

## City Council Work Session

January 14, 2025







## Does Council have feedback on the following?

- Guiding principles used to develop the Proposed Trails Map
- Criteria used to prioritize trail projects
- Proposed strategy to address trail safety

## Purpose:

- Update framework for planning, design, construction, maintenance, and preservation
- Support the 15-Minute City initiative
- Maintain recreational value
- Ensure priority trail connections

## Goals:

- Meet the needs of community and determine challenges and opportunities
- Develop shared vision of system expansion
- Create transparency
- Explore and develop new policies



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## Current Council Priorities 2024-2026

- Improve human and social health for vulnerable populations
- Advance a 15-minute City by accelerating a shift to Active Modes
- Reduce climate pollution and air pollution

## Strategic Plan Alignment (2024)

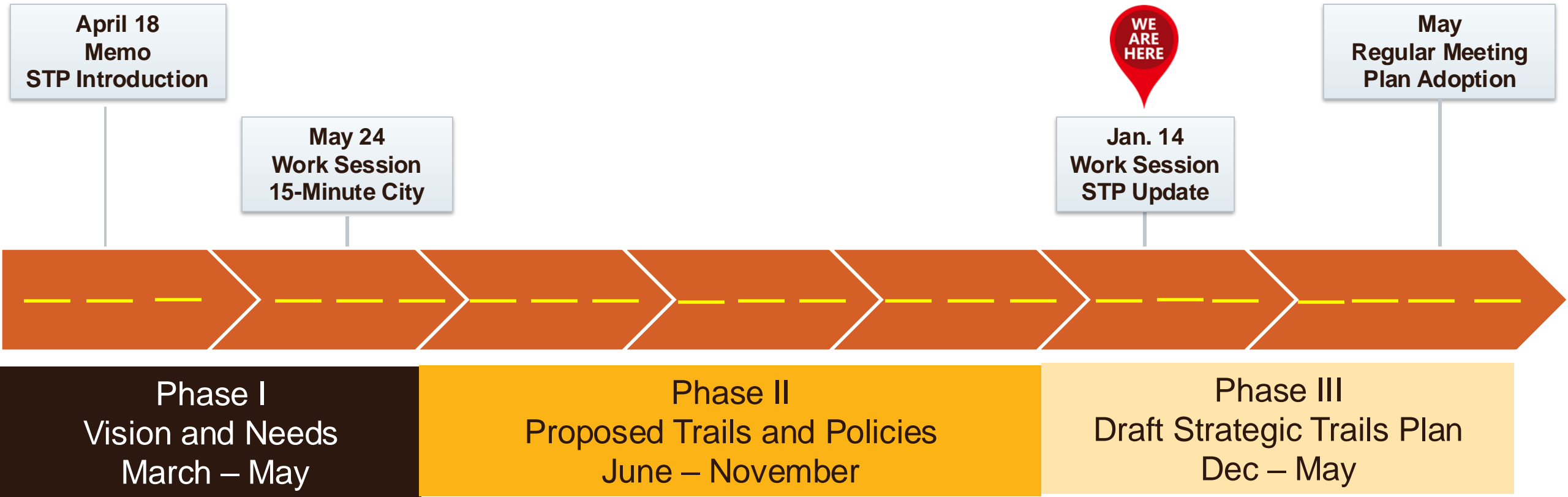
- CR 2: Implement criteria and prioritization to manage assets and replace equipment that will revitalize parks and recreational facilities, as the planned buildout of the parks and trails system continues.
- T&M 1: Make significant progress toward the City's Vision Zero goal to have no serious injury or fatal crashes for people walking, biking, rolling or driving in Fort Collins.



## 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN



# Council Engagement & Plan Timeline



## Engagement Activities

- 2 Questionnaires
- 1 Open House
- 7 City Board Meetings
- 2 Online Interactive Maps
- 1 Hickory Village Fair
- 1 Council Work Session
- 1 Open Streets Fair
- 1 NoCo Trails Summit

### Phase I Themes

- Trails for all
- Community Connections
- Interconnected Network

### Phase II Themes

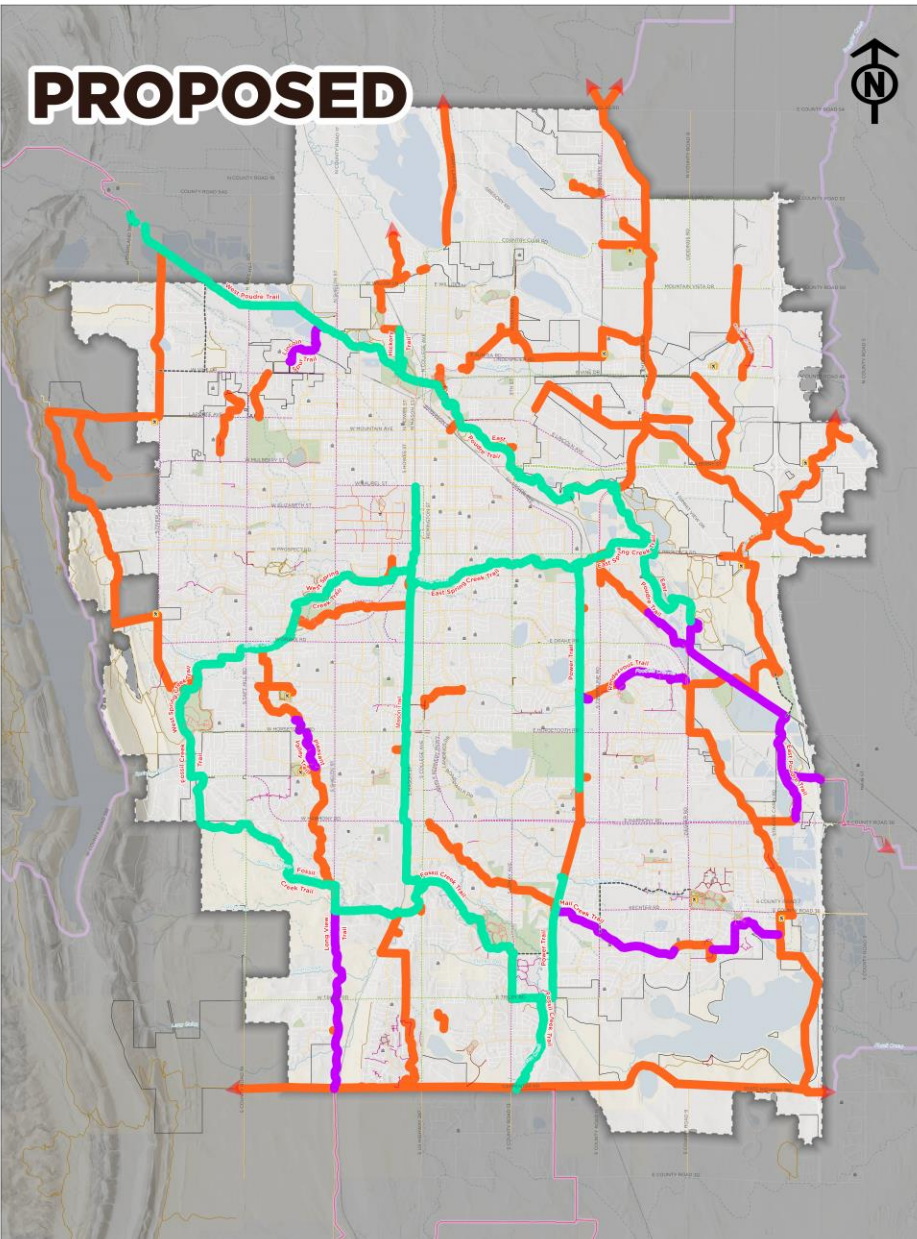
- Complement On-street
- New Trails in NE
- Balance Trail Access
- Partnerships Matter



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## Existing System:

- 46 miles of trails, includes Mason Trail
- 42 existing over or underpasses (street)

## Proposed System:

- 71 new miles of trails
- 35 new over or underpasses (street)

## Complete Buildout (~2050)

- 117 miles of trail
- 77 over or underpasses (street)





## Quantitative:

- Equity
- Connectivity to Schools
- Recreational Value
- Demand and Growth
- Completes a Gap in System

## Qualitative:

- Synergy and Ease of Implementation

## Existing Trails

- General Fund
- Lottery proceeds
  - Conservation Trust Fund
- 2050 Tax (asset management)

## Proposed Trails

- Lottery Proceeds
  - Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Grant
  - Conservation Trust Fund (~2M annually)
- Engineering & FC Moves Coordination
  - Transportation Grant Funding
- Developer Partnerships

### **Potential New Funding:**

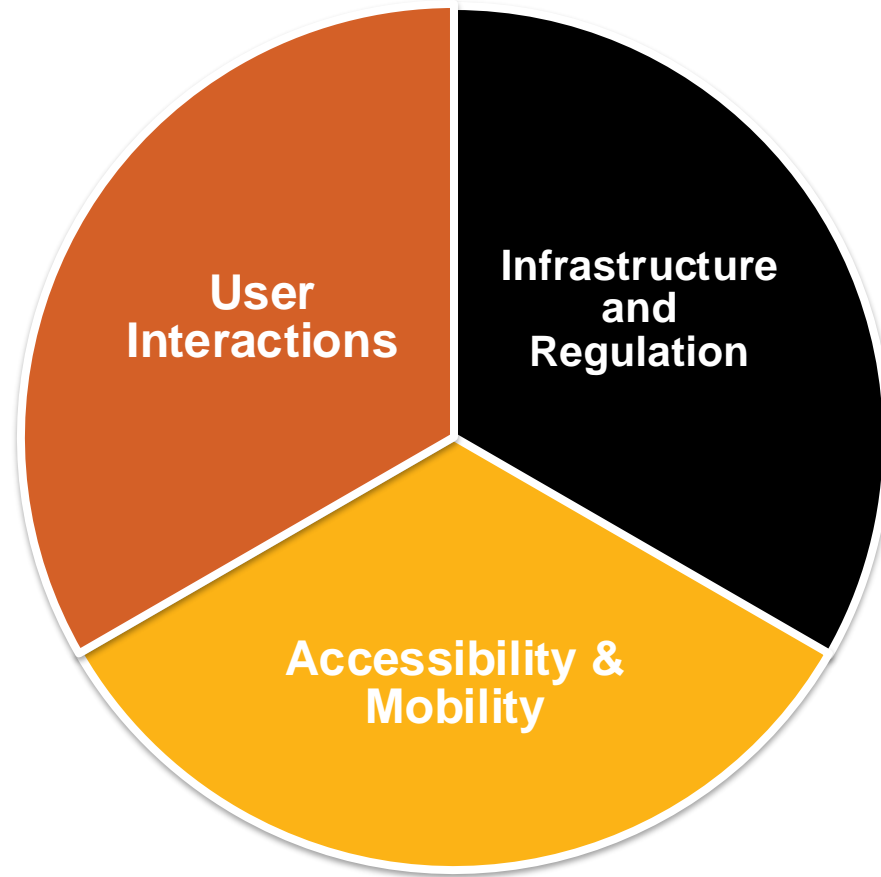
- Community Capital Improvement Program (Strategic Trails Plan Implementation ~10M)



# Addressing Trail Safety



# Community Input: Emerging Safety Themes



# Safety Strategy: a four-point approach

1. Trail Safety Education  
Multimedia Campaign
2. Refreshed courtesy and  
etiquette signs
3. Trail widening, centerline  
striping and warning signs  
at bridges, underpasses,  
and junctions
4. Bicycle Ambassador  
Program to include routine  
trail pop-up events





### Meetings and Draft Plan Development:

- Develop Draft Plan
- City Boards Updates
- Public Draft Plan Review (February 2025)
- Incorporate Public Input
- Prepare Final Plan
- City Council Adoption (May 2025)





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Thank you!

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# Supporting Slides





## Major Trail

- Connects to neighboring communities
- Promotes long-distance travel
- Regional connectivity
- Suitable for high volume of users
- High mode-share of pedestrians, cyclists, and other forms of active modes
- Adjacent crusher fines trail

## Minor Trail

- Connects local destinations  
Short-distance trips
- Suitable for high volume of users
- Lower share of long-range cyclists and higher share of runners/walkers

## Spur/Connector

- Short trail
- Links Major or Minor Trails to destinations such as parks, schools, neighborhoods
- Expand comfortable access to the trail system for more people
- Serve fewer users
- Higher share of pedestrians
- Typically constructed in conjunction with another project such as a park, school, or residential development

# Trail Use (Annual Comparison)

*Table 1 Trail Counts Per Year (\*Q4 2024 count estimated)*

Trail Use (24 Counters)	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Quarter 1	480,312	460,312	491,159
Quarter 2	677,977	664,103	652,599
Quarter 3	749,668	689,419	672,636
Quarter 4	511,832	514,506	*600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,419,789</b>	<b>2,328,340</b>	<b>2,416,394</b>

- Historically, the Poudre Trail at Martinez and Spring Creek Trail between Edora Park and Rolland Moore Park are the most used sections of trail.
- Mason Trail and Power Trail have an uptick in use the past 4-5 years

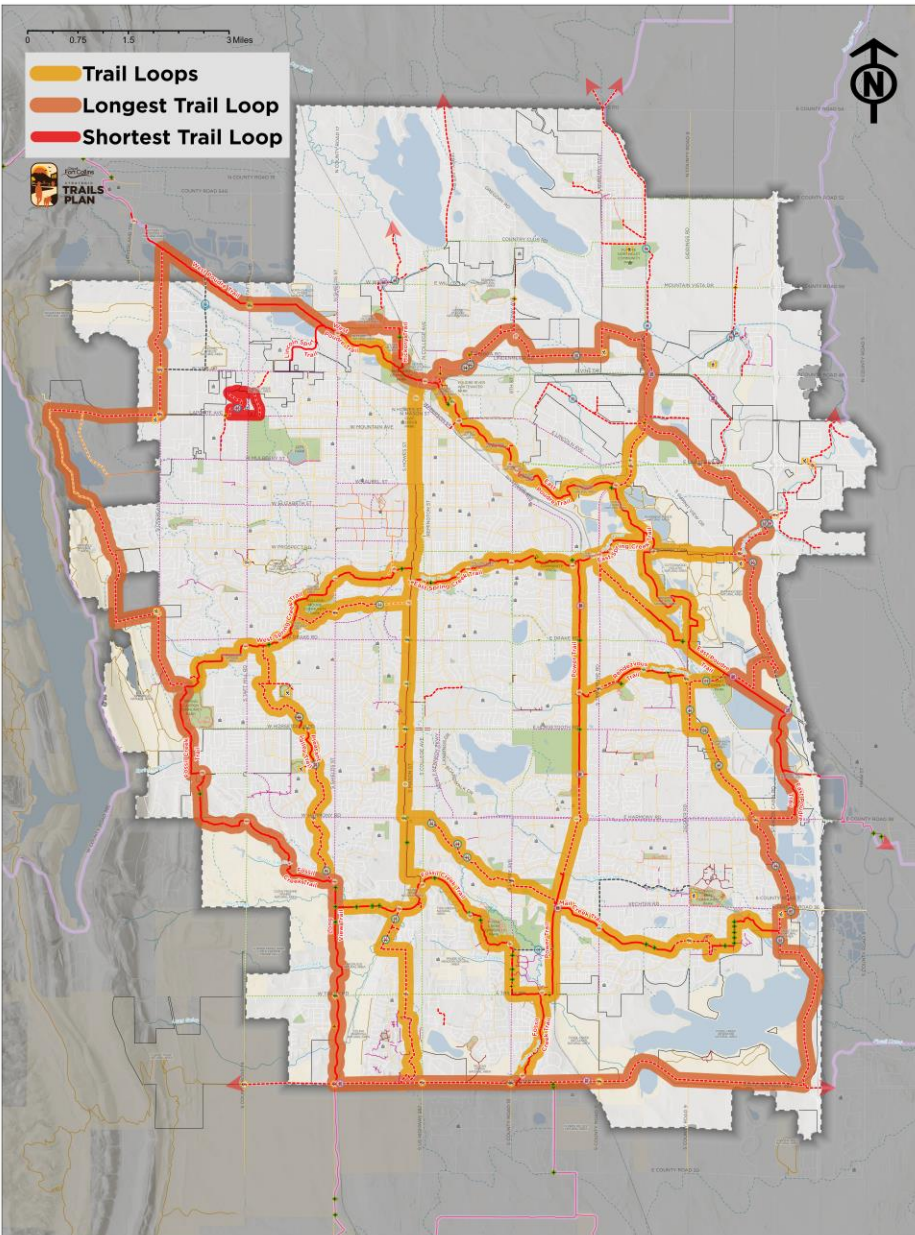


# Trail Use (June vs. January Comparison)

Counter Location	Jun-24
Fossil-CathyFromme	3,501
Fossil-College	7,828
Fossil-Harmony	11,736
Front Range-Carpenter	7,059
Long View Trail - Trilby	421
Mason - Prospect	14,527
Mason-Harmony	7,409
Mason-Htooth	20,094
Poudre - ELC	6,987
Poudre - Lemay	18,881
Poudre - West Vine Outfall	1,478
Poudre-Butterfly	15,103
Poudre-Mrtinez	7,049
Poudre-Rigden	2,880
Poudre-Taft	*6000
Power-Htooth	*12500
Power-Southridge	9,554
SCT - Edora	9,552
SCT - Lilac	13,390
SCT-Crkside	12,938
SCT-RMoore	23,106
SCT-Taft Hill	8,067
Southridge - Lemay	5,984
Stanton Creek	7,965
	<b>215,509</b>

Counter Location	Jan-24
Fossil-CathyFromme	4,631
Fossil-College	3,092
Fossil-Harmony	6,124
Front Range-Carpenter	3,260
Long View Trail - Trilby	1,193
Mason - Prospect	6,443
Mason-Harmony	2,677
Mason-Htooth	8,007
Poudre - ELC	3,377
Poudre - Lemay	5,384
Poudre - West Vine Outfall	2,822
Poudre-Butterfly	6,050
Poudre-Mrtinez	4,418
Poudre-Rigden	2,346
Poudre-Taft	8,132
Power-Htooth	6,658
Power-Southridge	4,176
SCT - Edora	8,346
SCT - Lilac	5,861
SCT-Crkside	10,202
SCT-RMoore	12,463
SCT-Taft Hill	6,907
Southridge - Lemay	2,403
Stanton Creek	3,927
	<b>128,900</b>

# Recreational Trail Loops



- Range of recreational loop opportunities:
  - Longest trail loop (**Orange**) : 38.73 miles
  - Shortest trail loop (**Red**) : 1.36 miles





## Completed

- Plan Congruence Assessment
- Quantitative Level of Service Analysis
- At-Grade Trail Crossing Crash Analysis
- Deferred Maintenance Assessment
- Population-based Level of Service
- Irrigation Ditch/Trail Compatibility Evaluation

## In Progress

- Development Review & Refinement
- Project Prioritization
- Grade Separated Crossing Prioritization
- Design and Construction Standards
- Funding and Implementation Scenarios