

City of Greeley, Colorado  
**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION REPORT**  
July 12, 2022

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor John Gates called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Gates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

City Clerk Heidi Leatherwood called the roll.

**Present:**

Mayor John Gates  
Council Member Tommy Butler  
Council Member Deb DeBoutez  
Councilmember Brett Payton  
Council Member Ed Clark (attending remotely)  
Council Member Johnny Olson  
Council Member Dale Hall

**4. Reports from Mayor and Council Members**

Councilmember Hall thanked staff and councilmembers for attending the CML Retreat.  
Councilmember Olson thanked Public Works Director Paul Trombino for the merge grant presentation to the US 34 Coalition.  
Mayor Gates gave an update on the Opioid settlement with more information to come.

**5. LinkNoCo Project Update and Discussion**

Public Works Director Paul Trombino, and Deputy Public Works Director, Will Jones introduced the item at 6:08 p.m.

Transportation Planner/Mobility Coordinator of North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) Alex Gordon shared the presentation. The NFRMPO Council approved the scope of work in February 2020.

The three prioritized corridors were: US 34, Loveland to Greeley, Loveland to Windsor and Greeley to Ft Collins GWRR. The next steps included the governance discussion to move forward, financing and funding discussions, phasing improvements, Level 2 Analysis models and additional outreach discussion.

**6. 16th Street Enhancement Project Update and Discussion**

Public Works Director Paul Trombino introduced the item at 6:26 p.m. and spoke about the existing conditions and safety issues of this project corridor. Project goals include traffic calming, improving pedestrian safety, revitalizing aesthetics, maintaining parking, and enhancing connection between the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) and Downtown Greeley.

Options:

1. Diagonal Parking with Roundabouts
2. Center Parking with Signals
3. Center Parking with Roundabouts

The preferred design option was Option 3, due to improved pedestrian experience, safety and traffic calming, revitalized corridor for businesses, lower cost estimate than Option 2 and, 25% more on-street parking than Option 2.

Then next steps include the final design completed in 2022/2023 and construction to begin in 2024.

DDA Executive Director Bianca Fisher, spoke about strengthening relationships with UNC and how public improvements help development connect with the campus and downtown area.

Councilmembers asked about additional lighting and landscaping, if Emergency vehicles can navigate the roundabouts, adding techniques to slow traffic speeds and the timeline for completion after construction starts.

## **7. “Speak Up Greeley” Community Engagement Platform**

Public Participation and Engagement Manager Samantha Haas introduced the item at 6:44 p.m.

Speak Up Greeley is an online community engagement platform.

It will provide value for the community in making it easier for people to share and participate in decision making through the IAP2 Spectrum of Public participation. This form of participation includes “Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate and Empower.”

Benefits include civic participation leads to better governance, online public engagement builds social capital, better trust with the community, increased overall participation, improved government transparency, and the reduction of misinformation.

Link: [speakupgreeley.com](https://speakupgreeley.com)

Councilmembers asked about the registration component of the platform and expressed interest about the project.

Chief of Staff/ Interim Communications and Engagement Director Kelli Johnson indicated that this platform was not meant to replace the in-person engagement.

**8. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events**

None.

**9. Adjournment**

Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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John D. Gates, Mayor

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Heidi Leatherwood, City Clerk