

# Council Work Session: 15-Minute City Council Priorities

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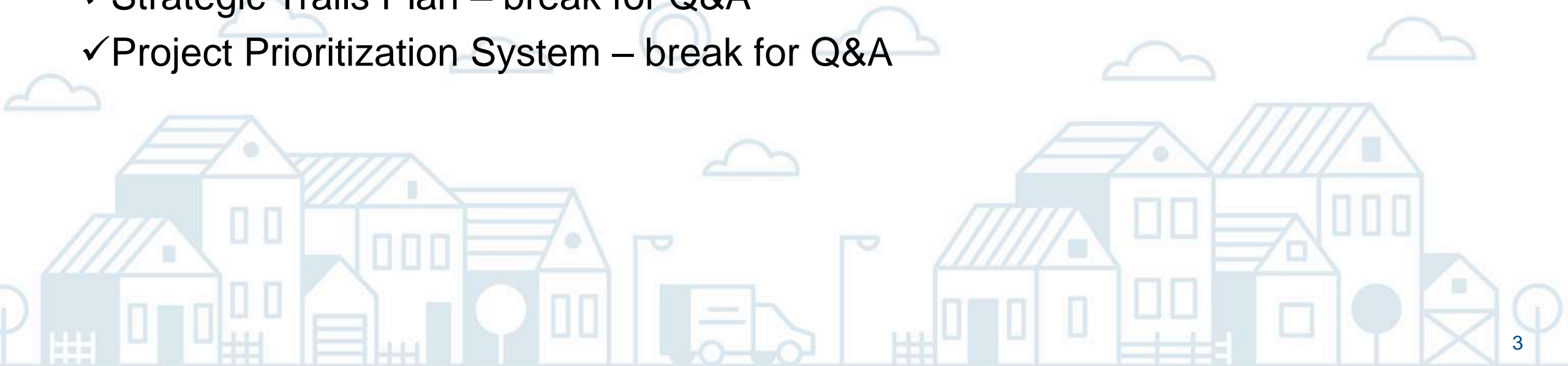
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- **Place Based Assessment (scope & outcomes)**
- **Strategic Trails Plan (process & goals)**
- **10 Year Transportation Capital Project Plan (criteria)**

- 15 Minute City Context
- 15 Minute City Work Plan Progress
- Specific Areas of Focus:
  - ✓ Place Based Assessment – break for Q&A
  - ✓ Strategic Trails Plan – break for Q&A
  - ✓ Project Prioritization System – break for Q&A





# 15-Minute City Context



# Vision

Fort Collins is a “15-Minute City” where every resident can walk, bike, or roll within 15 minutes of their home to their daily needs and services.



Schools



Community Centers



Commercial Districts



Transit



Parks



Medical Services



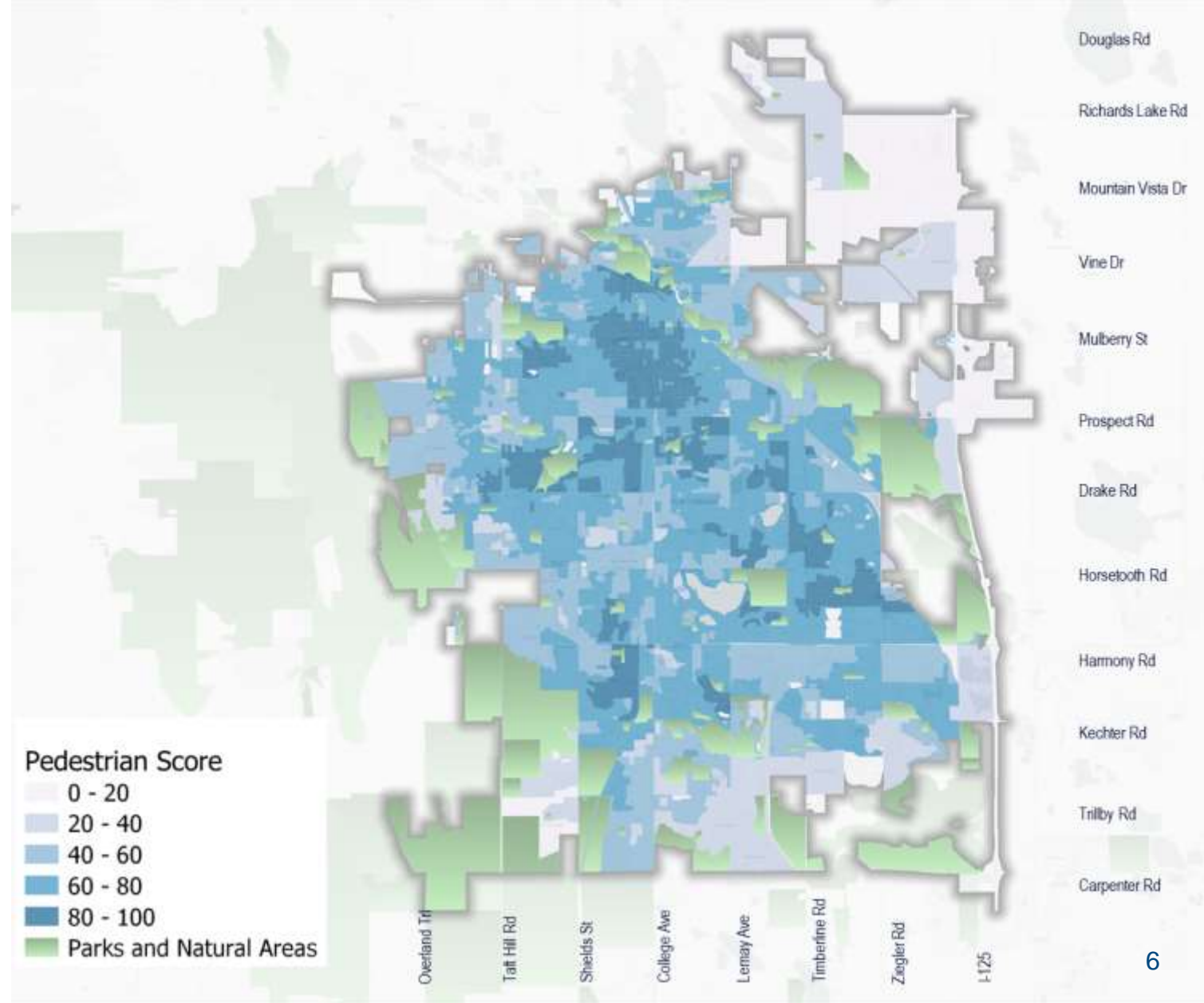
Employment Centers



Grocery Stores

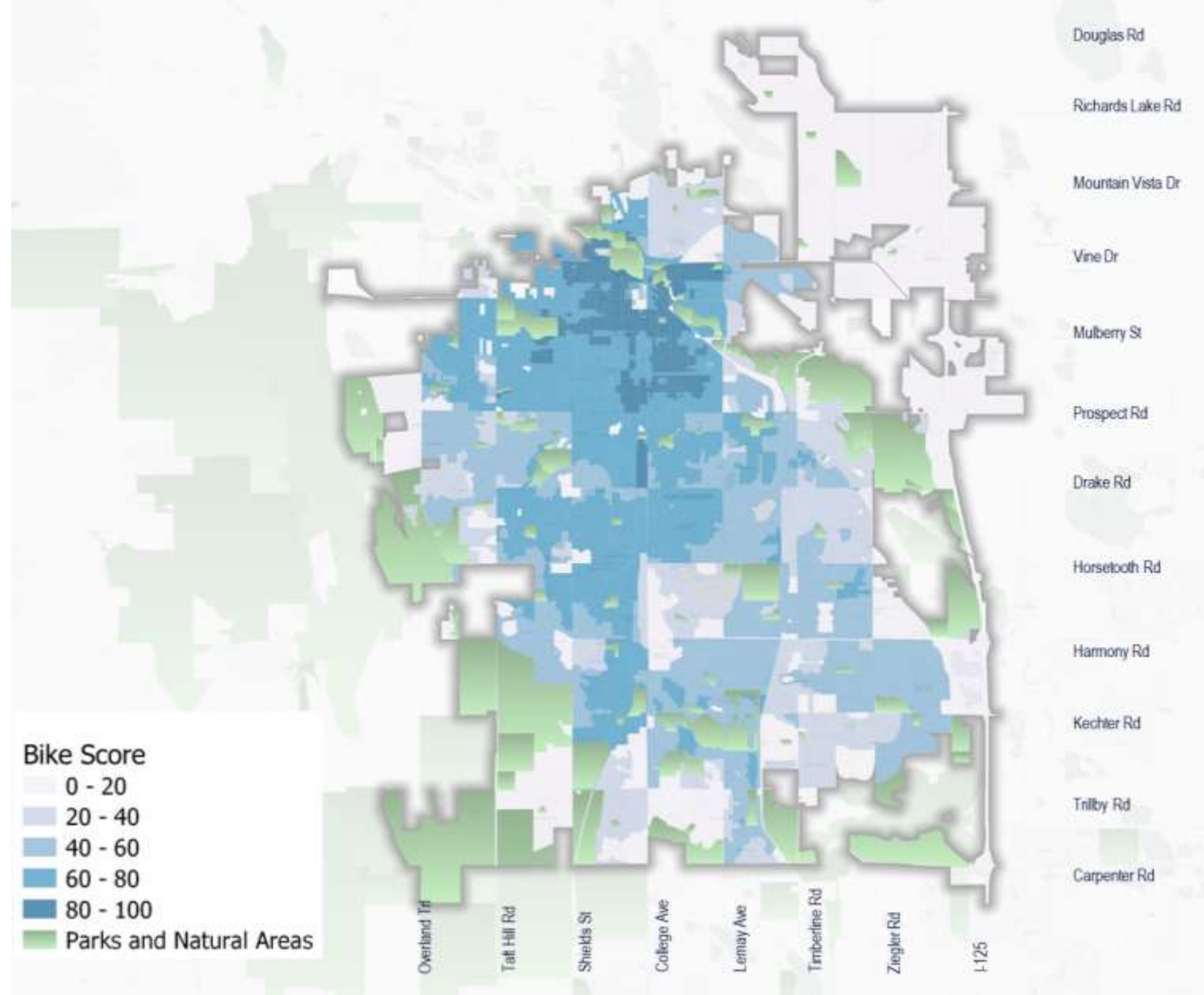
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Score Range	Description of Access and Connectivity	
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## Core themes

-  Increase housing capacity in areas with strong connectivity
-  Support mixed-use neighborhoods
-  Expand the active transportation network

## Supporting themes

- Expand access to nature and parks
- Expand transit services
- Increase awareness through education and outreach
- Increase safety conditions for vulnerable road users







# 15-Minute City Work Plan Progress

- 1** Update the Land Use Code and related business processes to achieve community outcomes and improve the customer experience
- 2** Assess current conditions and emerging opportunities and re-imagine the City's role in supporting thriving, connected neighborhood centers in our community
- 3** Explore and determine optimal private/public partnerships and identify effective implementation actions
- 4** Test fun and engaging methods to raise community awareness and support for advancing 15-Minute City strategy

Work Plan Item	Progress Update
<b>Land Use Code Update: Commercial Corridors and Centers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ City staff team preparation; scoping</li> <li>✓ June 2024 Council Work Session</li> <li>✓ Request for Proposals</li> <li>✓ <i>Next: Select consultant team; begin engagement and analysis</i></li> </ul>
<b>Review, Permit, Inspect: Digital and Business Transformation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ City staff team preparation; scoping</li> <li>✓ Selection of vendor</li> <li>✓ Implementation of quick win improvements (e.g. website, business hours)</li> <li>✓ <i>Next: Appropriation; process improvement efforts</i></li> </ul>
<b>Place-Based Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Drafted scope and confirmed desired outcomes</li> <li>✓ <i>Next: Finalize scope and timeline, begin work and engagement</i></li> </ul>
<b>Fun and Engagement</b>	<p>See photos on next slide</p>



# Testing Fun, Engaging Events and Programs



- 1** Highlight the connections between 15-minute city and prioritizing Safe Routes to School and Active Mode Investments and Programs
- 2** Leverage upcoming funding opportunities to accelerate investment in active mode infrastructure and safety improvements
- 3** Assess and update policies, standards and guidelines to remove barriers to active mode and safe routes projects
- 4** Update the Strategic Trails Plan to integrate paved trail system into citywide active mode vision



# Strategies Update: Advancing a 15-minute City by Accelerating Our Shift to Active Modes



Work Plan Item	Progress Update
<b>10-year Transportation Capital Improvement Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Plan being formulated this Spring/Summer, and will be ready to present at Council work session in Oct/Nov</li> </ul>
<b>School Safety Assessments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Completed 23/24 School Year assessments</li> <li>✓ Applying for funding; prep for next school year</li> </ul>
<b>Audit Policies, Standards and Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 2025/2026 BFO Offer Submitted (included with Vision Zero and neighborhood traffic improvements)</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Trails Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Strategic Trails Plan – Phase I community engagement</li> <li>✓ Next: Phase II community engagement / interactive proposed trails map</li> </ul>
<b>Monitor Funding Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Street Maintenance Tax Renewal</li> <li>✓ Community Capital Improvement Program Tax Renewal</li> <li>✓ 2025/2026 BFO Process</li> </ul>



# Active Modes 2024 Projects, Update



Approximately 23 lane miles of buffered and/or improved bike lanes added



Approximately 4 Lane miles of protected bike lanes added or coming later in 2024



6 improved intersections (for people biking and walking)



Schools served: Compass HS, Bennett, Polaris, Poudre HS, Putnam, Lopez, O'Dea, Boltz

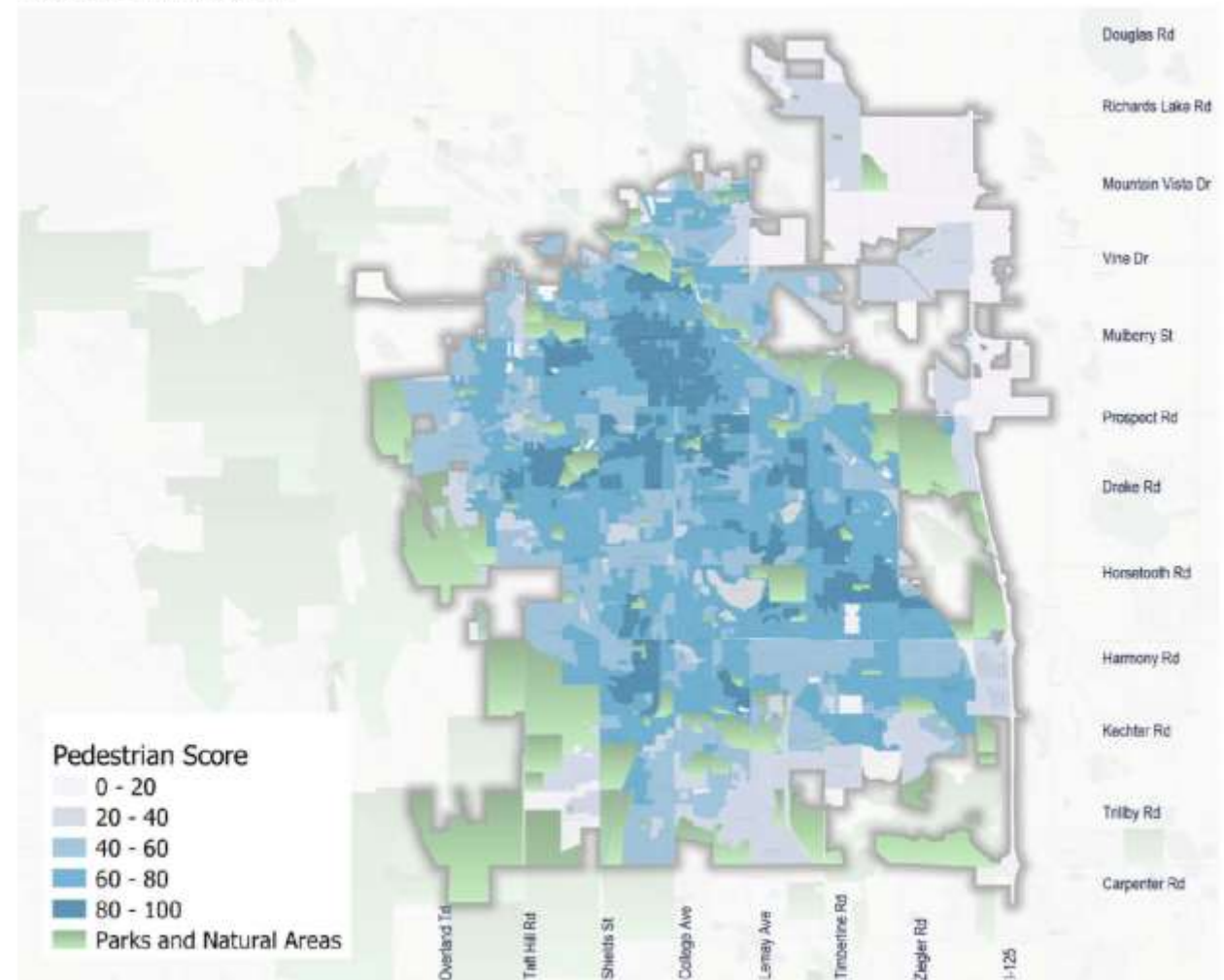


# Place-Based Assessment

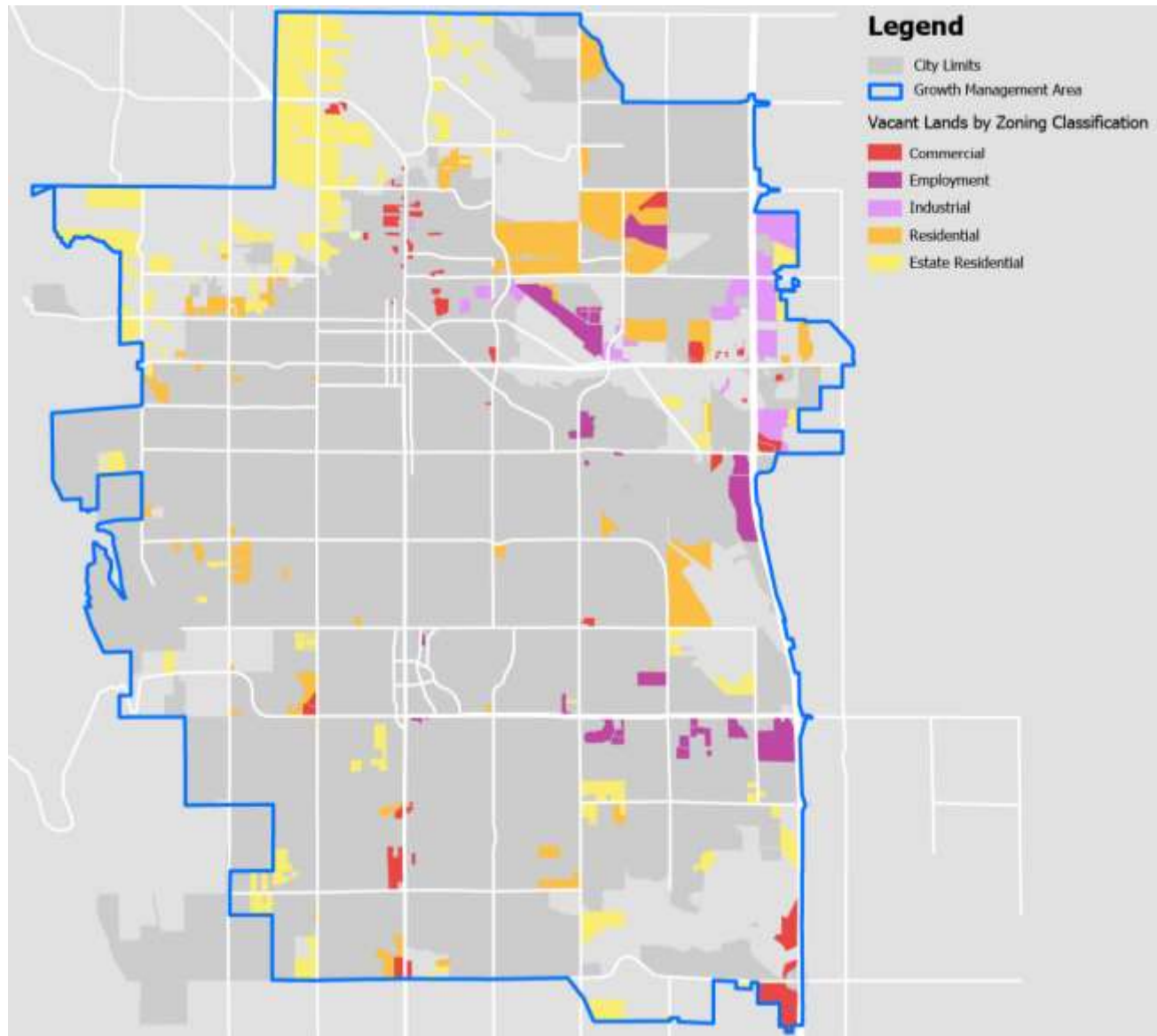
# Existing Conditions

- Build on 15 Minute City Analysis
  - Identify amenities
  - Overlay City Plan
- Highlight recent development as case studies
- Deeper analysis on 6 commercial centers
  - 1 per Council district

Aggregate Walking Score







- Assess redevelopment potential
- Housing potential
- Land to improvement ratio
  
- Identify opportunity/publicly owned property
  
- Assess unmet commercial demand

# Qualitative Assessment

- Document pedestrian experience
  - Barriers to destinations
  - Interesting parts of journey
- Show in Story Map





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# Strategic Trails Plan

## Purpose:

- Update framework for planning, design, construction, maintenance, and preservation of the paved trail system
- Create seamless integration of low-stress network (on and off-street) to achieve a 15-Minute City
- Ensure priority trail connections are made to underrepresented neighborhoods, schools, parks, and natural areas

## Goals:

- Assess if paved trail system meets the needs of community and determine challenges and opportunities for improvement
- Develop shared vision for expansion of paved trail system to meet future needs
- Create transparency to trail planning, design, funding, construction and maintenance
- Explore and develop new policies to improve current and future paved trail system



# Project Scope and Schedule – 3 Phases

## 1. Vision & Needs (March – May)

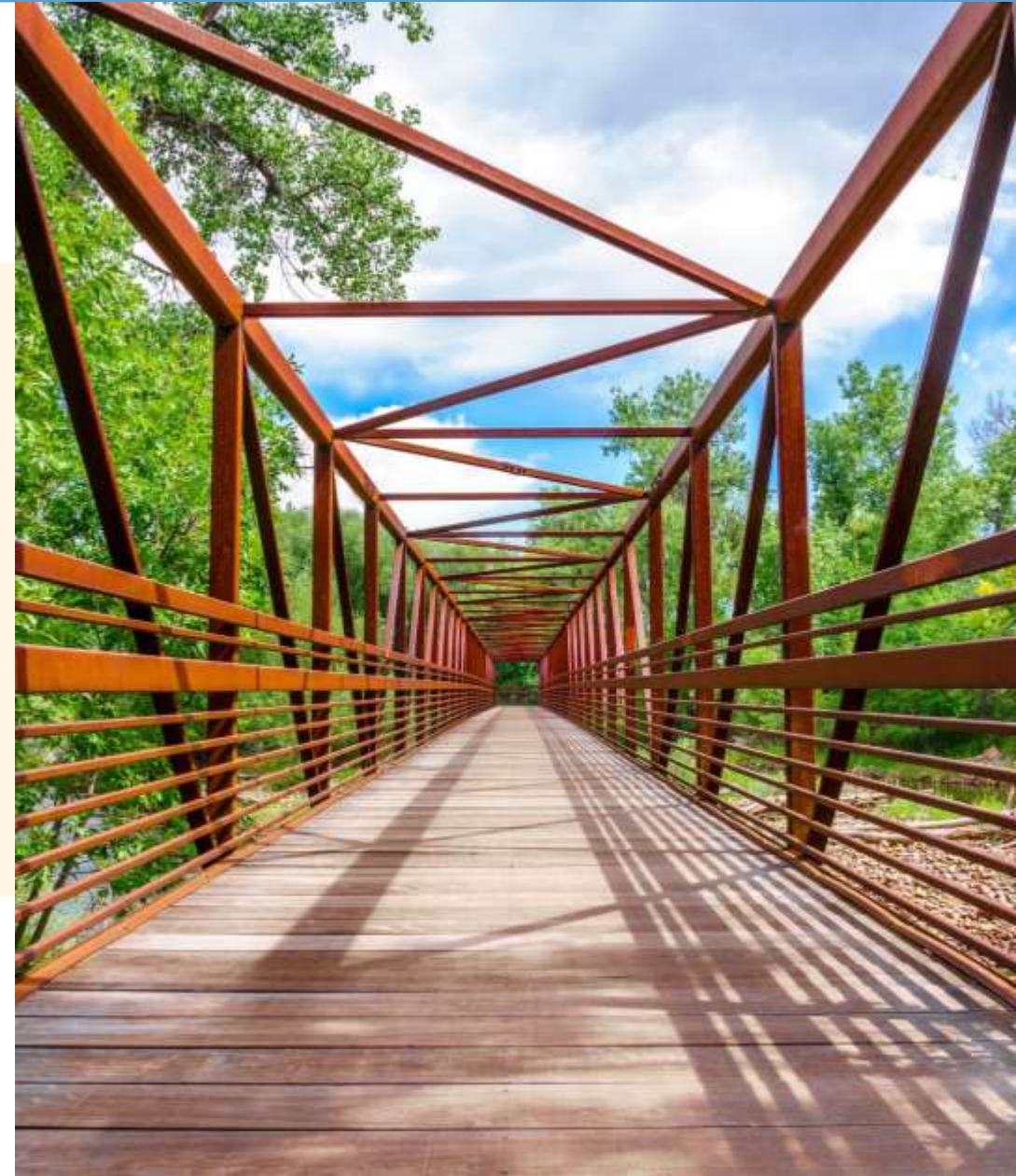
- Assessing needs (trail connectivity, amenities)
- Congruence with other city plans
- Trail inventory & maintenance assessment

## 2. Proposed Trails & Policies (June – October)

- Interactive proposed trails map available for comment: <https://ourcity.fcgov.com/stp>
- Policy Development:
  - Level of Service
  - Irrigation Ditch/Trail Compatibility
  - Development Review – Potential Code Refinements
  - Update Design and Construction Standards
  - Address Safety, Mobility, and Accessibility
  - Develop Funding & Implementation Strategy

## 3. Draft Strategic Trails Plan (October – April 25')

- Public review period (October – February)
- Anticipated Council adoption (March/April 2025)







## Trail Facts:

- The Parks Department constructs and maintains the City's major trail system, except the Mason Trail (Streets Department)
- 45 miles of existing major trail system, includes Mason Trail
- 57 miles of minor trails: includes trails constructed by other city departments, CSU, & HOA's

## Relationship to Schools:

- 88% of existing major trail system lies within a .75-mile school buffer
- 90% of existing major and minor trail systems combined lies within a .75-mile school buffer
- All schools, except for two, have a trail within a .75-mile buffer (major and minor trails combined)
- Combination of existing and proposed on-street pedestrian and bicycle network, plus off-street trail system will create a comprehensive Safe Routes to School network





**Project Prioritization:  
*10-year Transportation Capital  
Improvement Plan***

# Project Prioritization: 10 Year Transportation Capital Improvement Plan

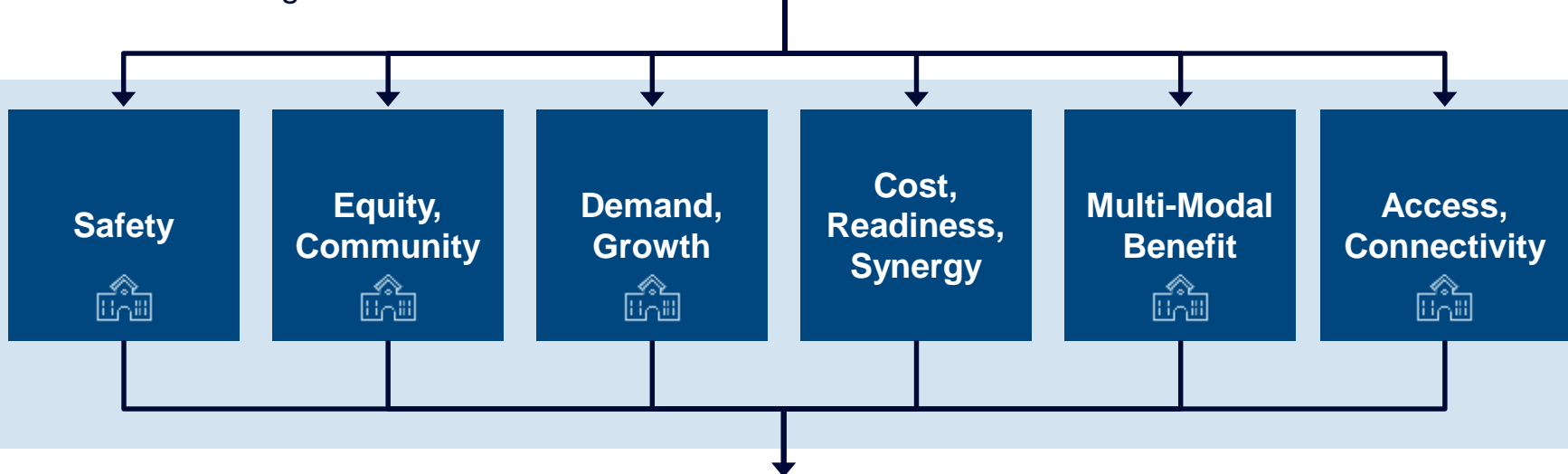


STEP **1** **Project Need & Identification**

**PLANS, STUDIES AND PROGRAMS**

- Transportation Capital Projects Prioritization Study
- Active Modes Plan
- Strategic Trails Plan
- Pedestrian Program
- Street Maintenance Program
- Bridge Program

STEP **2** **Evaluation Criteria**  
(varies by plan/program)

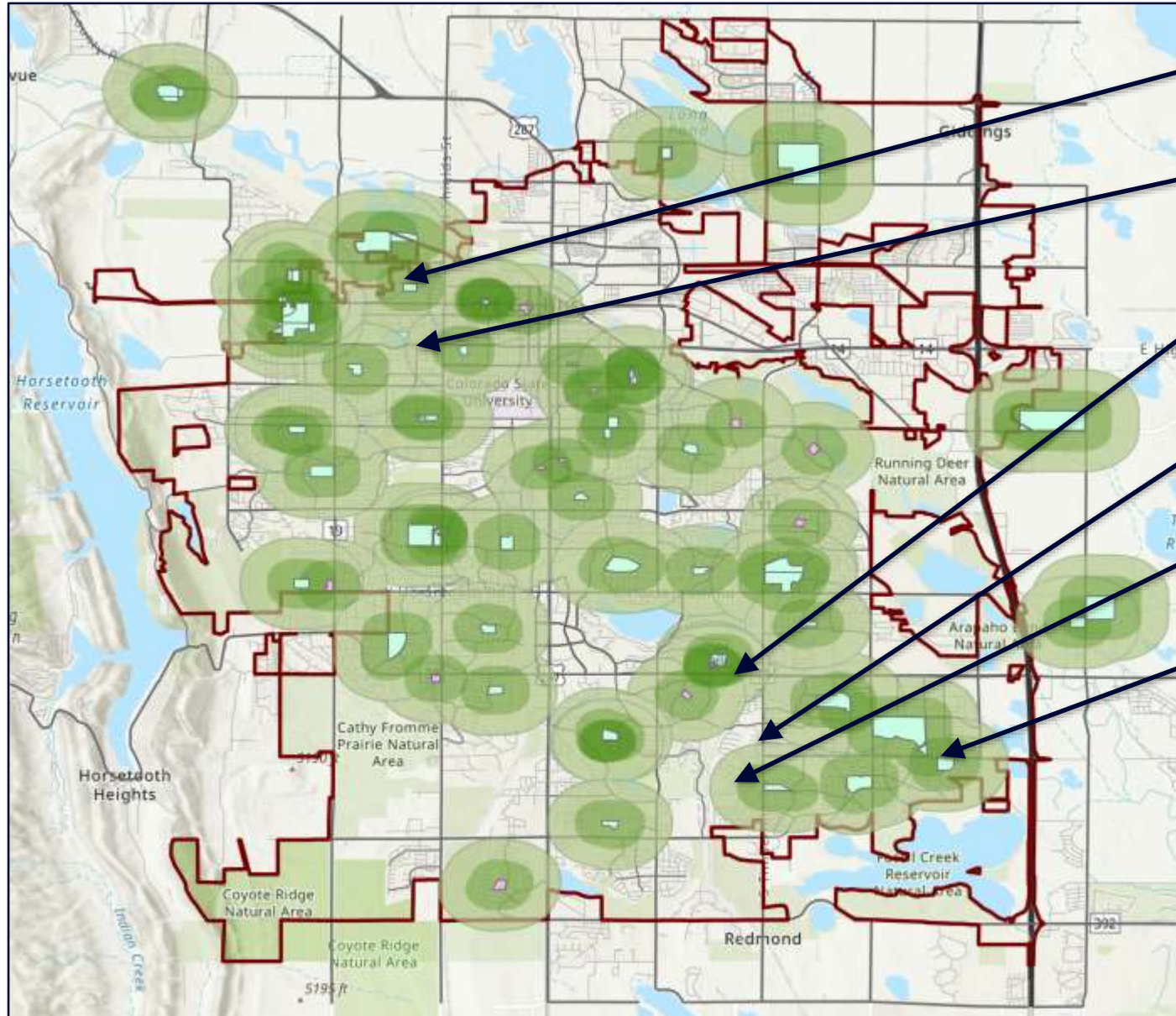


= Includes Impacts to Safe Routes to School

STEP **3** **Project Lists**

PROJECT TYPES	EXAMPLES
• Road & intersection improvements	(Trilby and College)
• Bicycle/pedestrian underpasses	(Power Trail under Harmony)
• Active modes system improvements	(City Park Ave, and City Park & Mulberry)
• Sidewalk repairs and additions	(Prospect)
• Annual repaving program	(Harmony, Center, Stover)

**PROJECT INTEGRATION – 10-year Transportation Capital Improvement Program**



**Laporte Ave**

- Putnam Elementary, Poudre HS

**City Park Ave and Mulberry Intersection**

- CSU, Dunn Elementary

**Power Trail under Harmony**

- Kruse Elementary, Colorado Early Colleges, Harmony School, preschool

**Timberline Road Improvements**

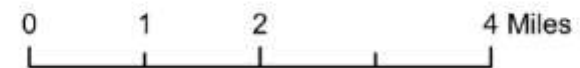
- Bacon Elementary, Kinard Middle

**Mail Creek Trail**

- Bacon Elementary, Kinard Middle

**Kechter Road Crossing**

- Zach Elementary





# Conclusion



- **On-going Communication with Councilmembers:** Community events, project announcements, funding opportunities, project tours
- **Land Use Code Phase 2 – Commercial Centers and Corridors:** Q4 2024 Council Work Session
- **10-year TCIP:** Q4 2024 Council Work Session on Draft Plan
- **Place Based Assessment:** Progress update memo Q4 2024
- **Strategic Trails Plan:** Draft, proposed trail map and recommended policies Q1/2 2025



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# Back Up Slides

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*Executive Team: CMO, SSA, Community Services, One Water Utilities*

**Neighborhood Centers**  
Team Leads: CDNS/EHO

**Active Modes**  
Team Leads: FC Moves, Traffic,  
Engineering

Digital and  
Business  
Transformation

Land Use  
Code Update

Place Based  
Assessment

Community  
Events

10 Year  
CIP/Strategy

SRTS/School  
Assessments

Strategic Trails  
Plan

Policy,  
Standards  
Audit

CDNS; IT;  
Development  
Review  
partners

CDNS;  
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partners

CDNS; EHO;  
FC Moves

FCMoves;  
EHO; CPIO

Engineering;  
FC Moves;  
Traffic; Streets

FC Moves;  
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Engineering

Parks; Natural  
Areas; FC  
Moves

FCMoves;  
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Engineering,  
CDNS



## **Neighborhood & Community Vitality**

- ➔ Operationalize City Resources to Build and Preserve Affordable Housing
- ➔
  - Improve Human and Social Health for Vulnerable Populations

## **Economic Health**

- Pursue an Integrated, Intentional Approach to Economic Health
- Advance a 15-minute City by Igniting Neighborhood Centers

## **Environmental Health**

- Accelerate Zero Waste Infrastructure and Policies
- ➔ Reduce Climate Pollution and Air Pollution Through Best Practices, Emphasizing Electrification
- ➔
  - Protect Community Water Systems in an Integrated Way to Ensure Resilient Water Resources and Healthy Watersheds

## **Transportation & Mobility**

- Advance a 15-minute City by Accelerating Our Shift to Active Modes

## **High Performing Government**

- Develop a Hughes Site Master Plan
- ➔ Make Government More Accessible, Approachable and Fun
- Modernize and Update the City Charter



TCPPS	Active Modes Plan
<b>Quantitative - Identify Top Tier Projects</b>	
<p><b>Crash Reduction</b> Reduction in annual crashes (crashes/year)</p>	<p><b>Safety &amp; Comfort</b> Citywide High-Injury Network; Bicycle or Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress; Pedestrian distance to low-stress crossing opportunities</p>
<p><b>Peak Hour Delay Reduction</b> Amount of delay reduction (seconds)</p>	<p><b>Access</b> Number of nearby Transfort stations or stops</p>
<p><b>Equity</b> Fort Collins Health Equity Index (unitless)</p>	<p><b>Health &amp; Equity</b> Fort Collins Health Equity Index</p>
<p><b>Growth</b> Expected traffic growth from NFRMPO (%)</p>	<p><b>Network Connectivity</b> Number of connections to existing or proposed bicycle/trail network</p>








TCPPS	Active Modes Plan
<b>Qualitative - Final Ranking</b>	
<p><b>Cost</b> Estimated project cost</p>	<p><b>Cost</b> Estimated project cost</p>
<p><b>Readiness</b> Additional study, analysis, or permitting? Other exceptional complexities? Funding source available?</p>	<p><b>Readiness</b> Is additional study or analysis needed?</p>
<p><b>Multimodal Benefit</b> Supports proposed bike/ped/frequent transit projects?</p>	<p><b>Multimodal Benefit</b> Supports proposed bike/ped/frequent transit projects?</p>
<p><b>Synergy</b> Supports other currently funded or programmed public or private projects?</p>	<p><b>Synergy</b> Supports other currently funded or programmed public or private projects?</p>
<p><b>Community</b> Addresses community needs &amp; interests based on public input and identified community activity centers, open spaces, etc.</p>	<p>No comparable metric</p>

# PLAN CONGRUENCE AND THE 15-MINUTE CITY SPECTRUM



This graphic illustrates the relationship between city plans, active modes facility types, and a common objective to pursue a 15-minute City while supporting the goals of Our Climate Future.



Council Priorities		Themes for 15-Minute City Strategy
Operationalize city resources to build and preserve affordable housing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase housing capacity in areas with strong connectivity</li> <li>• Support mixed-use neighborhoods</li> </ul>
Advance a 15-Minute City by igniting neighborhood centers	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand access to nature and parks</li> <li>• Increase awareness through education and outreach</li> </ul>
Advance a 15-Minute City by accelerating our shift to active modes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand the active transportation network</li> <li>• Expand transit services</li> <li>• Increase safety conditions for vulnerable road users</li> </ul>