure 1-1, spans portions of seven counties: Adams, Boulder, 19
- Broomfield, Denver, Jefferson, Larimer, and Weld. The regional study area includes 20
- 38 incorporated communities and three transportation planning regions (TPRs): the Denver 21
- Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning 22
- Organization (NFRMPO), and the Upper Front Range Regional Planning Commission 23
- (UFRRPC). Major population centers in the regional study area include Fort Collins, Greeley, 24
- Loveland, and the communities in the northern portion of the Denver metropolitan area 25
- 26 (Denver Metro Area).

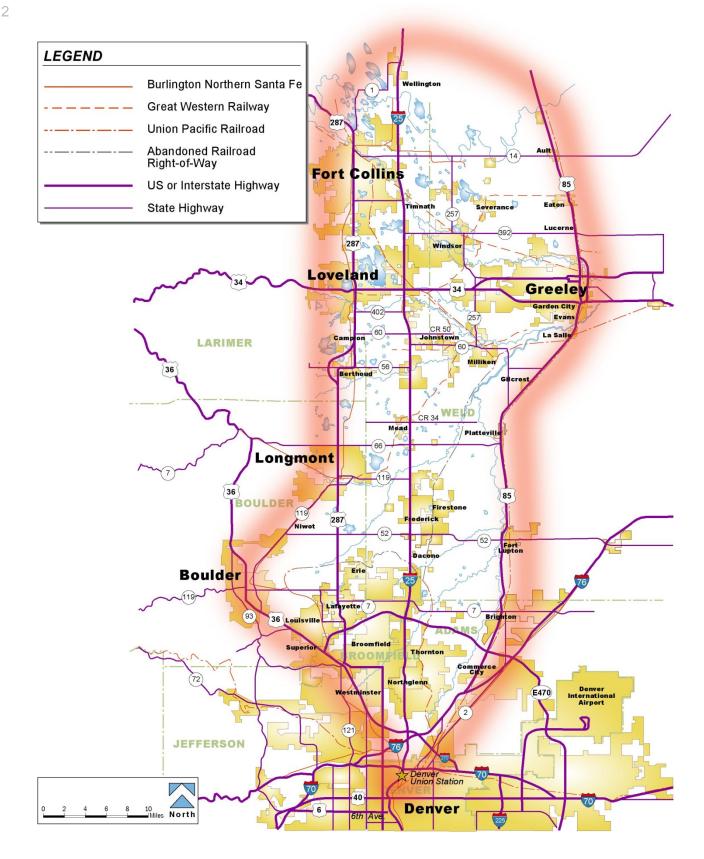


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#### Figure 1-1

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### North I-25 EIS Regional Study Area



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### **1.3 BACKGROUND AND PROJECT HISTORY**

This northern Colorado corridor has become the focus of a substantial portion of statewide 2 3 growth over the years, with I-25 serving as the primary north-south spine of the transportation system. These growth pressures have resulted in considerable increases in travel demand to 4 the corridor, including both travel between northern Colorado and the Denver Metro Area and 5 travel between communities in northern Colorado. At the same time, this corridor is a major 7 link in the nationwide interstate highway system serving long distance travel, and is a critical 8 element of the Western Transportation Trade Network (WTTN). The WTTN is a system of highway and rail routes through 14 western states; it carries the majority of freight through the 9 10 western United States. As traffic volumes and safety concerns have increased on I-25 and connecting roadways, awareness of the need to plan for transportation improvements in this 11 12 corridor has grown.

13 Illustrating the growth in the North I-25 corridor, **Figure 1-2** compares year 2005 households 14 and employment to projected year 2035 future households and employment in the regional

15 study area. Projections show an increase of 74 percent in households, while projections for

16 employment show a corresponding increase of 76 percent over the year 2005 levels. This

17 growth will result in increases in travel demand throughout the regional study area.

18 Providing transportation systems that operate safely, efficiently, and allow travelers to

19 conveniently access shopping, recreational activities, work, and community services, as well

as providing for efficient movement of freight, are important to maintain an economically viable
 region.

22 In 1993, CDOT initiated a feasibility study, with a subsequent 1995 Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), for improvements to enhance the capacity 23 24 and safety of I-25 between State Highway (SH) 7 and SH 66. This supported the decision making process for improvements on I-25, which have recently been completed (between 25 SH 7 and SH 66). Subsequently, CDOT, in conjunction with regional planning groups (North 26 Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council, UFRRPC, and DRCOG), 27 28 undertook a major investment study called the North Front Range Transportation Alternatives 29 Feasibility Study (TAFS), to evaluate an extensive range of alternative highway improvements, bus transit alternatives, passenger-rail alternatives, and travel demand management programs 31 for the corridor from SH 7 to SH 14. This study, published in March 2000, recommended a 32 Vision Plan that included, as major components, an inter-regional bus service, combination 33 general purpose/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, and passenger rail service.

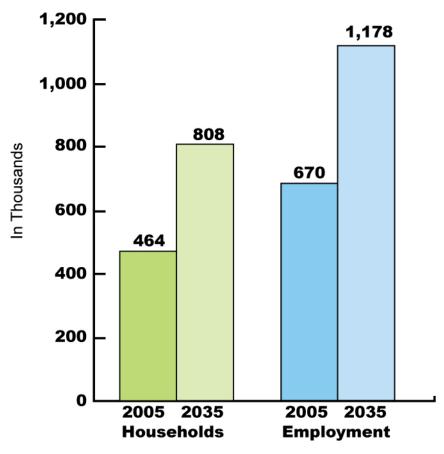
In more recent years, a number of studies have been conducted by communities or groups of
 communities to establish planning guidelines for growth in segments of this corridor. These
 plans have addressed both land use and transportation issues. The initiation of this North I-25
 EIS represents the next step in evaluating and planning for implementation of improvements in
 this corridor.

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1Figure 1-2Year 2005 and 2035 Households and Employment in the Regional Study2Area



Source: NFRMPO and DRCOG 2035 RTP data.

## 4 **1.4 PROJECT PURPOSE**

5 The purpose of the project is to meet long-term travel needs between the Denver Metro Area 6 and the rapidly growing population centers along the I-25 corridor north to the Fort Collins-7 Wellington area. To meet long-term travel needs, the project must improve safety, mobility and

8 accessibility, and provide modal alternatives and interrelationships.

## **1.5 NEED FOR THE ACTION**

- 10 The need for the project can be summarized in the following four categories:
- 11 Increased frequency and severity of crashes
- Increasing traffic congestion leading to mobility and accessibility problems
- Aging and functionally obsolete infrastructure
- 14 Lack of modal alternatives

- The project needs relate differently to highway and transit components of the solutions. 1
- 2 Highway alternatives were evaluated in addressing all four of these needs. Transit alternatives
- 3 were evaluated in addressing two of the needs: increasing traffic congestion leading to mobility
- and accessibility problems, and lack of modal alternatives. 4
- 5 Specific measures were developed for each of the needs in order to provide a means for
- evaluating the effectiveness of each alternative. These measures and results of the evaluation 6
- are included in Chapter 2 Alternatives. 7

#### 1.5.1 **Highway Safety Concerns** 8

9 Over the last decade, the number of crashes along I-25 has increased, and a number of locations on I-25 currently experience worse than expected safety performance when

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compared to other four-lane and six-lane interstate facilities in Colorado with similar traffic 11

- 12 volumes. This, in part, can be attributed to congestion and the fact that portions of I-25 do not
- meet current design standards. 13

There is a need to reduce crashes on the portions of I-25 that have worse than average safety 14 performance, as described in Section 1.5.1.1. 15

#### **CRASH DATA** 1.5.1.3 16

17 In 1991, 331 crashes were reported along I-25 between SH 7 and Wellington. By 2001, this 18 number had more than tripled to 1,130 crashes. The largest increases in the number of crashes occurred on I-25 between SH 7 and SH 52 (the section improved in 2005) and 19 20 between SH 66 and SH 56. In 1991, injury and/or fatal crashes accounted for 144 of the reported crashes along I-25 between SH 7 and Wellington. By 2001, the number of injury 21 22 and/or fatal crashes had increased to 351.

23 Level of service of safety (LOSS) is a qualitative measure that characterizes safety of a roadway segment in reference to its expected performance (Kononov and Allery, 2004). 24 Locations that are considered to be LOSS I and LOSS II operate more safely than other 25 facilities of a similar size and with similar traffic volumes throughout the state. Locations 26 27 identified as LOSS III and LOSS IV represent sections with a less than average safety performance when compared to similar facilities statewide. Sections of I-25 that fall into the 28 LOSS IV category are considered to have a "high potential for crash reduction," and were 29 reviewed in more detail.

31 As shown in **Table 1-1**, six locations in the regional study area along I-25 are considered to 32 have a high potential for crash reduction, and over half operate worse than other comparable facilities. When injury and fatality crashes are separated from crashes resulting only in 33 property damage, I-25 between SH 14 and Mountain Vista Road also falls into the high 34 potential for crash reduction category. 35

Table 1-1



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I-25 Level of Service of Safety

Location on I-25	LOSS I Low potential for crash reduction	LOSS II Better than expected safety performance	LOSS III Less than expected safety performance	LOSS IV High potential for crash reduction
US 36 – 84th Ave.		•		
84th Ave. – Thornton Pkwy		•		
Thornton Pkwy – 112th Ave.		•		
112th Ave. – 136th Ave.		•		
136th Ave. – SH 7			•	
SH 7 – County Road (CR) 8				•
CR 8 – SH 52				•
SH 52 – SH 119				•
SH 119 – SH 66			•	
SH 66 – CR 34			•	
CR 34 – SH 56				•
SH 56 – SH 60				•
SH 60 – SH 402			•	
SH 402 – US 34			•	
US 34 – Crossroads				•
Crossroads – SH 392		•		
SH 392 – Harmony		•		
Harmony – Prospect			•	
Prospect – SH 14			•	
SH 14 – Mtn. Vista			•	
Mtn. Vista – SH 1			•	

Portion of I-25 recently reconstructed and widened to six lanes.

Note: A median barrier to reduce the potential for crossover, head-on crashes was installed from SH 7 to US 34 in 2004 since these crash data were recorded.

Source: CDOT crash records, January 2000 – December 2002. This is the most recent data set available prior to reconstruction of sections of I-25.

CDOT Safety Performance Functions Intersection Diagnostics, April 2004 (CDOT, 2004a).

2 **Table 1-2** lists the locations identified as having high potential for crash reduction and

3 identifies the types of crashes that are higher than what is anticipated. As shown, a preliminary

4 assessment indicates that a number of the locations exceed the anticipated number of rear-

5 end crashes, crashes involving the guardrail, and crashes involving other objects.

6 On many facilities, rear-end crashes are a result of congestion, while crashes involving other

7 objects are a result of debris, or other objects in the travel way. A more thorough diagnostic

8 analysis was conducted to identify the cause of crashes and to then recommend mitigation

9 measures. The safety analysis included the following:

- Review CDOT database of crashes compiled through Highway Patrol reports
- Perform statistical analysis in areas with a high-crash concentration to identify any abnormal crash patterns (i.e., identify trends)
- Review accident reports to obtain additional information on the accident experience
- Identify possible causes for areas of high-accident concentration/above-normal accident
   experience, focusing on statistically problematic accident types
- Identify possible roadway improvement options to help minimize specific accident types/improve overall accident experience
- 9 The recommendations for mitigation measures were folded into the alternatives described in 10 **Chapter 2** of this EIS.
- 11 It is anticipated that safety will improve between SH 7 and SH 52, where I-25 was recently
- 12 widened to six lanes and updated to current design standards. Rear-end crashes and crashes
- involving the guardrail will likely be reduced as a result of this improvement. In addition, a
- 14 median barrier was installed in 2004 between SH 7 and US 34, reducing the potential for
- 15 crossover head-on crashes.

## Table 1-2 Preliminary Assessment of Locations on North I-25 with High Potential for Crash Reduction by Crash Type

Location	Rear-end	Sideswipe same direction	Guardrail	Involving other object	Head-on*	Other non-collision**
SH 7 – CR 8	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	
CR 8 – SH 52	$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$		
SH 52 – SH 119	$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$		
CR 34 – SH 56	$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$		
SH 56 – SH 60	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$		
US 34 – Crossroads			$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		
SH 14 – Mtn. Vista	$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	

 $\sqrt{}$  = Types of crashes that exceed the number anticipated.

\* A median barrier, reducing the potential for crossover head-on crashes, was installed from SH 7 to US 34 in 2004 since these crash data were recorded.

\*\* These include incidents creating a hazardous road condition but that did not involve a crash (e.g., losing cargo on road, losing wheel, engine or brake fire, or broken down or stopped vehicle in travel lane).

Source: CDOT crash records, January 2000 – December 2002. This is the most recent data set available prior to reconstruction of sections of I-25.

CDOT Safety Performance Functions Intersection Diagnostics, April 2004 (CDOT, 2004a).

#### 18 1.5.1.4 I-25 ROADWAY DEFICIENCIES

19 Roadway characteristics were evaluated along I-25, and comparisons were made to the

20 current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO, 2004)

- and CDOT (CDOT, 2006) standards. This assessment included shoulder widths, stopping
- sight distance, horizontal alignment, and vertical alignment. The existing 10-foot outside

23 shoulder width is substandard along the entire I-25 corridor from SH 66 to SH 1. Current

standards require a 12-foot outside shoulder width, which is important to provide continuous,

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- 1 safe refuge for stopped vehicles and emergency use. The stopping sight distance is deficient
- 2 at numerous locations between SH 66 and SH 1 based on a design speed of 80 miles per hour
- 3 (mph). I-25 has a maximum posted speed limit of 75 mph and a design speed of 5-10 mph in
- 4 excess of the maximum posted speed limit, which is a standard design practice. Deficiencies
- 5 in the horizontal alignment include curves that are too sharp and inadequate transitions
- 6 coming into or out of curves. Horizontal deficiencies in the I-25 corridor exist between Weld
- 7 County Road (WCR) 34 and Larimer County Road (LCR) 26 and between SH 392 and
- 8 Harmony Road.

9 In 2005, I-25 between SH 7 and SH 52 was improved and widened to six lanes. In 2009, I-25

- 10 between SH 52 and SH 66 was improved and widened to six lanes. Design deficiencies on
- 11 I-25 between SH 7 and SH 66 were corrected with these improvements.

#### 12 **1.5.2** Highway and Transit Mobility and Accessibility

- 13 Population and employment growth are causing increasing traffic congestion, limiting mobility
- and accessibility within the regional study area. This situation is expected to continue to
- 15 worsen, and there is a need for transportation improvements to address year 2035
- transportation demand, which balances mobility and accessibility along the I-25 corridor. There
- 17 is also a need to plan transportation improvements in such a manner as to not preclude
- 18 improvements which may be needed after year 2035.
- 19 Within the regional study area, residential and commercial growth is occurring at a very high
- 20 rate, which contributes to, and will continue to contribute to, increasing traffic volumes. Despite
- the fact that a large portion of the regional study area remains in agricultural use, new
- 22 development is springing up at a rapid pace. Forecasts indicate that households and
- employment in the study area are expected to increase by about 75 percent from year 2005
- levels by the year 2035. This indicates that the high rate of growth is expected to continue over
- an extended period of time.
- 26 Development is occurring or being planned for without the benefit of a coordinated, overall 27 long-term strategy. Land use and development patterns in the I-25 corridor are evolving on a 28 daily basis. A significant number of new commercial developments have been recently 29 developed or are planned, including a 700,000-square-foot regional mall (Centerra), a new regional hospital, and other regional retail and employment centers. In addition, south of the SH 7/E-470 area, there are a number of recently completed or planned major developments 31 located along the I-25 corridor in Broomfield, Thornton, Westminster, and unincorporated 32 33 areas. At this time, there are no common development standards in place to ensure right-ofway preservation to accommodate future transportation needs along the I-25 corridor. 34
- Without improvements, by year 2035, about 85 percent of I-25 is projected to be congested 35 and to operate over capacity during the peak periods of travel. Figure 1-3 illustrates year 2002 37 and 2035 daily traffic volumes along I-25. As shown, in year 2035 the daily demand along I-25 is expected to exceed capacity everywhere except the very northern segment. In addition, 38 39 congestion on the arterial network that connects the residential and employment centers in northern Colorado to I-25 is expected to substantially increase by year 2035. This situation is 40 41 illustrated on Figure 1-3. In the year 2035 (the second illustration), the top red line shows demand on I-25 while the pink bands below this show the capacity on I-25. The differential 42 between demand and capacity would typically show up as congestion on I-25 and on the 43 44 adjacent arterial roadways.

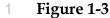
With regard to highway accessibility, many of the interchanges along I-25 were built before 1966, when travel demand was much lower. Approximately 60 percent of the interchanges between SH 7 and SH 1 are currently considered functionally obsolete. These interchanges were designed to operate in a rural, low-volume environment, and do not have the capacity to safely or efficiently accommodate the higher traffic volumes that they are currently experiencing. The configuration of these interchanges impedes accessibility to and from I-25 and restricts capacity east and west between the northern Colorado communities.

Regarding freight movement, commodity flow projections made in the Eastern Colorado
Mobility Study (Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig [FHU], 2002a) indicate that freight tonnage in and out
of Adams, Denver, Larimer, and Weld counties is expected to increase from 96.2 million tons
in 1998 to 192.3 million tons in 2025. This reflects more than a doubling of commodity
movement to/from these four counties alone. Truck volume projections indicate that volumes
could increase from approximately 8,000 trucks daily in 2004 to 19,000 trucks daily in year
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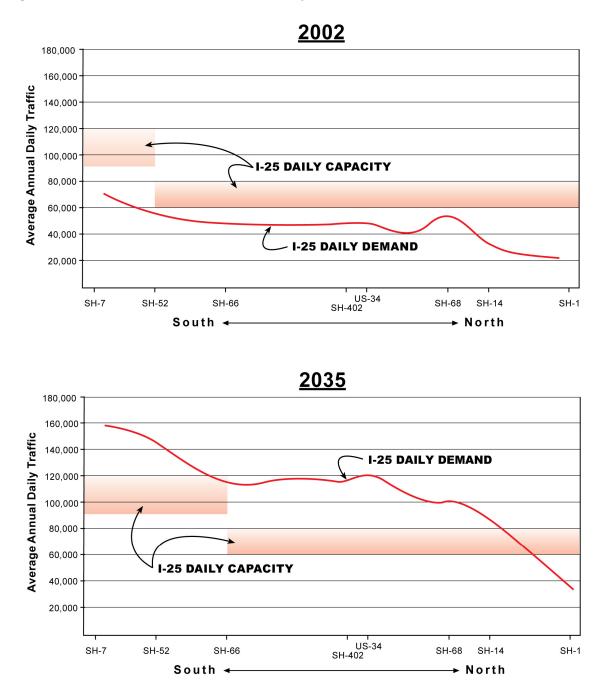
15 The anticipated congestion will create slower travel speeds and longer travel times for both freight and personal travel. AM peak hour southbound travel time between SH 1 and 16 20th Street (Denver) is expected to double compared to the existing travel time (20th Street in 17 18 Denver is one of the major I-25 interchanges that provide access to and from downtown Denver). Between SH 1 and 20th Street, the average peak hour speed in 2035 is expected to 19 be less than 30 mph compared to the current average speed of 60 mph. Posted speeds on 20 I-25 are 75 mph north of 136th Avenue, 65 mph north of 120th Avenue, and 55 mph from 21 22 120th Avenue through downtown Denver.

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### 1.5.3 Aging and Obsolete Highway Infrastructure

A number of structures along I-25 are currently structurally deficient or are expected to be so
by year 2035. Structurally deficient means that one or more components of the bridge rate
poor or worse with regard to structural condition. Segments of pavement on I-25 are reaching
the end of the pavement's life expectancy and surface conditions are deteriorating rapidly.
Aging infrastructure along I-25 needs to be replaced.



2 Seventy-three percent of the structures on I-25 between SH 7 and SH 1 were constructed 3 before 1966, according to CDOT's publication, Field Log of Structures (CDOT, 2005a). By the year 2035, it is anticipated that all of these structures will need to be replaced or rehabilitated. 4 Also, the structures located from SH 52 to SH 66 have been replaced as part of the current 5 6 widening projects adding general purpose lanes to I-25.

7 The following 12 interchanges and 5 railroad structures, shown on **Table 1-3**, would need to

8 be replaced for the year 2035 design horizon due to deficiencies based on age or condition.

9 An additional 39 structures serving pedestrians, waterways, and cross streets would also need

to be replaced along the I-25 mainline. 10

#### 11 Table 1-3 **Aging and Obsolete Structures**

Interchange Structures		Railroad Structures	
WCR 34	LCR 26	GWR – north of WCR 34 (MP 246)	
SH 56	Prospect Rd.	GWR – north of SH 56 (MP 252)	
SH 60	SH 14	UPRR – north of US 34 (MP 259)	
LCR 16	SH 1	BNSF – north of SH 68 (MP 267)	
SH 402	120th Avenue	BNSF – north of SH 14 (MP 270)	
US 34	136th Avenue		
Notes: WCRWeld County Road LCRLarimer County Road MPMilepost		GWRGreat Western Railroad UPPR .Union Pacific Railroad BNSFBurlington, Northern, and Santa Fe Railroad	

SH ..... State highway

According to CDOT's Field Log of Structures (CDOT, 2005a), two structures along this stretch 12

of I-25 have a minimum vertical clearance of less than 16.5 feet (the interstate highway 13

14 standard). The structures are WCR 34 and WCR 38. Damage to these structures due to

substandard vertical clearance could occur by the larger commercial vehicles using I-25. 15

#### 16 1.5.3.4 PAVEMENT

17 CDOT data shows approximately 42 percent of the pavement on I-25 between SH 7 and SH 1

is rated as either "fair" (sufficient or adequate) or "poor" (less than adequate) and has a service 18

life of less than 10 years remaining. By year 2035, it is anticipated that the pavement along 19

I-25 north of SH 66 would need to be replaced due to deficient conditions. 20

#### 21 1.5.3.5 DRAINAGE

22 Most of the existing drainage structures along I-25 were built during the 1960s. At that time,

the adjacent areas were rural, and flood damage was limited to agricultural land. The sizes of 23

many of these drainage structures were based on limited rainfall data for what was estimated 24

to be a 25- or 50-year storm event. The 100-year storm is now used for drainage design in 25

urbanized areas and for floodplains under the jurisdiction of the Federal Emergency 26 Management Agency (FEMA). Many of the existing drainage structures constrict stormwater 27

flows, cause flooding, and overtopping of the adjacent highways. In order to conform to newer 28

criteria and control flooding, most drainage structures along I-25 should be replaced. 29

There are no facilities in place along I-25 to treat runoff from paved areas, except for the newly

31 constructed facilities between SH 52 and SH 66. Prior to 2001, CDOT and many municipalities

32 were not required to treat runoff from paved areas. CDOT now has a municipal separate storm



- sewer system (MS4) permit from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- (CDPHE). This permit requires CDOT to implement a program to reduce the discharge of
   pollutants by installing permanent facilities.

## 4 1.5.4 Highway and Transit Modal Alternatives and 5 Interrelationships

Alternative modes of travel are very limited in northern Colorado, and between northern
 Colorado and the Denver Metro Area. In 1999, when the Transportation Alternatives Feasibility
 Study (TAFS) was being conducted, residents of northern Colorado were asked to complete a
 transportation survey (Kimley-Horn and Associates, 1999). Results of this survey indicated a
 strong desire by residents to see regional transit options provided in northern Colorado. As
 evidenced through public input throughout this project, the results of the 1999 survey remain
 valid.

In addition to a strong desire for transit options, there is a need for public transportation due to
 the increasing cost of gas, the decreasing supply of energy, and the aging population, which
 will likely result in more transit dependent individuals. In addition, the increasing unreliability of

16 auto travel points out a need for other transportation mode alternatives.

#### 17 **1.5.4.3 RAIL SERVICE**

18 Participants in the TAFS survey were asked to rate potential transportation solutions such as bus service, highway widening, and rail service. On a scale of one to five with five being the 19 20 best, "rail service on I-25" received a 3.95, the highest score of all the potential solutions on the survey. In addition, over 50 percent of the written comments received were in support of 21 22 providing transit service or suggested ways to move away from single-occupant vehicle use. An electronic survey, conducted as part of the same study, found that 61 percent of 23 24 respondents felt that the best transportation policy option for Coloradans was rail, while only 25 18 percent favored widening I-25.

In recent public opinion surveys conducted for NFRMPO (ETC Institute, 2002, 2005),
 44 percent of respondents stated that they would like to see their tax dollars spent on providing
 commuter rail service between the northern Colorado communities and Denver. This option
 rated higher than any other improvement listed on the guestionnaire.

#### 30 **1.5.4.4 Bus Service**

31 There is very little intra-regional (such as Loveland to Greeley) and no inter-regional

32 (Fort Collins to Denver) public transit service serving the I-25 corridor. Existing public-transit

33 service in northern Colorado is essentially limited to service within the individual communities.

34 Fort Collins, Greeley, and Loveland each operate fixed-route and demand responsive service

35 in their communities. FoxTrot is an intercity service connecting Longmont, Loveland, and

Fort Collins. The Weld County Mini-Bus program provides connections between Weld County
 communities and Boulder, Fort Collins, Fort Morgan, and Loveland. The Town of Berthoud

operates a demand responsive service that operates in the Berthoud Fire District. This service

also connects to Longmont and Loveland. The Regional Transportation District (RTD) provides

- 40 bus service from Longmont to Boulder or Denver or from communities south of SH 66 to
- 41 Denver. The NFRMPO Household Survey and the Front Range Commuter Bus study both
- 42 indicate that there is a demand for transit service connecting the North Front Range
- 43 communities to each other and to the Denver Metro Area.

- 1 Private bus operators (such as Greyhound) provide limited service connecting northern
- 2 Colorado to the Denver Metro Area. However, these trips are not scheduled around a typical
- 3 commuter schedule.

#### 4 **1.5.4.5** VANPOOLS

5 The NFRMPO operates a vanpool program that provides trips between Greeley, Fort Collins,

6 and Loveland and to the Denver Metro Area. In September 2010, there were 82 van routes in

7 service. Over 70 vans travel between the northern Colorado communities and the Denver

8 Metro Area. Other vans travel within the northern region or from the Denver Metro Area to

northern Colorado. Each week, NFRMPO responds to about 50 calls from residents interested
 in participating in the vanpool program and estimates that there is a demand for 150 vans.

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 Almost all of these calls come from people traveling to the Denver Metro Area. The level of

12 interest in this service indicates in part that there is an unmet demand for alternative modes of

13 inter-regional travel in the region.

#### 14 **1.5.4.6** CARPOOLS

15 The NFRMPO also operates an automated ride matching service on the NFRMPO web site.

16 In the first few months of 2005, interest in ride sharing increased by about 400 percent over

demand estimates made toward the end of 2004. Much of this was attributed to the increase

18 in gas prices that occurred during that same period.

19 A number of well-utilized carpool lots are located along I-25. A survey of these lots was

20 conducted for CDOT Region 4 and also for the *Front Range Commuter Bus Study* 

21 (TransitPlus and FHU, 2003). Both studies showed that the 250 parking spaces located

22 between SH 60 and SH 392 were approximately 85 percent occupied. The parking lots

23 located along the south end of the corridor are not as well utilized, but demand for all of 24 these lots is expected to increase as population and employment in the area continues to

25 grow.



## 11.6RELATIONSHIP TO THE TRANSPORTATION2PLANNING PROCESS

A number of communities in the regional study area have developed transportation plans that recommend transportation improvements to accommodate the travel needs of their 4 5 communities now and in the future. The three transportation planning regions (TPRs) in the regional study area coordinate the efforts of these local communities to create a 6 7 comprehensive, fiscally-constrained, transportation plan for each region. The NFRMPO coordinates the planning efforts of the urban area including Fort Collins, Greeley, and Loveland. UFRRPC provides the same type of planning coordination efforts for rural portions 9 of Larimer, Morgan, and Weld counties that are not part of NFRMPO. DRCOG coordinates 10 efforts in the Denver Metro Area and north along the Front Range to just north of Mead. 11 12 Figure 1-4 illustrates the three TPRs in the regional study area. The 2035 Statewide Transportation Plan (CDOT, 2008) melds the Colorado Transportation Commission policy with 13 the goals and recommendations from each of the state's TPRs. Each document identifies a 14 vision for the area's transportation network and establishes goals and policies for 15 16 implementation of the transportation vision.

Relevant regional and statewide transportation planning goals and policies are described
 briefly below.

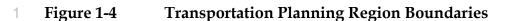
#### 19 **1.6.1** North Front Range

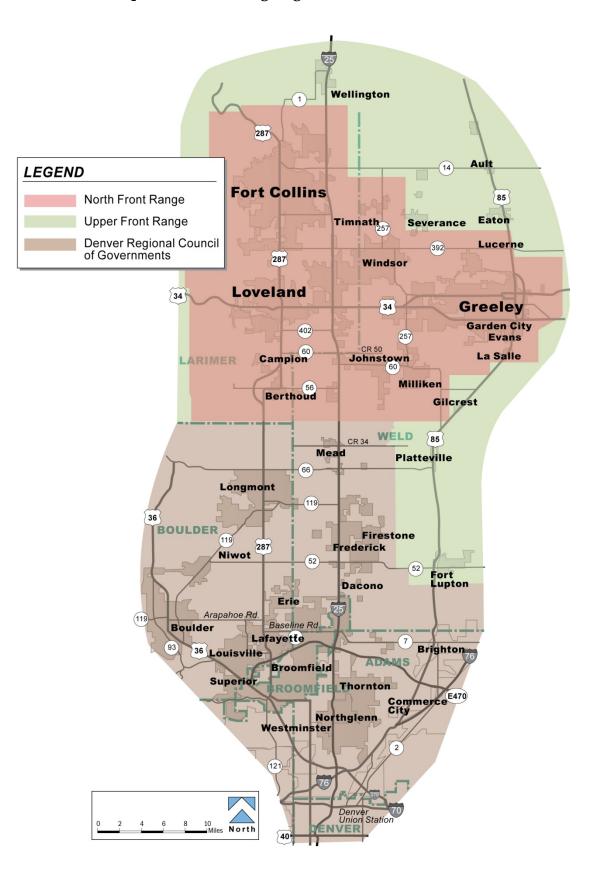
NFRMPO is in the process of updating the North Front Range (NFR) 2035 Regional 20 21 Transportation Plan (RTP) with the updated plan anticipated to be adopted in September 2011 (NFRMPO, 2011). The NFR 2035 RTP's value statement reads: "Recognizing the unique 22 23 character of the region, we will provide an environmentally, socially, and economically sensitive multi-modal transportation system for all users that protects and enhances the 24 region's quality of life." Other goals identified in the RTP that are relevant to the North I-25 EIS 25 are: provide a safe, balanced multi-modal system; foster regional coordination; minimize 27 congestion; minimize environmental impacts; and provide a positive economic impact. The NFR 2035 RTP identifies the I-25 corridor as one of the top three priority corridors. 28

#### 29 **1.6.2 Upper Front Range**

UFRRPC adopted the *Upper Front Range 2035 Regional Transportation Plan* in January 2008
 (FHU, 2008a). The Upper Front Range RTP's stated goal is: "To provide a multi-modal
 transportation system that maximizes public input, fosters cooperation, and meets the
 transportation needs of all travelers in the Upper Front Range." The plan also states that
 UFRRPC would like to include I-25 in any future strategic funding programs. UFRRPC has
 adopted a number of policy directives which support passenger rail service and expansion and
 coordination of bus transit service in the Upper Front Range.









#### 1 1.6.3 Denver Area

- DRCOG adopted the year 2035 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (2035 MVRTP)
   update in January 2011. DRCOG's 2035 MVRTP includes plans for three regional transit lines
   in the regional study area. The three regional transit lines are:
- 5 1. The proposed North Metro rail line from downtown Denver to SH 7 east of I-25
- 6 2. The US 36 corridor that would include Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along US 36
- The Northwest Rail corridor that includes 38 miles of commuter rail between downtown
   Denver, Longmont, and Boulder.

9 The plan also includes widening I-25 between US 36 and Thornton Parkway with one additional general purpose lane in each direction. CDOT submitted an amendment to this plan to change the planned general purpose lanes from US 36 to Thornton Parkway to tolled express lanes (TELs) that would extend from US 36 to 120th Avenue. The amendment also requested the addition of one new TEL in each direction from SH 66 to CR 38.

#### 14 **1.6.4** Statewide Plan

15 The Colorado Transportation Commission adopted the year 2035 Statewide Transportation Plan in March 2008 and an update is currently out for public review. The report states that the 16 mission of the Transportation Commission is to: "Provide the best multi-modal transportation 17 18 system for Colorado that most effectively moves people, goods, and information." The mission statement was expanded to include the following: "Enhance the guality of life and the 19 environment of the citizens of Colorado by creating an integrated transportation system that 20 focuses on moving people and goods by offering convenient linkages among modal choices." 21 The plan identifies a corridor vision for I-25 with the following goals: 22

- Increase travel reliability and improve mobility
- 24 Reduce fatalities, injuries, and property-damage-only crash rates
- 25 Preserve the existing transportation system
- Accommodate growth in freight transport
- Optimize the transportation system through intelligent transportation systems (ITS) and
   travel demand management measures



#### 1.7 **RECENT CORRIDOR STUDIES** 1

2 A number of other corridor studies in the regional study area are being conducted

3 simultaneously with the North I-25 EIS, or have been recently completed. Coordination with

each of these efforts has been occurring throughout the project. A summary of each of the 4

other corridor studies that occurred or is occurring in the regional study area is provided below. 5

Figure 1-5 shows the locations of other corridor studies within the regional study area. 6

#### **US 287 Environmental Assessment** 1.7.1 7

FHWA, in conjunction with CDOT, completed an EA for US 287 north of Fort Collins, beginning 8 at SH 1 and extending two miles northwest. The project addressed mobility and safety issues 9 along this stretch of highway. This EA and FONSI are completed and design is underway. 10

Construction is planned for 2011. 11

#### **US 287 Environmental Overview Study** 1.7.2 12

CDOT completed an environmental overview study (EOS) for US 287 from 29th Street in 13

Loveland to Harmony Road in Fort Collins. This study evaluated corridor route location 14

alternatives. The No-Action Alternative was defined as the existing transportation system 15

(including transportation improvements currently under construction) plus committed projects. 16

As part of CDOT's comprehensive transportation planning process that integrates multi-modal 17

transportation, land use, and environmental considerations, this EOS analyzed the need for 18 transportation improvements and identified environmentally sensitive sites along the corridor in

19 20 order to implement and coordinate a comprehensive transportation network.

21 CDOT initiated this study because of development pressure along the corridor. CDOT worked with local agencies, the public, stakeholders, and resource agencies to develop a highway 22 23 footprint that addresses future improvements that may be financed through local agencies. 24 This EOS is complete.

#### SH 392 Environmental Overview Study 1.7.3 25

As part of CDOT's comprehensive transportation planning process that integrates multi-modal 26 27 transportation, land use, and environmental considerations, this EOS analyzed the need for transportation improvements along SH 392 from US 287 to east of Windsor in order to 28 29 implement and coordinate a comprehensive transportation network.

CDOT initiated this study because of development pressure along the corridor. The purpose

for studying SH 392 from US 287 to east of Windsor is to accommodate future growth and 31 development in south Fort Collins and Windsor and ensure mobility given present and 32

predicted future traffic conditions. CDOT is working with the local agencies, the public, 33

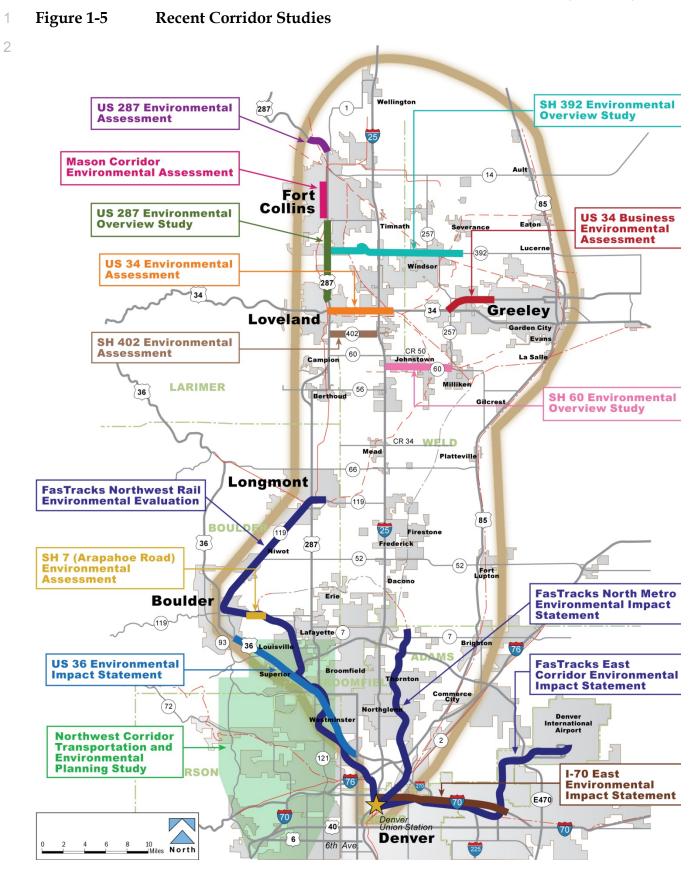
stakeholders, and resource agencies to develop a highway footprint that addresses future 34

35 improvements that may be financed through local agencies. This EOS is complete.



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#### 1 1.7.4 US 34 Environmental Assessment

FHWA, in conjunction with CDOT and local agencies, initiated an EA for improvements to
US 34 between Garfield Avenue and just east of Larimer CR 3. The EA addresses future
mobility, safety, and access. The EA does not address interchange improvements at I-25 and
US 34. Planned improvements include multi-modal transportation and widening the highway

6 from four to six lanes. This EA and FONSI are complete.

### 7 1.7.5 US 34 Business Environmental Assessment

FHWA, in conjunction with CDOT and local agencies, initiated an EA for transportation
improvements along US 34 Business Route between 71st Avenue and SH 257. The purpose
of the project is to alleviate congestion, both current and future; improve safety; improve
access; and connect this segment of the highway with four lanes that currently exist on the
western and eastern boundary of the project. This EA and FONSI are complete and the
construction has been completed.

### 14 **1.7.6 SH 60 Environmental Overview Study**

15 As part of CDOT's comprehensive transportation planning process that integrates multi-modal

16 transportation, land use, and environmental considerations, this EOS analyzed the need for

17 transportation improvements and identified environmentally sensitive sites along SH 60

18 between I-25 and SH 257 in order to implement and coordinate a comprehensive

19 transportation network.

CDOT initiated this study because of development pressure along the corridor. The purpose
 and need for studying SH 60 from I-25 to SH 257 is to ensure mobility especially given recent
 annexations by Milliken and Johnstown and the amount and rate of ongoing and planned
 developments in those areas. CDOT will work with local agencies, the public, stakeholders,
 and resource agencies to develop a highway footprint that addresses future improvements that
 may be financed through local agencies. This EOS is complete.

#### 26 1.7.7 SH 402 Environmental Assessment

FHWA, CDOT, and local agencies conducted an EA and subsequently approved a FONSI for improvements along SH 402 from US 287 to the I-25 interchange. The purpose of the project was to improve travel and safety on SH 402 within the study area. The difficulty experienced by drivers making a left turn to or from SH 402 contributes to this need. As traffic volumes increase, current mobility and safety issues will become worse if improvements are not made to the existing roadway. This EA and FONSI are complete.

### **1.7.8 SH 7 (Arapahoe Road) Environmental Assessment**

The SH 7 EA evaluated transportation alternatives between Cherryvale Road and 75th Street. This is a major transportation corridor which serves the cities of Boulder, Erie, Lafayette, and Louisville, as well as Boulder County. This corridor has experienced tremendous growth over the last few years and motorists are encountering steadily increasing congestion. FHWA conducted the EA in cooperation with CDOT and the local agencies. This EA and FONSI are complete and design is underway. Construction of improvements at 75th Street is complete.

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#### 1 1.7.9 US 36 Environmental Impact Statement

2 The US 36 Mobility Partnership prepared an EIS to identify multi-modal transportation improvements between Denver and Boulder. Bus improvements associated with this EIS are 3 in the FasTracks plan. The EIS study developed and evaluated highway and BRT alternatives 4 developed in the MIS and considered all other reasonable alternatives, including the No-Action 5 Alternative, to ensure maximum multi-modal capacity for the corridor. The study area was 7 roughly 18 miles of US 36 between I-25 and the Table Mesa park-n-Ride in Boulder. The study area incorporated a number of communities in the northwest metropolitan Denver area, 8 9 including the cities of Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Lafayette, Louisville, Superior, and Westminster, as well as unincorporated Boulder County. The Draft EIS was released for public 10 11 review in August 2007. The Final EIS was released in October 2009 and the Record of

12 Decision (ROD) was signed in December 2009. Design is underway.

## 13 1.7.10 Northwest Corridor Transportation and Environmental 14 Planning Study

15 CDOT is looking at long-range regional transportation needs in the northwest Denver Metro

Area. By the year 2030, the Denver Metro Area, including the northwest region, will have an

17 estimated population of approximately 3.2 million people. That is an increase of approximately

900,000 residents. Such growth demonstrates the need for the continuing study of future
 mobility in and through the region. CDOT's evaluation was documented in the Northwest

20 Corridor Transportation and Environmental Planning Study and was released in July 2008.

#### **1.7.11 I-70 East Environmental Impact Statement**

The I-70 East EIS is evaluating highway improvements for the I-70 corridor between I-25 and Tower Road. The EIS will decide which transportation projects, if any, will be built to improve safety and mobility, and address congestion in the corridor. The Draft EIS was issued in

25 November 2008. The Final EIS is in progress, scheduled to be complete late 2011.

#### 26 **1.7.12** FasTracks

27 FasTracks is RTD's comprehensive plan to build and operate 119 miles of new rail line, to

expand and improve bus service, and to add 21,000 new park-n-Ride spaces throughout the

29 Denver Metro Area. RTD currently estimates that FasTracks will cost \$ 6.5 billion to construct,

to be funded by a combination of a region-wide sales tax, federal funds, and local and private

contributions. The four cent per \$10 purchase sales tax went into effect on January 1, 2005.
 RTD's project implementation schedule for FasTracks is shown in **Table 1-4**. However, RTD

currently projects a funding shortfall, which will result in some corridors being delayed until

after 2035 unless additional funding sources can be put in place (RTD, "Completing the

35 Vision", November 2010).

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#### 1 Table 1-4 RTD FasTracks Project Schedule to Begin Operations

Year	Corridor Facilities
2013	West Corridor Light Rail
2015	Union Station
2016	East Corridor Rail Gold Line Commuter Rail Central Corridor Light Rail Extension Northwest Rail (Phase 1)
2018 – 2042*	I-225 Corridor Rail North Metro Corridor Rail Northwest Rail Corridor (Phase 2) Southwest Corridor Light Rail Extension Southeast Corridor Light Rail Extension US 36 Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (Phase 2)

\*The range of timeframes varies, depending on different funding scenarios, an increase in sales and use tax scenarios of 0.4 percent, 0.3 percent, 0.2 percent, 0.1 percent, or no additional funds. The longest timeframe (2042) represents no increase in funding.

2 Four of these projects are adjacent to the northern front range communities. These are

3 described in the following sections in more detail.

### 4 1.7.13 Northwest Rail Environmental Evaluation

This Environmental Evaluation (EE) was conducted by RTD to evaluate passenger rail
alignments from Longmont to Denver. These improvements are in the FasTracks plan.
Potential improvements include a 38.1-mile commuter rail line along the existing railroad rightof-way between Denver Union Station in downtown Denver and Longmont (through Boulder).
Like the US 36 EIS, the study area incorporates a number of communities in the northwest
metropolitan Denver area, including the cities of Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Lafayette,
Louisville, Superior, and Westminster, as well as unincorporated Boulder County. The Final EE

12 was released in May 2010.

### 13 1.7.14 North Metro Environmental Impact Statement

RTD is conducting an EIS of the 18-mile North Metro corridor that extends from Denver Union 14 Station in downtown Denver north to 160th Avenue (SH 7). The commuter rail line (which is in 15 the FasTracks plan) generally follows the UPRR right-of-way to the east of I-25. The North 16 Metro Corridor greatly expands transit access and service to the north metro area between 17 I-25 and I-76. This area is one of the fastest growing areas in the Denver Metro Area and is 18 expected to more than double in population and employment by 2025. The Draft EIS was 19 released in 2009 and the project team is developing the Final EIS, which is scheduled for 20 21 release in early 2011.

### 22 1.7.15 East Corridor Environmental Impact Statement

The East Corridor EIS evaluated high-capacity, fixed-guideway transit alternatives between
 downtown Denver and Denver International Airport (DIA). These improvements are in the
 FasTracks plan. The EIS identified the benefits and impacts associated with the various
 alternatives being evaluated in the corridor. The East Corridor EIS included an extensive

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- community involvement process. FTA conducted the study in cooperation with RTD, and the
- 2 City and County of Denver. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued the ROD in November
- 3 2009. This project is now in final design and construction.

#### 4 1.7.16 Denver Union Station Environmental Impact Statement

A Final EIS has been completed to evaluate the transportation recommendations of Phase 1 of the approved Master Plan for Denver Union Station. The Station currently offers RTD light rail service, bus service, and passenger service by AMTRAK. Through implementation of the Master Plan, Denver Union Station will be transformed into a transportation hub serving the needs of residents, tourists, and commuters. FTA issued a ROD in March 2010 and

10 construction is underway.

#### 11 1.7.17 Colorado Rail Relocation Implementation Study

CDOT and the two Class One Railroads operating in Colorado, the BNSF and the UPRR, have 12 been holding discussions regarding the possible relocation of rail infrastructure east, away 13 from the Front Range. These preliminary efforts between CDOT and the railroads is known as 14 the "Colorado Railroad Partnership Project" or alternatively as "Colorado's Safety and Mobility 15 Partnership Project," and provide the backdrop for the current study. The purpose of this study 16 is to identify public benefits, drawbacks and costs associated with a possible partnership 17 project between CDOT, BNSF, UPRR, and other public entities. This will allow the parties to 18 19 better assess the type and extent of their potential financial participation. The study's ultimate goal is to investigate whether there are likely to be sufficient benefits for the citizens of 20 Colorado to warrant consideration of the investment of public dollars in the proposed railroad 21 22 project. The study has been finalized and was published in 2009.

## 1.7.18 Colorado Tolling Enterprise/High Performance Transportation Enterprise

The Colorado Tolling Enterprise (CTE) was created by CDOT to finance, build, operate, and 25 26 maintain toll highways. CTE was made possible by legislation that enables CDOT and the state Transportation Commission to issue bonds for new or additional highway capacity toll 27 28 projects throughout Colorado. A recent study by CTE evaluated the feasibility of creating a tolling facility along I-25. Two scenarios were evaluated and found to be potentially feasible. 29 The first includes three general purpose lanes plus two express toll lanes in each direction from 120th Street to SH 66. From 120th to US 36, I-25 would have three general purpose 31 32 lanes in each direction and two reversible express toll lanes. The second scenario includes 33 three general purpose lanes in each direction and a two-lane reversible express toll lane facility between SH 7 and US 36. These tolling alternatives were considered in this North 34 35 I-25 EIS. In 2009, the CTE was replaced by the Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE).

## 1.7.19 High-Speed Rail Feasibility Study – Phase III - Colorado Springs to Pueblo and Denver to Fort Collins

The Rocky Mountain Rail Authority (RMRA) is a multi-jurisdictional government body comprised of more than 50 Colorado cities, towns, counties, and transit authorities and has determined that, based on Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) criteria, high-speed rail is

41 determined that, based on Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) criteria, high-speed rail is 42 feasible in Colorado's I-70 and I-25 corridors. The study included the evaluation of the I-25

- 1 corridor from Cheyenne, WY to Trinidad, CO, passing through the metropolitan areas of
- 2 Fort Collins, Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo along the way. I-25 connects Colorado's
- 3 growing metropolitan areas along the Front Range. In the March 2010 High-Speed Rail
- 4 Feasibility Study, a preliminary set of implementation phases was developed with this portion
- 5 identified as Phase 3. It proposed eight years of project development and environmental
- 6 clearance and six years of design and construction.
- 7 For this North I-25 EIS, high-speed rail was considered but was eliminated because to achieve
- 8 the desirable speeds, only one or two stops would be provided, which did not meet the
- 9 Purpose and Need (See Chapter 2 Alternatives and the Alternatives Development and
- 10 Screening Report). However, the build packages considered in this Final EIS would not
- 11 preclude possible future implementation of high-speed rail as a separate action.

#### 12 **1.7.20** Mason Corridor Environmental Assessment

- 13 This EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was conducted by the City of
- 14 Fort Collins in conjunction with FTA to evaluate bus rapid transit along the Mason Corridor
- 15 from Cherry Street to Harmony Road in Fort Collins, Colorado. The multi-modal Mason
- 16 Corridor includes a recently constructed bicycle and pedestrian trail, as well as the planned
- bus rapid transit system in a fixed guideway for the majority of the corridor. The corridor lies
- partially between/within Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway property, a few hundred feet west of College Avenue (US 287). The FONSI was completed in the fall of 2008, and the
- Mason Corridor project received funding in the FTA New Starts Program. The project is
- 20 Mason Condor project received funding in the FTA New Starts Program. The project is 21 currently in the final design stage of implementation and construction is set to begin in
- 21 currently in the final design stage of implementation and constit
   22 late 2011 to early 2012 with an opening day in late 2012.

## 23 **1.8 RELATIONSHIP TO NEPA**

24 This EIS has been prepared pursuant to CEQ regulations implementing NEPA, FHWA, and

25 FTA environmental impact and related procedures (23 Code of Federal Regulations

- [CFR] 771), FHWA Technical Advisory T6640.8A, and other applicable laws. It details the
- 27 process through which transportation alternatives have been developed; discloses foreseeable
- social, economic, and environmental impacts resulting from the project; provides findings for
- 29 public review; and outlines potential mitigation options. The lead federal agencies, FHWA and
- FTA, have signature authority on the ROD. CDOT is preparing this EIS under the guidance of the load agencies
- 31 the lead agencies.

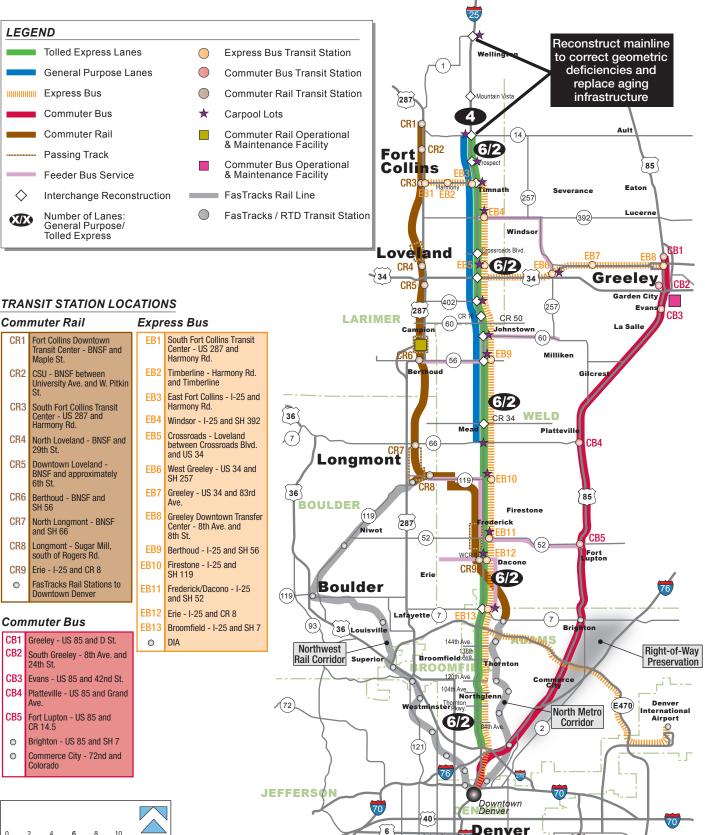
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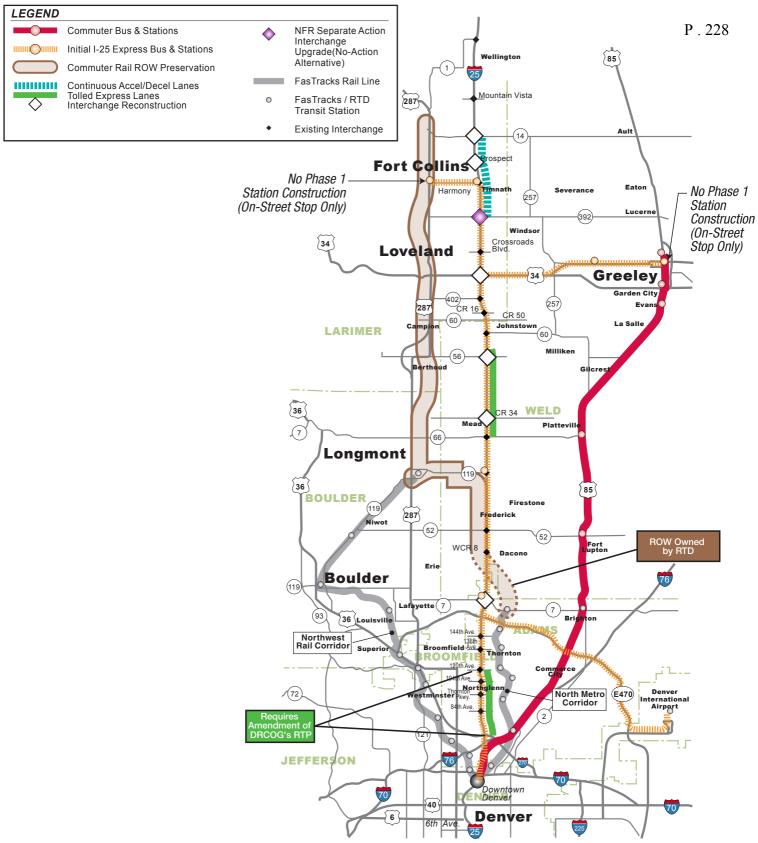
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## Comment Period:

- August 19 to September 19
- Public hearings are September 12, 13, and 15

# CDOT would appreciate if local agency comments:

Could be received early in the comment period





## Reviewing the North I-25 EIS Chapter One–Purpose and Need

- Purpose/content: succinct discussion of transportation problems and needs—now and in 2035. (The DEIS used 2030, so this is a change.)
- Are there any transportation problems that have not been well defined? Have local jurisdiction issues or needs been acknowledged? (Could include congestion concerns, safety concerns, transit access or mobility concerns.)





# Reviewing the North I-25 EIS Chapter Two–Alternatives

- Purpose/content: describe alternatives considered. The DEIS included two build alternatives. The FEIS includes three: the same two from the DEIS and the Preferred Alternative.
- Do you concur with the Preferred Alternative as defined?
- Are there specific design elements that you have concerns about?
- Are there design refinements you would like considered?





# Reviewing the North I-25 EIS Chapter Three–Affected Environment and Consequences

- Purpose/content: description of existing conditions and future impacts with no improvements compared to one or more build alternatives.
- Are the impacts of the alternatives correctly described?
- Are there any impacts that have not been addressed?





# Reviewing the North I-25 EIS Chapter Four–Transportation

- Purpose/content: description of future transportation benefits and impacts.
- Do the future project benefits meet your expectations?
- Are the impacts of concerns to your agency adequately described?
- Is mitigation identified for adverse impacts? Is there any mitigation that you would like to see included that is not addressed?





# Reviewing the North I-25 EIS Chapter Five–Section 4(f)

- Purpose/content: description of impacts to public parks, wildlife refuges, and historic properties.
- Are all parks, trails, historic properties or wildlife refuges adequately described?
- Are there any impacts that have not been identified?
- Would you recommend any additional mitigation?





# Reviewing the North I-25 EIS Chapter Six–Financial Analysis

- Purpose/content: identify costs, possible funding, and risks and uncertainties.
- Have funding sources been identified?
- Are there any risks or uncertainties that have not been identified?





# Reviewing the North I-25 EIS Chapter Seven–Evaluation of Alternatives

- Purpose/content: summary of the evaluation of alternatives.
- Have all benefits or impacts of concern to your agency been identified?





# Reviewing the North I-25 EIS Chapter Eight–Phasing

- Purpose/content: description and evaluation of Phase One of the Preferred Alternative. This is a new chapter since the Draft EIS.
- Do you agree with Phase One as described?





# Reviewing the North I-25 EIS Chapter Nine and Appendix A Public Involvement

- Purpose/content: description of public involvement program; also responses to DEIS public review comments.
- Have your comments on the Draft EIS been adequately responded to?







AGENDA ITEM:	1&
MEETING DATE:	9/6/2011
то:	City Council
FROM:	Bonnie Steele, Payroll & Compliance Manager
PRESENTER:	Bonnie Steele

#### TITLE:

July 2011 Financial Report

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

This is an information only item. No action is required. The Snapshot Report includes the City's preliminary revenue and expenditures including detailed reports on tax revenue, health claims and cash reserves for the seven months ending July 31, 2011.

#### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

Yes 🛛 🔍 No

#### SUMMARY:

The Snapshot Report is submitted for Council review and includes the reporting of the City's preliminary revenue and expenditures including detailed reports on tax revenue, health claims and cash reserves for the seven months ending July 31, 2011. Citywide Revenue (excluding internal transfers) of \$118,029,255 is 101.7% of year to date (YTD) budget or \$1,985,696 over the budget. Sales Tax collections year to date are 104.1% of the YTD budget or \$733,400 over budget. Building Material Use Tax is 55.9% of YTD budget, or \$459,359 under budget. The year to date Sales and Use Tax collections were 101.8% of YTD budget or \$372,113 over YTD budget. When the combined sales and use tax for the current year are compared to 2010 the same period last year, they are higher by 3.6% or \$717,716.

City wide total expenditures of \$114,978,560 (excluding internal transfers) are 85.0% of the YTD budget or \$20,280,140 under the budget, primarily due to the construction timing of capital projects (60.2% YTD budget).

The City's health claims paid year-to-date is \$3,920,410 or 96.1% of budget. Compared to 2010 for the same period, claims paid in 2011 increased \$196,204 or 5.27%. The City's cash and reserve balance year-to-date was \$191,820,347.

#### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Snapshot report for July 2011

#### **RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:**

No action is required

#### **REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:**

# Monthly Financial Report

<u>July</u> 2011

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Financial Sustainability Strategies Can Be Found At:

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- Citywide Revenue, excluding transfers between funds, \$118.0 million (101.7% of Year-To-Date Budget, 1.7% above projected)
- Sales & Use Tax Collection, \$20.5 million (101.8% of Year-To-Date Budget, 1.8% above projected)
- Citywide Expenditures, excluding transfers between funds, \$114.9 million (85.0% of Year-To-Date Budget, 15.0% below projected)
- Citywide Year-To-Date Revenues exceed Year-To-Date Expenditures by \$3.1 million.
- General Fund Revenue, excluding transfers between funds, \$40.6 million (104.5% of Year-To-Date Budget, 4.5% above projected).
- General Fund Expenditures, excluding transfers between funds, \$34.7 million, (93.4% of Year-To-Date Budget, 6.6% below projected)
- General Fund Revenues exceed Expenditures by \$5.4million.
- Health Claims, \$3.9 million (96.1% of Year-To-Date Budget, 3.9% below projected)
- Cash & Reserves Year-To-Date Balance, \$191.8 million, \$137.5 million or 71.6% of these funds are restricted or reserved primarily for future capital projects.

## The Sales Tax Basics

		N	lotor Vehicle		Building	
JULY 2011	Sales Tax		Use Tax	Ma	terials Use Tax	Combined
Budget 2011	\$ 18,012,320	\$	1,078,810	\$	1,040,860	\$ 20,131,990
Actual 2011	\$ 18,745,720	\$	1,176,882	\$	581,501	\$ 20,504,103
% of Budget	104.1%		109.1%		55.9%	101.8%
Actual 2010	\$ 17,766,641	\$	1,117,691	\$	902,055	\$ 19,786,387
Change from prior year	5.5%		5.3%		-35.5%	3.6%

## **Financial Sustainability**

The City of Loveland uses a 10-year financial planning horizon. Last year the financial plan indicated that General Fund revenues would exceed General Fund expenditures annually by an average of \$3.5 million 2012-2020. Therefore the City engaged in a process to achieve financial sustainability over that time by engaging the public and identifying a strategy for balancing future budgets. Recommendations were developed pursuant to the principles adopted by City Council, and reflecting the policy views and priorities expressed by the City Council and the public. The resulting strategy includes both expenditure reductions and revenue increases, as the Council and the public indicated was desirable. The cumulative impact from recommended actions will mount over the next decade to \$33.5 million (\$22.6 million in cost reductions, \$6.6 million in revenue). The recommended actions consist of 81% cost reductions and 19% in revenues benefiting the General Fund for 2012. The strategy is also phased in over a number of years. Savings from early actions allow phased-in reductions in cost over the time period. City Council formally approved the strategy June 7, 2011.



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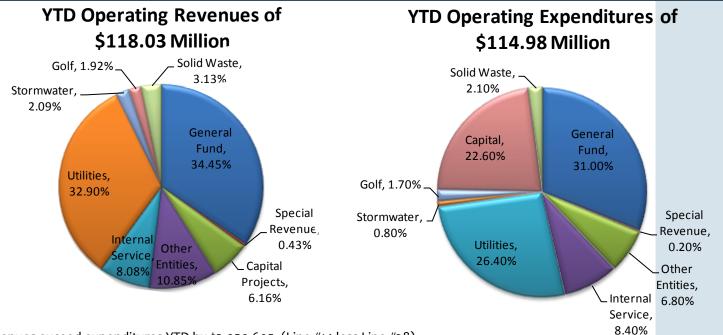
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_			JULY 2011					<u> </u>
DEV		C					YTD Revised	% of Budget
KEV	ENUE General Governmental	C	urrent Month		YTD Actual		Budget **	Budget
1	General Fund	\$	7,361,434	\$	40,661,112	\$	38,914,155	104.5%
2	Special Revenue	φ	79,283	φ	40,001,112 507,078	φ	646,382	78.4%
3	Other Entities		2,770,315		12,806,524		13,914,650	92.0%
4	Internal Service		1,254,441		9,534,270		9,511,678	100.2%
5	Subtotal General Govt Operations	\$	11,465,473	\$	63,508,984	\$	62,986,865	100.276
6	Capital Projects	φ	1,627,436	φ	7,269,147	φ	7,160,170	100.878
0	Enterprise Fund		1,027,450		7,209,147		7,100,170	101.570
7	Water & Power		6,677,894		38,826,947		37,683,595	103.0%
8	Stormwater		345,305		2,463,628		2,508,331	98.2%
9	Golf		542,813		2,405,028		2,283,040	99.2%
10	Solid Waste		488,172		3,695,079		3,421,558	108.0%
11	Subtotal Enterprise	\$	8,054,185	\$	47,251,124	\$	45,896,524	103.0%
12	Total Revenue	\$	21,147,094		118,029,255	\$	116,043,559	103.07%
14	Prior Year External Revenue	Ψ	21,147,074		113,526,326	<b>.</b>	110,045,557	101.770
	Increase (-Decrease) From Prior Ye	ar			4.0%			
13	Internal Transfers	ur	5,176,630		10,602,546	J	12,942,454	81.9%
14	Grand Total Revenues	\$	26,323,724	\$	128,631,801	\$	128,986,013	<u>99.7%</u>
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FXP	ENDITURES							
	General Governmental							
15	General Fund	\$	4,855,457	\$	33,955,572	\$	35,822,950	94.8%
16	Special Revenue	Ŷ	141,711	Ψ	384,473	Ψ	570,217	67.4%
17	Other Entities		2,478,226		11,818,257		12,726,819	92.9%
18	Internal Services		1,362,994		8,410,196		9,808,753	85.7%
19	Subtotal General Gov't Operations	\$	8,838,389	\$	54,568,498	\$	58,928,739	92.6%
20	Capital	r	8,086,486	r	24,474,186	+	40,666,438	60.2%
	Enterprise Fund		-,,		,,		,,	
21	Water & Power		4,680,095		31,093,202		30,294,491	102.6%
22	Stormwater		240,265		1,205,577		1,191,166	101.2%
23	Golf		266,887		1,449,061		1,618,863	89.5%
23 24	Solid Waste		310,604		2,188,035		2,559,003	85.5%
25	Subtotal Enterprise	\$	5,497,851	S	35,935,876	\$	35,663,523	100.8%
26	Total Expenditures	\$	22,422,726		114,978,560	\$	135,258,700	85.0%
	Prior Year External Expenditures	-			101,646,608	~		
	Increase (-Decrease) From Prior Ye	ar			13.1%			
27	Internal Transfers		5,176,630		10,602,546	1	12,942,454	81.9%
28	Grand Total Expenditures	\$	27,599,356	\$	125,581,106	\$	148,201,154	84.7%
	Grand Total Expenditures ased on seasonality of receipts and ex					\$	148,201,154	84.7

**\*\*** Based on seasonality of receipts and expenditures since 1995.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>: Community Development Block Grant, Cemetery, Local Improvement District, Lodging Tax, Affordable Housing, Seizure & Forfeitures. <u>Other Entities Fund</u>: Special Improvement District #1, Airport, General Improvement District #1, Loveland Urban Renewal Authority, Loveland/Larimer Building Authority.

<u>General Government Capital Projects Fund</u>: Capital Expansion Fee Funds, Park Improvement, Conservation Trust, Open Space, Art In Public Places. Internal Service Funds: Risk/Insurance, Fleet, Employee Benefits.

## July 2011



Revenues exceed expenditures YTD by \$3,050,695. (Line #14 less Line #28)

Special Revenues (Line #2) are under budget due to less grants from Community Development Block Program (CDBG).

Other Entities (Line #3) are under budget due to slower grant spending at the Airport, and taxes coming slower than anticipated to the Loveland Urban Renewal Authority.

Solid Waste (Line #10) is over budget due to proceeds on sale of assets and higher than anticipated sales of recyclable materials.

Internal Transfers (Lines #13 & #27) is under budget due to slower than anticipated progress on several projects in the capital projects fund. Transfers are made based on actual expenditures.

Special Revenue (Line #16) is under budget due to timing of grants from lodging tax revenue and CDBG.

Other Entities (Line #17) are under budget due to property taxes coming in slower than anticipated to the Loveland Urban Renewal Authority. Payments are made that match the revenue coming in.

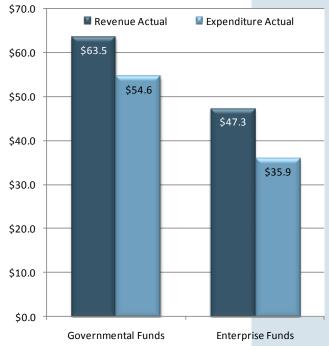
Internal Services (Line#18) is under budget due to timing of recording health claims, and payments for workers' compensation, supplies and purchased services.

Capital expenditures (Line #20) is under budget due to low activity on several projects throughout the City.

Golf (Line #23) is under budget due to less spending in their personal services, supplies and purchased services budgets

Solid Waste (Line #24) is under budget due to less spending on carts and bins, yard waste and solid waste disposal charges, and personal services.

#### YTD Operating Revenue & Expenditures By Comparison, Excluding Transfers



# Monthly Financial Report

## General Fund Revenue & Expenditures JULY 2011

	REVENUE	J	ULY 2011	YTD Actual	Y	TD Revised/ Budget	% of Budget
1	Taxes						
2 3	Property Tax		1,663,341	7,399,939		7,221,750	102.5%
	Sales Tax		2,882,075	18,745,720		18,012,320	104.1%
4	Building Use Tax		76,488	581,501		1,040,860	55.9%
5	Auto Use Tax		170,691	1,176,883		1,078,810	109.1%
6	Other Taxes		364,000	1,724,180		1,531,354	112.6%
7	Intergovernmental		1,233,132	4,052,985		3,924,854	103.3%
8	License & Permits						
9	<b>Building Permits</b>		88,919	660,899		455,630	145.1%
10	Other Permits		16,791	286,233		173,647	164.8%
11	Charges For Services		326,606	2,250,872		2,060,362	109.2%
12	Fines & Forfeitures		71,938	550,422		561,358	98.1%
13	Interest Income		9,070	291,961		261,205	111.8%
14	Miscellaneous		458,382	2,939,516		2,592,005	113.4%
15	Subtotal	\$	7,361,434	\$ 40,661,112	\$	38,914,155	104.5%
16	Internal Transfers		172,413	1,258,069		1,273,195	98.8%
17	Total Revenue	\$	7,533,847	\$ 41,919,181	\$	40,187,350	104.3%
	EXPENDITURES						
	Operating						
18	Legislative	\$	7,122	\$ 55,634	\$	77,065	72.2%
19	Executive & Legal		129,988	1,002,598		992,138	101.1%
20	Comm. & Bus. Relations		30,594	202,135		239,692	84.3%
21	Cultural Services		133,521	704,097		719,176	97.9%
22	Development Services		199,542	1,846,619		2,009,649	91.9%
23	Finance		144,935	1,137,620		1,324,330	85.9%
24	Fire & Rescue		585,870	4,583,175		4,671,718	98.1%
25	Human Resources		58,658	423,366		599,902	70.6%
26	Information Technology		179,843	1,964,391		2,212,735	88.8%
27	Library		156,370	1,324,058		1,444,753	91.6%
28	Parks & Recreation		685,212	4,424,284		5,023,355	88.1%
29	Police		1,165,179	9,713,867		9,764,540	99.5%
30	Public Works		1,200,276	6,453,489		6,733,036	95.8%
31	Non-Departmental		263,012	823,151		1,283,485	64.1%
32	Subtotal Operating	\$	4,940,121	\$ 34,658,485	\$	37,095,574	93.4%
33	Internal Transfers		655,236	1,899,584		2,888,521	65.8%
34	Total Expenditures	\$	5,595,357	\$ 36,558,068	\$	39,984,095	91.4%

## July 2011

Building Use Tax (Line #4) is under budget due to low building activity.

Auto Use Tax (Line #5) is over budget due to higher than expected sales.

Other Taxes (Line #6) is over budget due to higher revenue for sales/use tax audits, cigarette tax, and cable TV franchise and PEG fees.

Building Permits (Line #9) is over budget due to fees paid for an office building on Rocky Mountain Avenue.

Other Permits (Line #10) is over budget primarily due to school fees in lieu of land, police and fire special events permits and inspection fees, and street cut permits.

Charges for Services (Line #11) is over budget primarily due to recreation and adult athletics revenues.

Interest Income (Line #13) is over budget due to higher than expected interest earnings .

Miscellaneous (Line #14) is over budget due to higher than anticipated collections for rental income, Library and Cultural Services donations, and proceeds on sale of assets.

Legislative (Line #18) is under budget mainly due to budget dollars for the Council Advance and travel and meetings not used.

Community & Bus. Relations (Line #20) is under budget due to timing in spending their personal services and purchased services budgets.

Development Services (Line #22) is under budget due to timing in spending their supplies, grants and historic preservation budgets.

Finance (Line #23) is under budget due to timing in spending their supplies, purchased services budgets for revenue audits, and bank charges/investment fees.

Human Resources (Line #25) is under budget due to timing in spending their supplies, and purchased services budget, as well as a vacant position.

Information Technology (Line #26) is under budget due to timing in spending their computer supplies, capital, and purchased services budgets.

Library (Line #27) is under budget due to timing in spending their supplies and capital budgets.

Parks & Recreation (Line #28) is under budget due to timing in spending their personal services, supplies, and purchased services budget.

Non-departmental (Line #31) is under budget due to timing in spending their purchased services budget and food sales tax rebate budget.

Internal transfers (Line #33) are under budget due to timing of capital projects expenditures. Transfers are made monthly based on actual project costs. Also, no transfers have been made to risk for unemployment claims, or to power for building fee waivers.

Revenues exceed expenditures by \$5,361,113. (Line #17 less Line #34)



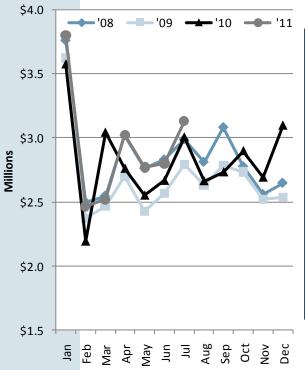
## General Fund Operating Revenue & Expenditures By Comparison, Excluding Transfers

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# Tax Totals & Comparisons

# Monthly Financial Report

# Sales & Use Tax



					2011	+/-
	'08	'09	'10	'11	Budget	Budget
Jan	\$ 3,763,212	\$ 3,622,251	\$ 3,573,972	\$ 3,799,760	\$ 3,708,140	2.5%
Feb	\$ 2,499,464	\$ 2,374,608	\$ 2,191,609	\$ 2,465,447	\$ 2,618,440	-5.8%
Mar	\$ 2,544,688	\$ 2,468,095	\$ 3,041,068	\$ 2,517,162	\$ 2,559,770	-1.7%
Apr	\$ 3,020,580	\$ 2,701,737	\$ 2,759,556	\$ 3,022,770	\$ 2,910,840	3.8%
May	\$ 2,761,197	\$ 2,428,860	\$ 2,550,227	\$ 2,769,526	\$ 2,628,350	5.4%
Jun	\$ 2,829,423	\$ 2,569,125	\$ 2,665,632	\$ 2,800,184	\$ 2,738,110	2.3%
Jul	\$ 2,987,495	\$ 2,794,222	\$ 3,004,324	\$ 3,129,254	\$ 2,968,340	5.4%
Aug	\$ 2,811,579	\$ 2,628,842	\$ 2,662,932		\$ 2,815,690	
Sep	\$ 3,082,644	\$ 2,782,768	\$ 2,732,087		\$ 2,884,640	
Oct	\$ 2,776,559	\$ 2,733,964	\$ 2,897,370		\$ 2,941,910	
Nov	\$ 2,557,802	\$ 2,522,092	\$ 2,690,549		\$ 2,659,950	
Dec	\$ 2,646,945	\$ 2,537,802	\$ 3,096,111		\$ 2,682,740	
	\$34,281,588	\$32,164,365	\$33,865,435	\$20,504,103	\$34,116,920	
YTD	\$20,406,059	\$ 18,958,898	\$19,786,387	\$20,504,103	\$20,131,990	1.8%

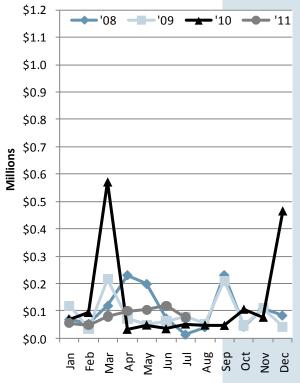
# **Retail Sales Tax**



						2011	+/-
		'08	'09	'10	'11	Budget	Budget
-	Jan	\$ 3,538,021	\$ 3,354,704	\$ 3,352,821	\$ 3,613,881	\$ 3,419,500	5.7%
	Feb	\$ 2,266,805	\$ 2,170,562	\$ 1,959,729	\$ 2,249,749	\$ 2,333,970	-3.6%
	Mar	\$ 2,229,963	\$ 2,100,216	\$ 2,328,701	\$ 2,299,237	\$ 2,216,570	3.7%
-	Apr	\$ 2,605,919	\$ 2,482,752	\$ 2,579,918	\$ 2,702,024	\$ 2,585,290	4.5%
	May	\$ 2,367,597	\$ 2,218,482	\$ 2,324,395	\$ 2,462,213	\$ 2,310,110	6.6%
	Jun	\$ 2,560,453	\$ 2,390,535	\$ 2,468,207	\$ 2,536,541	\$ 2,489,270	1.9%
-	Jul	\$ 2,770,864	\$ 2,552,195	\$ 2,752,870	\$ 2,882,075	\$ 2,657,610	8.4%
	Aug	\$ 2,546,052	\$ 2,383,119	\$ 2,458,382		\$ 2,481,550	
	Sep	\$ 2,644,113	\$ 2,401,596	\$ 2,495,338		\$ 2,500,790	
-	Oct	\$ 2,521,253	\$ 2,457,158	\$ 2,602,599		\$ 2,558,640	
	Nov	\$ 2,294,503	\$ 2,245,659	\$ 2,422,352		\$ 2,338,410	
	Dec	\$ 2,432,635	\$ 2,358,273	\$ 2,455,821		\$ 2,424,090	
		\$30,778,179	\$29,115,253	\$30,201,133	\$18,745,720	\$30,315,800	
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	YTD	\$18,339,621	\$17,269,447	\$17,766,641	\$18,745,720	\$18,012,320	4.1%

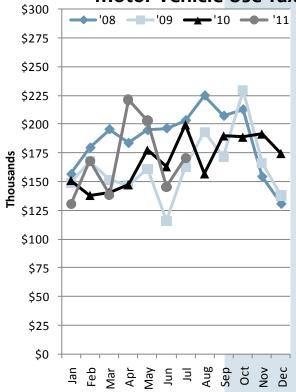
# July 2011

# **Building Material Use Tax**



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								2011	+/-
	'08		'09	'10		'11		Budget	Budget
Jan	\$ 68,522	\$	118,719	\$ 70,117	\$	55,542	\$	136,380	-59.3%
Feb	\$ 52,986	\$	36,254	\$ 93,928	\$	47,621	\$	112,810	-57.8%
Mar	\$ 119,149	\$	216,500	\$ 571,599	\$	79,590	\$	188,330	-57.7%
Apr	\$ 230,954	\$	72,251	\$ 32,260	\$	99,569	\$	175,440	-43.2%
May	\$ 198,765	\$	49,434	\$ 48,145	\$	104,373	\$	153,590	-32.0%
Jun	\$ 72,544	\$	62,723	\$ 34,349	\$	118,318	\$	130,300	-9.2%
Jul	\$ 13,276	\$	79,061	\$ 51,657	\$	76,488	\$	144,010	-46.9%
Aug	\$ 40,683	\$	52,578	\$ 47,716			\$	136,550	
Sep	\$ 231,321	\$	209,338	\$ 46,646			\$	208,060	
Oct	\$ 42,561	\$	47,437	\$ 105,818			\$	148,620	
Nov	\$ 108,737	\$	110,207	\$ 76,444			\$	151,490	
Dec	\$ 83,315	\$	41,844	\$ 465,626			\$	115,540	
	\$ 1,262,815	\$	1,096,346	\$ 1,644,305	\$	581,501	\$1	,801,120	
YTD	\$ 756,197	\$	634,942	\$ 902,055	\$	581,501	\$1	,040,860	-44.1%

## **Motor Vehicle Use Tax**



						2011	+/-
	'08	'09	'10	'11	]	Budget	Budget
Jan	\$ 156,669	\$ 148,828	\$ 151,034	\$ 130,337	\$	152,260	-14.4%
Feb	\$ 179,673	\$ 167,793	\$ 137,951	\$ 168,077	\$	171,660	-2.1%
Mar	\$ 195,576	\$ 151,378	\$ 140,768	\$ 138,335	\$	154,870	-10.7%
Apr	\$ 183,707	\$ 146,734	\$ 147,378	\$ 221,177	\$	150,110	47.3%
May	\$ 194,835	\$ 160,943	\$ 177,687	\$ 202,940	\$	164,650	23.3%
Jun	\$ 196,426	\$ 115,867	\$ 163,076	\$ 145,325	\$	118,540	22.6%
Jul	\$ 203,356	\$ 162,966	\$ 199,797	\$ 170,691	\$	166,720	2.4%
Aug	\$ 224,843	\$ 193,144	\$ 156,834		\$	197,590	
Sep	\$ 207,209	\$ 171,833	\$ 190,102		\$	175,790	
Oct	\$ 212,745	\$ 229,369	\$ 188,953		\$	234,650	
Nov	\$ 154,561	\$ 166,225	\$ 191,753		\$	170,050	
Dec	\$ 130,995	\$ 137,685	\$ 174,664		\$	143,110	
	\$ 2,240,595	\$ 1,952,766	\$ 2,019,997	\$ 1,176,882	\$2	2,000,000	
YTD	\$ 1,310,241	\$ 1,054,509	\$ 1,117,691	\$ 1,176,882		1,078,810	9.1%

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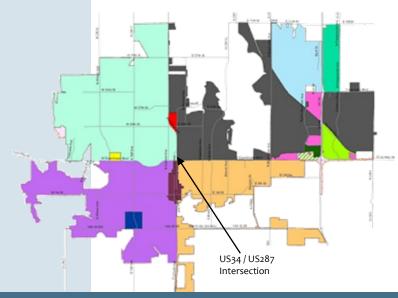
# **Collections By Standard Industrial Classification Code**

Sur	Summary of Sales Tax Collections by Industry Code										
		JULY	201	1							
						\$	%	% of	Cumulative		
Description		YTD 2011		YTD 2010		Change	Change	Total	%		
1 Department Stores & General Merchandise	\$	4,322,018	\$	4,293,708	\$	28,310	0.7%	23.1%	23.1%		
2 Restaurants & Bars	\$	2,195,836	\$	2,030,605	\$	165,230	8.1%	11.7%	34.8%		
3 Grocery Stores & Specialty Foods	\$	1,923,721	\$	1,834,470	\$	89,252	4.9%	10.3%	45.0%		
4 Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	\$	1,357,142	\$	1,185,366	\$	171,776	14.5%	7.2%	52.3%		
5 Building Material & Lawn & Garden Supplies	\$	1,223,961	\$	1,157,796	\$	66,165	5.7%	6.5%	58.8%		
6 Motor Vehicle Dealers, Auto Parts & Leasing	\$	1,122,312	\$	1,028,054	\$	94,258	9.2%	6.0%	64.8%		
7 Utilities	\$	1,063,921	\$	1,067,342	\$	(3,421)	-0.3%	5.7%	70.5%		
8 Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book & Music Stores	\$	912,693	\$	833,848	\$	78,845	9.5%	4.9%	75.3%		
9 Broadcasting & Telecommunications	\$	785,930	\$	769,483	\$	16,448	2.1%	4.2%	79.5%		
10 Used Merchandise Stores	\$	524,898	\$	479,921	\$	44,977	9.4%	2.8%	82.3%		
11 Electronics & Appliance Stores	\$	419,793	\$	425,604	\$	(5,811)	-1.4%	2.2%	84.6%		
12 Beer, Wine & Liquor Stores	\$	406,444	\$	385,929	\$	20,515	5.3%	2.2%	86.7%		
13 Hotels, Motels & Other Accommodations	\$	375,187	\$	309,901	\$	65,286	21.1%	2.0%	88.7%		
14 Health & Personal Care Stores	\$	333,167	\$	297,136	\$	36,031	12.1%	1.8%	90.5%		
15 Consumer Goods & Commercial Equipment	\$	296,971	\$	277,627	\$	19,344	7.0%	1.6%	92.1%		
16 Electronic Shopping & Mail-Order Houses	\$	265,367	\$	234,099	\$	31,268	13.4%	1.4%	93.5%		
17 Furniture & Home Furnishing Stores	\$	249,790	\$	223,731	\$	26,059	11.6%	1.3%	94.8%		
18 Office Supplies, Stationery & Gift Stores	\$	204,312	\$	198,672	\$	5,639	2.8%	1.1%	95.9%		
19 Gasoline Stations with Convenience Stores	\$	135,302	\$	132,172	\$	3,130	2.4%	0.7%	96.7%		
20 All Other Categories	\$	626,955	\$	601,178	\$	25,777	4.3%	3.3%	100.0%		
Total	\$	18,745,720	\$	17,766,641	\$	979,079	5.5%	100.0%	100.0%		

Sales tax revenue through July 2011 is 5.51% over 2010. Every geographical area continues to hold on to positive year-to-date sales over the same period last year even with the national trend showing a decline in sales. The North East Loveland area is showing gains over last year due in part to the addition and performance of several new businesses in the Crossroads area. The Outlet Mall continues to trend up over 13% in part from new store openings.

By business category; Hotels, Motels & Other Accommodations are up 21.1% over last year's sales numbers while Clothing & Clothing Accessories are up 14.5% followed by Sporting Goods, Hobby, and Book & Music Stores at 9.5%

The year-to-date audit revenue is \$307,391 and \$266,014 has been collected in lodging tax.



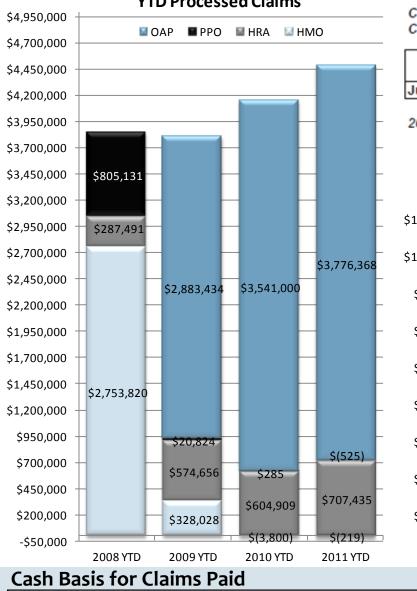
## **Collections By Geographical Code**

	YTD	YTD	%
Geographical Area	2011	2010	Change
North West Loveland	\$2,161,209	\$2,146,560	0.7%
South West Loveland	\$621,324	\$593,978	4.6%
North East Loveland	\$1,188,971	\$1,078,014	10.3%
South East Loveland	\$4,546,006	\$4,458,720	2.0%
Orchards Shopping Center	\$1,198,996	\$1,128,654	6.2%
Columbine Shopping Center	\$348,294	\$324,374	7.4%
Downtown	\$608,107	\$587,111	3.6%
Centerra	\$1,728,889	\$1,575,948	9.7%
Promenade Shops	\$1,419,826	\$1,345,520	5.5%
Outlet Mall	\$731,390	\$645,748	13.3%
Thompson Valley Shopping Center	\$921,067	\$855,803	7.6%
The Ranch	\$391,539	\$330,057	18.6%
Airport	\$210,682	\$168,870	24.8%
All Other Areas	\$2,669,419	\$2,527,286	5.6%
Total	\$18,745,720	\$17,766,641	5.5%

# P.250 Health Care Claims

July 2011

# June Incurred Claims Posted In July



**YTD Processed Claims** 

Claims Over \$25k Comparison (2008-2011)

	Year-to-date # of claims								
	2008	2011							
July-YTD	24	26	24	32					

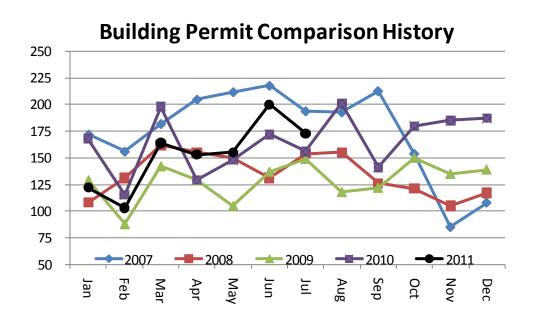
2011 Stoploss YTD claims: 0 **Total Incurred Claims Comparison** \$1,100,000 → 2008 - 2009 - 2010 - 2011 \$1,000,000 \$900,000 \$800,000 \$700,000 \$600,000 \$500,000 \$400,000 \$300,000 Jan Feb Mar Jun Jun Sep Oct Nov Dec

									\$ Over /	% Over /
		I	IMO	OAP	HRA	РРО	Total	Budget	(Under) Budget	(Under) Budget
2011	July	\$	-	\$ 464,233	\$ 182,497	\$ (525) \$	\$ 646,205	\$ 680,043	\$ (33,838)	-5.0%
20	YTD		-	3,261,740	659,195	\$ (525)	3,920,410	4,080,255	(159,845)	-3.9%
2010	July		44	527,401	81,282	-	608,727	630,046	(21,319)	-3.4%
20	YTD		(3,800)	3,195,551	532,170	285	3,724,206	3,780,275	(56,069)	-1.5%
	July		(44)	(63,168)	101,215	(525)	37,478			
Change	% Jul		0.0%	-12.0%	124.5%	0.0%	6.2%			
Cha	YTD	\$	(3,800)	\$ 66,189	\$ 127,025	\$ (810) \$	\$ 196,204			
	% YTD		100.0%	2.1%	23.9%	-284.2%	5.3%			

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# **Activity Measures**

Measures	July '09	July '10	July '11	2009 YTD	2010 YTD	2011 YTD
# of Building Permits	149	156	173	879	1,086	1,070
Building Permit Valuations	\$ 5,482,610	\$ 4,951,541	\$ 7,011,880	\$ 44,315,936	\$ 80,683,121	\$ 54,174,048
# of Certified Occupancies	14	16	19	127	110	126
Net # of Sales Tax Licenses	2	(16)	16	116	63	117
New Residential Electric Meter Sets	4	14	20	68	108	201
# of Utility Bills Sent	33,270	35,061	35,587	233,601	244,772	248,423
Rounds of Golf	21,766	20,533	19,771	80,911	68,598	72,278
Health Claim Costs/Emp.	\$ 685	\$ 679	\$ 899	\$ 6,271	\$ 6,718	\$ 7,162
# of Vacant Positions	10	11	14			
# of Frozen Vacant Positions	19	14	12			
# of Eliminated Positions	14	40	45			
KWH Demand (kH)	125,314	135,155	139,890	686,353	713,121	722,859
KWH Purchased (kwh)	63,471,206	68,158,987	74,077,514	388,979,689	402,868,109	417,011,041
Gallons of Water Sold	437,418,428	509,206,372	512,199,991	1,617,127,589	1,630,840,326	1,705,806,215
# of Workers' Comp Claims	16	7	16	59	84	69
\$ of Workers' Comp Claims Paid	\$ 48,257	\$ 72,690	\$ 13,077	\$ 106,392	\$ 187,808	\$ 83,414
# of Open Claims Current Year	NA	12	20			
# of Total Open Claims	NA	14	22			
\$ of Total Open Claims	\$ 406,606	\$ 353,920	\$ 79,678			
# of Hotel Rooms	NA	1,117	1,117			
\$ of Lodging Tax Collected	NA	\$ 62,162	\$ 68,505	\$ -	\$ 228,571	\$ 266,014



July 2011

## **Cash & Reserves**

Total Cash & Reserves = \$191.8 million, of which \$137.5 million is restricted or reserved, or 71.6%, leaving \$54.3 million unrestricted.

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			Beginning	Y	TD Activity	Ending	
	Restricted						
1	Capital Expansion Fees	\$	36,464,857	\$	(1,198,786) \$	35,266,071	
2	Other Special Revenue Funds		20,268,968		811,824	21,080,792	
3	Capital Projects		3,439,842		(1,079,624)	2,360,219	
4	Debt Reserves-Golf		-		-	-	
5	Water System Impact Fees		5,634,568		988,299	6,622,867	
6	Windy Gap		4,776,059		(519,010)	4,257,049	*Operating/Emergency: TABOR
7	Raw Water		22,801,762		(9,298,267)	13,503,495	Amendment requirement for 3% of operating expenditures excluding
8	Wastewater System Impact Fees		4,258,451		475,564	4,734,015	transfers and debt.
9	Storm Drainage System Impact Fees		1,542,372		(179,118)	1,363,254	
10	Power System Impact Fees		5,624,382		1,039,066	6,663,448	**Other Entities Fund: Special
11	Cemetery		2,433,991		53,988	2,487,979	Improvement District #1, Airport,
12	Other Entities		3,393,300		1,160,054	4,553,354	General Improvement District #1,
13	Total Restricted	\$	110,638,551	\$	(7,746,009) \$	102,892,542	Loveland Urban Renewal Authority, Loveland/Larimer Building Authority
	Committed/Assigned Balance Amounts						
14	General Fund						***Contributions made at year end.
15	Operating/Emergency ***		1,731,040		-	1,731,040	
16	Council Contingency		-		-	-	(Line #17) Council Capital Reserve:
17	Council Capital Reserve ***		4,730,850		(1,091,750)	3,639,100	\$900,000 Downtown Improvements
18	Liability		125,000		-	125,000	\$191,750 Interfund Loan Payment
19	Equipment Replacement		-		-	-	
20	Police Communication Console Replacement		512,000		104,000	616,000	(Line #22) The market value of the
21	Library Reserve		158,379		1,675	160,054	Proctor & Gamble Stock as of Decembe
22	Library Building Reserve		16,750		-	16,750	31, 2010 is \$205,856. This value
23	Telephone Switch Reserve		261,460		-	261,460	represents the original value of the
24	Excess TABOR		5,698,193		(495,126)	5,203,067	stock when it was first donated.
25	Water		660,898		(164,793)	496,105	(Line #24) Six main streets projects are:
26	Wastewater		816,746		9,302	826,048	US 34/Madison, Boyd Lake Ave
27	Storm Water		442,355		3,088	445,443	Extension, Signal at 4th/Lincoln,
28	Power		2,696,087		176,113	2,872,200	Crossroads/71st St, 57th/287, and
29	Golf		243,784		2,577	246,361	Crossroads/I-25
30	Insurance Reserves		4,632,532		32,525	4,665,057	
31	Employee Benefits		6,443,162		210,008	6,653,170	
32	Fleet Replacement		6,208,177		454,551	6,662,728	
33	Total Committed/Assigned	\$	35,377,415		(757,830) \$	34,619,585	
34	Total Restricted/Committed/Assigned	\$	146,015,966	\$	(8,503,839) \$	137,512,127	
	Unassigned Balance Amounts						
35	General		12,740,445		5,985,520	18,725,964	
36	Airport		814,146		88,616	902,762	
37	Internal Service - Vehicle Maintenance		57,032		70,090	127,122	
38	Golf		902,662		556,828	1,459,491	
39	Water		3,745,091		(933,827)	2,811,264	
40	Wastewater		7,350,712		83,720	7,434,432	
41	Power		15,277,828		997,974	16,275,802	
42	Stormwater		2,506,679		17,498	2,524,177	
43	Solid Waste		2,873,450		1,173,757	4,047,207	
44	Total Unassigned	\$	46,268,044	\$	8,040,176 \$	54,308,220	
45	Total Cash	\$	192,284,010	\$	(463,663) \$	191,820,347	



# Citywide Capital Projects Over \$500,000

Project Title	2011 Budget	Ex	2011 penditures		emaining 2011 Budget	% of 2011 Budget (Exp/Bud)	Budget Book Page #
Water Capital	Ŭ		•			<b>、 、 、 、</b>	
Washington Ave WL Replacement	\$ 497,810	\$	155,722	\$	342,088	31.28%	C-115
Filter Plant 2 Improvements	\$ 1,251,850	\$	959,999	\$		76.69%	C-113
Raw Water Capital							
Windy Gap Firming Project	\$ 596,490	\$	-	\$	596,490	0.00%	C-86
Purchase Colorado Big Thompson Water	\$ 4,623,000	\$	4,500,000	\$	123,000	97.34%	C-87
Wastewater Utility Capital							
Carlisle Phase IV (Taft to RR)	\$ 623,730	\$	17,252	\$	606,478	2.77%	C-101
Waste Activated Sludge Thickening	\$ 4,802,740	\$	346,789	\$ 4	4,455,951	7.22%	C-88
South Horseshoe Lift Station Submersible	\$ 887,000	\$	-	\$	887,000	0.00%	
Power Capital							
Horseshoe Sub tie S along Taft to ckt existing on West 29th	\$ 2,300,000	\$	5,697	\$ 2	2,294,303	0.25%	
West Sub tie E along Arkins Branch, N along Wilson to 29th	\$ 1,300,000	\$	25,163	\$	1,274,837	1.94%	
Valley Sub tie W along 402, N along Wilson, W along Arkins to W Sub	\$ 1,100,000	\$	5,777	\$	1,094,223	0.53%	
Horseshoe Sub - New Transformer	\$ 1,200,000	\$	-	\$	1,200,000	0.00%	
Stormwater Capital							
Washington Ave Outfall Phase 4	\$ 3,313,990	\$	1,250,514	\$ 2	2,063,476	37.73%	
Streets Transportation Program							
US34/Madison	\$ 749,020	\$	247,748	\$	501,272	33.08%	
Boyd Lake Ave Extension	\$ 1,005,100	\$	455,210	\$	549,890	45.29%	C-71
2011 Street Rehabilitation	\$ 2,956,210	\$	1,390,842	\$	1,565,368	47.05%	C-39
All Other							
Downtown Infrastructure	\$ 900,000	\$	-	\$	900,000	0.00%	C-40
Open Lands Acquisition	\$ 2,445,000	\$	-	\$2	2,445,000	0.00%	C-29
MeHaffey Park Development	\$ 640,000	\$	-	\$	640,000	0.00%	C-28
Library Expansion	\$ 7,870,850	\$	3,408,921	\$4	4,461,929	43.31%	
Agilent Land/Building	\$ 5,675,000	\$	5,280,884	\$	394,116	93.06%	

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AGENDA ITEM:	1'
MEETING DATE:	9/6/2011
TO:	Mayor and City Council
FROM:	Alan Krcmarik, Executive Fiscal Advisor
PRESENTER:	Alan Krcmarik

TITLE: Investment Report for July 2011

**DESCRIPTION:** This is an information only item. No Council action is required. The budget estimate for investment earnings for 2011 is \$3,163,130. For the first seven months of 2011, the amount posted to the investment account is \$2,000,643 including realized gains. Actual year-to-date earnings are *higher* than the year-to-date projection by \$232,497. Based on July's monthly statement, the estimated annualized yield on the U.S. agencies and corporates was up to 1.64%, still under the annual target rate. Interest rates have dropped significantly lower.

BUDGET IMPACT: Investment earnings provide revenue to the City's various funds.

Yes No

**SUMMARY:** At the end of July, the City's total portfolio had an estimated market value of \$192.9 million, about \$ 3.1 million more than a month ago. Of this amount, USBank held (including accrued interest) \$182.8 million in trust accounts; other funds are held in local government investment pools, in operating accounts at WellsFargo Bank, and a few miscellaneous accounts. Interest rates have trended significantly lower over the past few months. Investments are in US Treasury Notes, highly-rated US Agency Bonds, highly-rated corporate bonds, money market accounts, and local government investment pools. The City's investment strategy emphasizes safety of principal, then sufficient liquidity to meet cash needs, and finally, return on investment. Each percent of earnings on the portfolio equates to \$1.9 million annually. Each basis point would be about \$19,300 annually.

#### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS: Investment Focus July 2011

**RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:** For Council's information; questions welcomed.

#### **REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:**



# Investment Focus

# Monthly Investment Report

# July 2011

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#### What the debt ceiling deal

means? The deal which allows the debt ceiling to rise in three phases through the end of 2012. It has two steps. The first step cuts the discretionary budget by almost \$1 trillion over the next 10 years. The second step requires a joint committee of three Democrats and three Republicans from each chamber to negotiate an additional \$1.2 trillion to \$1.5 trillion in cuts by 2021, and gives the negotiated package a procedural fast-track in Congress.

**Source:** Economic Policy Institute, August 4, 2011.

**Focal Points** 

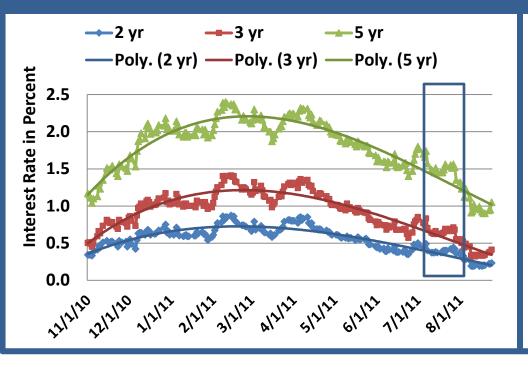
- \* 2011 targets for the City's portfolio: 1) the interest rate target is 2.0%; 2) the earnings goal = \$3,163,130.
- \* City investments are in high quality, low risk securities, in compliance with state law and the adopted investment policy.
- \* Revenue posted to accounts = \$2,000,643, 63.2% of target. This includes realized gains on the sales of \$118,324.
- \* Each 1% of the total portfolio amounts to about \$1.9 million.
- \* Lower interest rates make the unrealized loss a gain of \$235,391.

Type of Investment	Purchase Price	Market Value	Unrealized Gain or Loss
Checking Accounts	\$ 9,447,469	\$ 9,447,469	
Investment Pools	589,813	589,813	
Money Markets	<u>32,262,156</u>	<u>32,262,156</u>	
Subtotal	\$ 42,299,438	\$ 42,299,438	
Notes and Bonds	<u>150,352,115</u>	<u>150,587,506</u>	<u>\$ 235,391</u>
Total Portfolio 🤇	\$ 192,651,553	\$ 192,886,944	\$ 235,391
Data Sources	(Morgan Stanley)	(US Bank)	



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# Monthly Investment Report P.256 Interest rate trends / the debt ceiling impacts



Interest rates reached new record lows in July and moved even lower in August. Based on the 2year treasury, the July month-end rate was 20% lower. The 3- and 5-year rates were 32% and 23% lower, respectively.

When the treasury market shifts like this, the value of prior investments increases making the unrealized loss lower. For new investments, yields were much lower at the end of July.

#### Immediate impact on jobs and the economy

The initial spending cut will reduce outlays by \$30.5 billion in calendar year 2012, leading directly to job losses... Although the debt ceiling deal creates undesirable obstacles to continuing emergency unemployment benefits and the payroll tax holiday, the joint committee should prioritize these desperately needed stimulus measures in any second phase of long-term deficit reduction. <sup>EPI</sup>

	Cost	Multiplier	GDP Impact	Job Impact
Discretionary Cuts	\$30.5B	1.40	-\$43B (-0.3%)	-323,000
No payroll tax holiday	\$118.0B	1.09	-\$128B (-0.8%)	-972,000
No extended unemployment insurance	\$45.0B	1.55	-\$70B (-0.4%)	-528,000
Total Note: totals may not sum due to rounding	\$193.0B	1.25	-\$241B (-1.5%)	-1,822,000

#### Impact of debt ceiling deal on GDP and jobs in 2012

Source: Joint Committee on Taxation, Congressional Budget Office, and Economic Policy Institute; Multipliers from Zandi.

Relative to current budget policy, the spending cut in the debt ceiling deal plus the failure to extend the payroll tax holiday and emergency unemployment insurance would reduce U.S. GDP by \$241 billion in calendar year 2012, a decrease of 1.5%, relative to projected levels. This estimate (detailed below) is consistent with private estimates by, for example, J.P. Morgan Chase (Goldfarb 2011). This decline in economic activity would reduce nonfarm payroll employment by roughly 1.8 million jobs and correspondingly increase the unemployment rate by 0.6 percentage points, relative to current budget policy. In context, the U.S. economy created only 18,000 jobs in June 2011, and the economy has generated *fewer than 1.8 million jobs since* employment bottomed out in early 2010. More than 11 million jobs are needed to bring the unemployment rate back down to pre-recession levels (Shierholz 2011).

# July 2011 Cash Position Summary

# Cash & Reserves (unaudited)

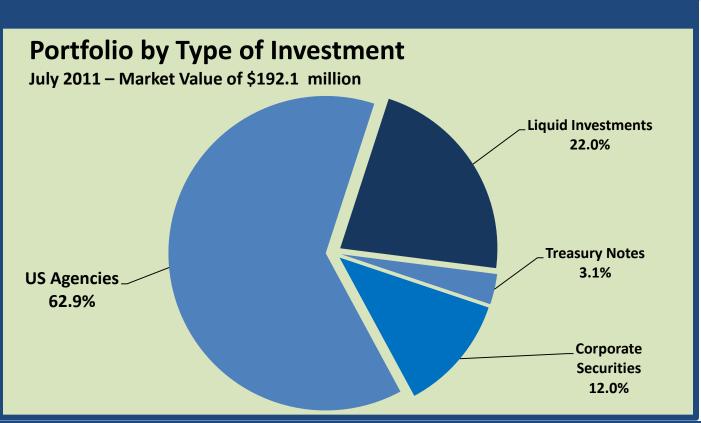
		2011 Beginning	YTD Activity	Month End Total
	Restricted Reserves			
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2	Water System Impact Fees	5,634,568	988,299	6,622,867
3	Raw Water Revenue – Windy Gap	27,577,821	(9,894,383)	17,760,544
4	Wastewater System Imp. Fees	4,258,451	475,564	4,734,015
5	Storm Drain System Imp. Fees	1,542,372	(179,118)	1,363,254
6	Power Plant Investment Fees	5,624,382	1,039,066	6,663,448
7	Cemetery Perpetual Care	2,433,991	53,988	2,487,979
8	Other Restricted	27,102,110	892,255	27,994,365
9	Total Restricted	\$ 110,638,551	\$ (7,746,009)	\$ 102,892,542
	Reserve Balance Amounts			
10	General Fund	\$ 13,233,672	\$ (1,481,201)	\$ 11,881,283
11	Enterprise Funds	4,859,870	26,287	4,886,158
12	Internal Service Funds	17,283,872	697,084	17,980,955
13	Total Reserves	\$ 35,377,415	\$ (757,830)	\$ 34,619,585
14	Total Restricted and Reserved	\$ 146,015,966	\$ (8,503,839)	\$ 137,512,127
	Unrestricted			
15	General Fund	\$ 12,740,445	\$ 5,985,520	\$ 18,725,964
16	Airport	814,146	88,616	902,762
17	Internal Service – Vehicle Maint	57,032	70,090	127,122
18	Enterprise Funds	32,656,422	1,895,950	34,552,372
19	Total Unrestricted	\$ 46,268,044	\$ 8,040,176	\$ 54,308,220
20	TOTAL CASH	\$ 192,284,010	\$ (463,663)	\$ 191,820,347

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# Portfolio Size / Types of Investments



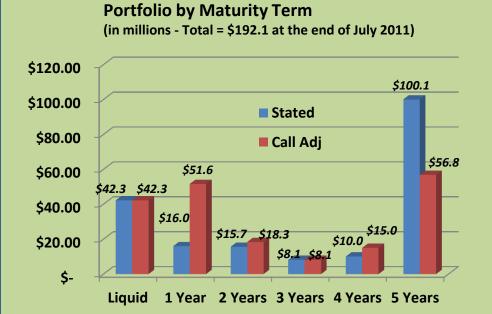
Blue bars show Purchase value, red and green bars show market value, red = loss and green = gain



# July 2011

# Transactions / Portfolio by Maturity

	Maturity Date	Face Value	Purchase \$	Stated Rate
Purchases Federal Home Loan Bank Fed. Home Loan Mort. Corp. Fed. Home Loan Mort. Corp. Fed. Home Loan Mort. Corp. Fed. Nat'l Mort. Association Fed. Nat'l Mort. Association	07/27/2016 07/18/2016 07/18/2016 07/18/2016 03/28/2016 07/26/2016	\$ 5,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000 10,000,000 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000.00 5,000.000.00 4,992,500.00 10,000,000.00 4,997,500.00	1.500% 0.750% 2.125% 2.125% 2.000% 2.250%
red. Nat i Mort. Association	07/26/2016	<u>5,000,000</u> \$ 35,000,000	<u>5,033,850.00</u> \$ 35,023,850.00	2.250%
<u>Matured</u> Fed. Agricultural Mort. Corp.	07/15/2011	\$5,000,000	\$ 5,338,500.00	5.500%
<u>Called</u> Fed. Nat'l Mort. Association Fed. Nat'l Mort. Association	01/13/2015 07/21/2015	\$ 5,000,000 <u>5,000.000</u> \$ 10,000,000	<u>Call Value \$</u> \$ 5,000,000.00 <u>5,000,000.00</u> \$ 10,000,000.00	2.000% 2.375%
Sales Fed. Nat'l Mort. Association	09/09/15	\$ 5,000,000	<u>Gain \$</u> \$ 62,500.00	1.875%



The target rate for 2011 is 2.0%. In the last two months, rates have fallen to record lows. Through July, the portfolio is still on track to reach the interest rate target level for 2011.

To support earnings or to reposition the portfolio, bonds may be sold. Gains on sales total \$118,324 to date.

The blue bars show the stated term. Red bars show the calls given the recent interest rate trends. More of the five year bonds will be called early.

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# Future Scan / rates still on hold and recovery weak

- The Federal Open Market Committee ("FOMC" or "Committee") kept short-term interest rates at a record low, near zero, at its latest policy meeting on August. 9<sup>th</sup>. The Committee also lowered its economic assessment, saying it now "expects a somewhat slower pace of recovery over the coming quarters." It left the door open for more action, saying it discussed "the range of policy tools available to promote a stronger economic recovery." In reaction to faltering markets, Chairman Ben Bernanke made a surprising statement indicting that the FOMC would keep rates low for an extended period of time, all the way through 2012 and into the middle of 2013. Chairman Bernanke's plan to hold interest rates near zero through at least mid-2013 provoked the most opposition among voting policy makers in 18 years as central bank consensus frayed. The next meeting will be held on November 1-2.
- Loveland's employment level *contracted* in July with 60 fewer jobs when compared to June. Compared to the revised estimate for July 2011, there are 381 *more* jobs for city residents. Using non-seasonally adjusted data for June, the national unemployment rate was 9.3%, the State of Colorado was 8.5%, Larimer County was 6.9%, Fort Collins was 7.9% and Loveland was 6.0%. Of Colorado cities, only Lafayette and Parker were lower at 5.6% and 5.0% respectively. Aurora (Adams County) had the highest unemployment rate at 15.8%.
- Through an arduous and argumentative process, the Congress and the Administration reached an agreement and made the adjustment to the debt ceiling. The process further polarized the political arena and had a deleterious effect on consumer confidence. The banking crisis in Europe has had a similar effect.
- After the debt ceiling agreement was reached, Standard &Poor's lowered the credit rating of the United States. The downgrade spurred a "flight to quality" and caused the interest rate on US treasuries and agencies to fall to record lows. The major economic forecasting firms have again revised their outlook for interest rates to be lower through the second half of 2011, 2012 and now into 2013. For budget planning purposes, the lower rates from the first revisions have been incorporated. Even lower rates, based on the last moth have not yet been included in the process.

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Monthly Investment Report



July 2011

City of Loveland 500 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Loveland, CO 80537

# Updated for Colorado Labor data for July

Loveland's employment level contracted slightly in July, down 60 jobs from June 2011. Compared to one year ago in July, there are 381 more jobs. **July Unemployment Rates** Data not adjusted for seasonality **United States** 9.3% Colorado 8.5% Larimer 6.9% **Boulder** 6.9% Weld 9.9% Hinsdale 3.2% Saguache 13.2% Loveland 6.0% **Fort Collins** 7.9% Greeley 11.7%

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 Lafayette
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 Parker
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 Aurora (Adams)
 5.0%

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### Item 14 – City Manager

Discussion and consideration of any needed action concerning the ACE Manufacturing and Innovation Park

# No coversheet or other materials

# CITY OF LOVELAND



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AGENDA ITEM:	15
MEETING DATE:	9/6/2011
то:	City Council
FROM:	William D. Cahill, City Manager
PRESENTER:	Bill Cahill

#### TITLE:

Mid-year Review of City Council Goals for 2011

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Discussion only; no action required.

#### BUDGET IMPACT:



None.

#### SUMMARY:

The City Council held its Annual Advance on February 5, 2011 at Group Publishing in Loveland. This annual event is intended for the Council to set major goals and priorities for the coming year.

The first quarterly progress report (for quarter ending June 30, 2011) has also been previously transmitted to the Council. It has been updated for you (Attachment 1).

As follow-up to the Advance, the Council expressed interest in holding a mid-year review to evaluate progress. This is that review.

While staff will be prepared to give informational updates on the specific actions previously directed by Council, the primary purpose of this item is to provide for Council-driven discussion. The Council may wish to consider:

- Are there events which have occurred in the past 6 months which would change Council priorities?
- Are there any additional goal areas that should be considered as mid-course corrections?

 Are there any of the previously-adopted goal and activity areas which should be dropped or de-emphasized?

#### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Quarterly Report on City Council Goals.

**RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:** None required.

#### **REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:**

# Progress Report: City of Loveland 2011 Council Goals Updated: August 30, 2011



City of Loveland 500 East Third Street Loveland, CO 80537

Goals and Activities	Lead Responsibility	Schedule and Progress
Goal 1, Public Safety: Continue public safety as the key priority of the City.		
1.1 Regional Crime Lab	Police	Draft IGA by December 2011
		<i>On course.</i> The IGA has been approved by Loveland, Greeley and Weld County. Action is pending from Larimer County and Fort Collins.
1.2 Consolidation of City & Rural District for Fire/Rescue Services	Fire	Draft IGA by December 2011
		<i>On course.</i> The Fire Authority IGA has been approved by the City and Rural District. Implementation is proceeding.
1.3 Public Safety Infrastructure	Police, Fire	Ongoing.
		Police and Fire have drafted recommended staffing and resource plans to meet the essential needs for public safety in Loveland. The Police Citizen Advisory Board has reviewed the five year Police plan and voted to support it. The Fire Rescue Advisory Commission has reviewed the long-range staffing plans from the Fire Authority. A Council Study
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Session will be scheduled to review the comprehensive public safety plans and new sources of revenue needed.

**Complete November 2011** 

## On course. A task force has been appointed and finished its meetings. A Study Session is scheduled in November. 2.2 Downtown Catalyst Projects **Developer Selection July 2011 Development Services** On Course. In negotiation with Brinkman Partners to develop the North Catalyst Site (6<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln). In active discussions with developers on the South Catalyst site (3<sup>rd</sup> and Lincoln). Staff will to come to Council for final approval of a continuous/open process to select development partners. 2.3 Redevelopment of the Agilent Campus, including public engagement City Manager, Econ Dev't **Development Agreement August 2011** Progressing. A new developer RFP is being circulated for a new development partner. 2.4 Rialto Bridge **Development Services** Construction underway May 2011 On course. The building permit was issued and construction has begun. Structural steel has been erected. 2.5 Airport Growth and Capital Projects **Public Works** Major project summer 2011 On course. Runway project under construction, due for completion in early September. 2

**Economic Development** 

#### Goal 2, Economic Vitality: Build and strengthen Loveland's economic vitality.

2.1 Economic Development Strategy

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2.6 Targets of Opportunity	as needed	Ongoing
		No report.
2.7 Regionalism and Annexation Agreement with Johnstown	Council, City Manager	Discussions by September 2011
2.8 Artspace Project	Development Services	Finance application by July 2011
		<b>On course.</b> Artspace has a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Feed and Grain Building. They are working on acquiring two adjacent properties. The finance application may be delayed.
2.9 Pulliam Building	Development Services	Ongoing
		<b>Ongoing:</b> Following a Study Session, Council has directed action, including a Business Plan, to be developed for consideration.
2.10 "Black Boxes" (significant vacant buildings)	Economic Development	Program adopted by November 2011
		<b>On course</b> . To be incorporated into Economic Development Strategy above.
Goal 3, Financial Responsibility: Maintain Loveland's healthy financial position.		รายแบบสารมารถในการใช่สุดกั <mark>รรคายใช้สุดกับ</mark> (1915)
3.1 Financial Sustainability Strategy	Finance, City Manager	Complete May 2011
		<i>Completed June 7.</i> Implementation steps now being carried out.

3.2 "De-Brucing" Election

Finance, CFAC, Council

Ballot Measure drafted July 2011

**On course**. Council approved ballot language

incorporating a 12-year sunset.

3.3 Analyze and Reduce Reliance on Intergovernmental Revenue	Finance	Complete October 2011
		<b>On course</b> . Historical and comparative information presented June 14 with CAFR.
3.4 Capital Expansion Fees (CEFs)	Dev Svcs, Fiscal Advisor	Complete July 2011
		<b>Completed.</b> Per Council direction, completed public outreach, including development community.
		Presented results of outreach process to Council in May 2011 – Council reinstated annual increase in CEFs on June 7, 2011.
Goal 4, Infrastructure Quality: Maintain and develop Loveland's infrastruc	ture.	
4.1 Street Maintenance Funding	Public Works	Ongoing
		<b>Ongoing.</b> Adjustment to Street Utility Fee approved in Financial Sustainability Strategy. Projected fall 2010 study session on long term pavement needs as new streets brought on line from development
		begin to reach pavement maintenance needs stage (2012-2015).
4.2 Water Shares, Supply and Infrastructure	Water & Power	Master Plan complete September 2011
		<b>Delayed.</b> Staff continues to work with Consultant to update Raw Water Master Plan and the 100-year drought "Firm Yield". Anticipated completion:
		October 2011.
4.3 Electric Power Infrastructure	Water & Power	<b>Ongoing.</b> PRPA recently completed their Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) - five year planning period from 2012 to
	4	2016.

#### Goal 5, Quality of Life: Preserve and enhance Loveland's quality of life.

5.1 Public policy concerning po	verty and homelessness	5 Mitheline of a line in	Community Partnership	Policy Draft complete September 2011 <b>On Course</b> . The Poverty Task Force has identified
				eight areas that seem to be community needs or gaps in services to students and low income residents. While homeless youth is one of the eight
				areas, homelessness in general will not be addressed until the eight areas have been explored.
5.2 Environmental Sustainabilit	y Plan		Public Works	Ongoing <i>On course</i> . Preliminary draft of sustainability plan completed, to be presented at October 25 Council
				study session.
5.3 Comprehensive Plan Update	ে প্রেয় কর্মের বিজেনে জেন		Development Services	Draft to Council October 2011 <b>On Course</b> . Phase 1 of update process complete. At study session on June 14, 2011, Council gave go ahead to methodology for completing Phases 2 and 3 of the update process. Commissions are carrying
				out this work.
5.4 Visual Arts Commission: Se	lection Process for Publ	ic Art	Cultural Services	Draft to Council December 2011 <b>On Course</b> . Presentation to Council scheduled in
				October.
5.5 Transportation Plan				Council Review by September 2011 <b>Delayed.</b> Staff has been involved in underlying transportation modeling based on the land use plan to support the next stage of plan development. Staff is waiting on additional modeling information from the MPO as part of that process. Anticipate Study

Session in October 2011.

Governance	Lead Responsibility	Schedule and Progress
G.1 Council Meetings: Combine Council comment periods to one	City Manager	By May 2011 <i>Complete.</i>
G.2 Print suggested time limits on City Council study session items	City Manager	By April 2011. <i>Complete.</i>
G.3 Council members contact staff in advance with questions	Council	Ongoing <i>Ongoing.</i>
G.4 Improve staff reports thru: redlining, history of issues, use of PowerPoint. include options for City Council action	City Manager	Ongoing Ongoing.
G.5 Pilot test of laptops - iPads with interested Council Members	Information Technology	By July 2011 <i>On course</i> . Laptops in use.
G.6 Provide Communications policy to Council Members	Assistant City Manager	By April 2011 <i>Complete</i> . March 2011.
G.7 Resume Legislative Day	Assistant City Manager	By June 2011 <i>Complete</i> . Next Day to be scheduled in 2012.

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G.8 Review Boards & Commissions as part of financial sustainability process

**City Manager** 

By June 2011 *Complete.* Adopted as part of Strategy.

G.9 Improve Process for Key Management Evaluations

Human Resources

By September 2011 **On Course.** City Council elected sub-committee to work with HR; materials have been completed.

#### Implementation

I.1 Publish Report of the Advance

I.2 Periodic Reporting on progress toward Goals

1.3 Mid-Year Review with City Council and management staff

#### Lead Responsibility

#### **Schedule and Progress**

By April 2011 *Complete.* 

Quarterly On course.

City Manager

**City Manager** 

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By August 2011 *On course*. Scheduled September 6.