

Capital Sales Tax ¼-cent Renewal

**City Council Work Session** 

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# **Capital Quarter-Cent History**









#### **Designing Tomorrow Today**

#### Project RECAP

#### EPIC, Natural Areas, & Choices 95

#### 1973-1980

- Lincoln Center
- Mulberry Pool
- Fire Station #4
- City Hall Building
- Main Library
- Parks Acquisition
- Sewer to Andersonville/Alta Vista
- Street Improvements

#### 1984-1989

- Major Street Improvements
- Sidewalk Pedestrian Access Ramps
- Indoor Pool Renovations
- Open Space and Trails Acquisitions & Construction
- Bikeways on College, Timberline, and Horsetooth
- PFA Equipment Replacement & Land Acquisition

#### 1985-1997

- Choices 95
  - Senior Center
  - Eastside Neighborhood Park
  - Southwest Community Park Land Acquisition
  - Indoor Pool Renovations
  - Fire Station #10 Land Acquisition

# **Capital Quarter-Cent History**









## **Building Community Choice**

## **Building on Basics**

## CCIP

#### 1997-2005

- Police Building Land
- EPIC Second Ice Sheet
- Northside Aztlan Community Center
- Pavement Management Program
- Gardens on Spring Creek
- Fossil Creek Community Park

#### 2006-2015

- Fort Collins Museum of Discovery
- Senior Center Expansion
- Bicycle Program Plan Implementation
- North College Avenue Improvements
- Pedestrian Plan and ADA Improvements

#### 2016-2025

- Poudre River Whitewater Park
- Willow Street Improvements
- Carnegie Building Renovation
- Nature in the City Projects
- Lincoln Avenue Bridge
- Gardens on Spring Creek
   Visitor's Center Expansion
- Affordable Housing Fund

## **Renewal Timeline**



2024

Q1 2025

Q2-Q3 2025

Q4-2025

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- › Begin package Development
- February WorkSession
- March CFC
- April Work Session
- July CFC
- > October CFC
- November Work Session

Begin Public Outreach and Engagement

- Refinement of all projects and Programs
- > To-be-scheduled:
  - February CFC
  - April/May WorkSession

Start to finalize total package

- Continue outreach
- Ballot Referral in late July/early August
- > To-be-scheduled:
  - June/July WorkSession
  - July regular meeting

> On November ballot

# **Capital Tax – Lessons Learned**



#### The last two measures passed with 80% voter approval

#### Helpful to...

- Advance projects from Master Plans that have been informed by community input.
- Ensure items put forth represent community desires and priorities across broad geography, types of services, and personal passions.
- Utilize community engagement to help prioritize projects and programming.

#### Have learned to ...

- Adjust for inflation and add on years of operation and maintenance.
- Balance flexibility and specificity to ensure voters get what the ballot promised while allowing flexibility to take advantage of unforeseen opportunities (grants, development, etc.)
- Avoid singular projects that would absorb a majority of the funding.
- Solidify a plan far enough in advance of referral to ensure adequate budgeting analysis and community awareness.

# **Capital Tax – Successful Project Package**



Asset
Management &
Master Plans

Community Appeal

Council Priorities



# 2026-2035 Proposed Projects



# **Totals & Summary**



## 1/4 Cent Tax Revenue

- \$11M annual revenue (2024)
- \$110M total revenue 2026-2035

# **Proposed Projects**

• \$166M total project proposals to-date (2024)

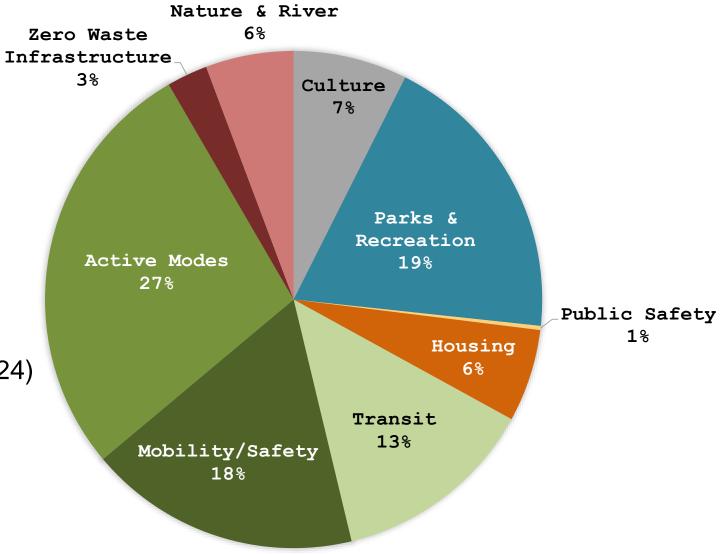


Chart includes all proposed projects (\$166M)

# **Comprehensive Project List**





#### Culture

Children's Garden and Event Infrastructure

Downtown Trolley Building Renovation



## Housing

Affordable Housing Fund



# Parks & Recreation

Bike Park (Early Phase)

Dog Parks

Downtown Parks Shop

Lee Martinez Farm Renovation

Mulberry Pool Replacement

Pickleball Complex



## **Mobility/Safety**

Jefferson Street (College to Linden)

Jefferson Street (Linden to Mountain)

Willow Street Streetscape

Arterial Intersection Improvement Program



## **Active Modes**

Bike Infrastructure and Overpass/ Underpasses

Pedestrian Sidewalk Program

Strategic Trails Implementation



## **Public Safety**

Police Renovation Mental Health Response Team



#### **Transit**

Transfort Bus Stop Upgrades and Bus Replacement

Transfort Maintenance Facility



#### **Nature & River**

Poudre River Health & Accessibility

Nature in the City



#### Zero Waste Infrastructure

Timberline Recycling Center Improvements

Construction Waste Diversion Equipment

# **Ongoing Capital Programs**





# Transportation/Engineering

- Arterial IntersectionImprovement Program
- Bicycle Infrastructure & Overpass/Underpass Program
- Pedestrian Sidewalk Program
- Bus Stop Upgrades & Bus Replacement

## Other:

- Affordable Housing Capital
   Fund
- Nature in the City

## **Items of Note**



## Mulberry Pool

- Remaining in package at \$10M
- Recognize pool replacement will require multiple funding sources

## Housing

- Continuing to explore revolving loan fund (RLF) specifics
- Stakeholders support \$10M as RLF or as standard program

## Downtown Trolley Building & Museum

- Building has been identified in the Downtown Masterplan as asset for community centered use
- Currently houses object artifact collection and other storage
- Need both storage and renovation funding

# **Projects In Progress**



## Dog Parks ~ Consider removal?

- Highly rated in Recreation Masterplan
- Need to determine best funding/timing/and locations

### Pickleball

- Strong community desire and feasibility study in final stages
- Possible funding opportunities

## Bike Park (Early Phase)

- Bike Park feasibility study to be completed in April/May 2025 timeframe
- \$5M not likely to cover full cost

## River/Accessibility Projects

- Looking at Lee Martinez and Legacy Park area to College
- Focus on access for neighborhoods north of the river and river health expanded scope to include Hickory Trail and Soft Gold Park

# Consideration – Streetscape Projects



- Three proposed Streetscape projects (Willow and two on Jefferson)
  - Continue with Willow only, furthering the redevelopment in the River District and to coincide with Utilities work; or
  - Remove all 3 projects and add additional dollars to the Arterial Improvements
    - add clarity by adding "Streetscapes" to the fund title and ensuring any projects have been identified in plans.



## **Additions and Removals**



## Added:

- Timberline Recycling Center Improvements\$2.2M
  - ADA accessibility through ramps and walkways.
  - Expanded access to recycling bins to meet demand.

## Removed:

- Lincoln Center Kitchen
- Shared Community Kitchen
- LaPorte Avenue Redesign





# Capital By Design

**Community By Design** 

Capital Improvement Tax

**Quarter Cent Capital** 

Current:
Community Capital Improvement Program

# **Next Steps**



- Continue to refine projects and programs
- Public outreach & engagement
- Finalize package
- Refer to 2025 ballot



# **Direction Sought**



01

What questions do Councilmembers have regarding current proposed projects and/or timeline?

02

Are there projects Councilmembers recommend removing or adding?

03

Do Councilmembers have additional thoughts/suggestions on naming the project package?

