

Dave Lingle inquired about BFO Offer 52.7 *Old Town Parking Structure Preventative Repairs and Elevator Preventative Maintenance* and if the amount of the two-year Offer would cover all identified repairs or just the upper level with the weather exposure.

Mr. Robenalt shared that the 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds noted on the Offer, have yet to be expended in 2022. In addition to the \$301,000 funding in the Offer, he noted that the ideal approach is that a percentage of Parking Services annual revenue would be available to address the immediate and ongoing repair needs and maintenance. The details of that arrangement will be addressed in the modification of the current IGA with the City. Mr. Getto provided background that the City hired Martin and Martin, who provided an engineering report in 2019 identifying the needs of the entire structure. The DDA is waiting for an updated report, which should be available soon.

There was Board discussion on *Historic Preservation Surveyor Specialist 23.17*. It was determined that while this position would benefit the City overall, there are still some areas in the DDA District to be surveyed. It was determined that the Board would like to reinforce to the City the importance of being proactive.

Mayor Arndt encouraged the Board to submit a formal letter regarding items of importance to the DDA, which helps provide Council with more information on specific Offers during their review of the City Budget.

Matt Robenalt summarized the intentions of the Board regarding the BFO offers. A letter from the DDA Board to City Council expressing support for the six (6) items recommended for funding listed in the Staff memo, as well as encouraging City Council to consider funding the District 1 buildout and funding to perform proactive historic surveys whether through a contractor or by funding the Historic Preservation Survey Specialist.

Moved by Jenny Schultz, seconded by Sam Coutts: To direct Staff to provide a letter to City Council expressing support as Matt outlined. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT FORT COLLINS ACTIVE MODES PLAN

Derek Getto provided information regarding the draft Fort Collins Active Modes Plan. DDA Staff met with City staff prior to the Board meeting to discuss the draft and sent a letter to Courtney Geary, FC Moves, with observations, comments, and questions. Aaron Iverson, Senior Manager, City of Fort Collins Transportation Planning, and Rachel Ruhlen, Transportation Planner, FC Moves, presented information on the draft.

Randy Shortridge provided perspective for the Willow and Linden intersection as a frequent user and sees it as already user-friendly. He brought attention to the lack of pedestrian crossing in other areas connecting to the River District.

Matt Robenalt provided information that there is a plan for an improved crossing at Pine Street and Jefferson Street through an IGA between the City and the Colorado Department of Transportation. There are also plans for pedestrian improvements for Jefferson Street from College Avenue to Lincoln. DDA Staff observed that these plans were left out of the City's draft plan.

Randy Shortridge noted issues on Riverside from Mountain to Mulberry, that it is unfriendly to pedestrians and bicycles and questioned City Staff as to why those areas were not included in the draft

Plan. Siting the eastside neighborhood, south of Old Town and north of Prospect, Mr. Shortridge noted that it has very poor access to a bike trail other than at Lemay. It would be a great location to add connectivity.

Sam Coutts inquired if the Plan aims to improve connectivity or if it's more of an analysis of existing networks. Ms. Ruhlen reported that the values-based prioritization had data connectivity as the highest weight, including safety, comfort, access, health, and equity. Derek Getto shared that one of the DDA Staff's comments to FC Moves was that the bicycle and pedestrian trail network is not incorporated into the Plan. Ms. Ruhlen clarified that the trails are part of the online map system, and Aaron Iverson acknowledged that the trail system is the backbone of the Plan and would be incorporated.

Sam Coutts asked if the improvements were capital improvements or developer re-pavements. City Staff explained that funding is a combination of City funds, State and Federal grants, and developer-improved changes, but there is a funding gap. Mr. Coutts inquired if a developer could ask the DDA to help with funding for a bike lane or other improvements based on the Plan. Matt Robenalt explained that it would be an option for the developer to request funding, but there has already been a process in place for many years to accommodate that scenario through the Pedestrian Plan. Information is outlined in the letter attached to the Agenda Memo.

Aaron Iverson shared that a parallel process is to update the multi model level service manual, and City Staff plans to build on that and doesn't want to do away with work done in the past. He appreciated the feedback that DDA Staff provided.

Dave Lingle asked about land or easement acquisition in the draft Plan and if the assumption that everything being proposed can fit within existing right-of-way. Mr. Iverson commented that City Staff had not necessarily made that assumption. He acknowledged that it would be ideal to work within the footprint of the roadway to reallocate space, such as a roadway diet to realign lanes, but that capital projects can include need for land acquisition or easements. Mr. Lingle suggested that City Staff have their consultant reference a need to evaluate for right-of-way availability or acquisition of private property to accomplish pedestrian and bicycle plans.

Ms. Ruhlen shared that City Staff has received feedback from other City departments that cost estimates in the draft Plan are too low. She stated that while public comment had ended, there was still time for the Board to share comments before the Plan is taken to City Council Work Session in October.

Mr. Lingle inquired if the intent is that City Staff would take Board comments and DDA Staff questions, revise the draft Plan, and provide to the DDA Board for an endorsement. City Staff confirmed that they would review comments and update the Plan before the City Council Work Session. DDA Board expectation is that City Staff will incorporate general public and DDA comments into the Plan prior to taking the Plan to the City Council Work Session on October 25 and return to the DDA Board in November with feedback from City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Matt Robenalt reminded the Board of the October Retreat at Elevations Credit Union starting at 9:00 a.m. The primary purpose of the Retreat is to provide input on drafting the 5-year Investment Plan.

Mr. Robenalt will also provide an update on amending the DDA Statute.