



Town of Johnstown

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: June 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Larimer County seeks input on regional transportation solutions.

ATTACHMENTS: Presentation

PRESENTED BY: Jenny Young, FHU - Mark Peterson, Larimer County - Laurie Kadrich, Larimer County

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Larimer County seeks input from the Johnstown Town Council on your desire to collaborate and cooperate on regional transportation solutions. The communities of Larimer County are strongly interconnected, and a safe and reliable regional transportation network is needed to support our communities' travel needs. Although there is transportation funding legislation at both the state and federal levels, significant gaps remain in the ability to meet the regional transportation needs in our county.

The City/Town Managers of all communities in Larimer County expressed support for advancing discussions around regional transportation solutions, starting with meetings with each elected body in the county. We seek to understand the relative importance of regional transportation to your community and to know what approaches you are interested in pursuing to address regional transportation solutions. We hope to learn about the "must haves" and the "deal breakers" for your community to coordinate on regional transportation.

Larimer County initiated and funded a planning effort in 2018 to explore funding opportunities for regional transportation. The effort terminated with an unsuccessful sales tax ballot measure in 2019. The County recognizes two notable detractors from the success of that initiative:

1. Transportation was bundled with county facilities on the ballot question, which was a mistake. It led to voter confusion and the perception that the sales tax was too ambitious.
2. The 2018/2019 effort involved collaboration at the technical and policy levels through a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and a Regional Task Force (RTF). The TAC included a staff representative from each community in Larimer County, while the RTF

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included an elected official representative from each community. This structure did not enable broad discussion and support from the elected bodies throughout the County, resulting in mixed support for the ballot question.

As we renew the conversation around regional transportation, the County wishes to learn from these missteps and explore alternative approaches to achieve mutually beneficial solutions. We look forward to hearing your ideas and collaborating with you. Your input will be combined with that of the other elected bodies across the county to determine whether there are shared interests in potential next steps.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,



Town Manager

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