

Multi-Modal Transportation Plan

Background

The “parking lot” issues states:

Take a systematic look at Longmont’s transportation system including developing a multi-modal transportation plan.

This task would integrate the various components or modes of transportation and the City’s various transportation programs and policies into one coordinated plan.

Outcomes

The product for this project would be the adoption of a strategic multi-modal transportation plan incorporating the various transportation modes and policies for the City of Longmont. The plan would provide recommendations for transportation in the short-, medium- and long-term future with a financial analysis for meeting these future needs. The new transportation plan would be integrated into *Longmont Area Comprehensive Plan* (LACP) either as the Transportation section of the LACP or a separate document referenced within the LACP. Other outcomes include increased tracking and monitoring of the transit projects and studies affecting the City of Longmont with monthly status updates to managers and quarterly updates to City Council. An aspect of ongoing involvement with regional transportation projects is the transit oriented development (TOD) planning being done with assistance from the Regional Transportation District (RTD).

Community Involvement

Community involvement would include a task force focused on transportation issues with representation from the Transportation Advisory Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Transportation Management Organization or Association (TMO/A) and people in the community with a particular interest in transportation. Community and neighborhood groups throughout the Longmont Planning Area (LPA) would need to be identified and targeted for information, discussion and updates during the process. Some of the identified community involvement participants include interested Longmont residents, State, regional, county and transit entities as well as the railroad and members of the development community.

Resources

The Street Fund has \$100,000 available for the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan. If City Council includes this project in the 2004 Work Plan, an appropriation request subsequently would be brought to City Council to authorize its funding. This dollar amount includes hiring a consultant for the project to provide a more specialized expertise and a broader experience than current City resources can provide. Approximately twelve months will be needed depending on the level of community involvement and priority of the project for the City. This estimate is also based on having one staff person as the primary contact for the public and consultant. The primary contact from the City would need to devote at least fifty-percent of his/her work time toward the project to finish the plan in the stated time frame even with the involvement of other staff members. With increased tracking and monitoring of regional transportation projects, up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the transportation planner’s time may be involved in this project.

Involvement of other staff is projected to average between 8 - 16 hours per week in various support functions.