

Transportation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes Record

May 7, 2018

Members Present

Irene Fortune
Bruce Croissant
Mark Taylor
Jim Paulmeno
Sal Gomez
Dave Martinez
Mayor Jacki Marsh
Councilor Kathi Wright

City Staff Present

Brenda Browning
Jeff Bailey
Mark Jackson
Candice Folkers
Jodi Lessman
Rachel Henderson
Katie Guthrie
Beth Gudmestad
Kassie Barber

Citizens Present

Jim Cox
Paula Sutton
Darin Barrett
Greg Netzner
Sharon Danhauer
Linda Leonard
Zachary Askeland
Lincoln Solt
Kimberly Baker

Members Absent

Robert Massaro

Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chair Irene Fortune

Minutes for the April 2, 2018 Meeting Record - approved

Citizens Report

Loveland Historical Society and Historic Preservation Commission voice concerns over preservation of the Great Western Railway building. Jeff Bailey responds that Rod Wensing is overseeing the project and the City is still waiting for an assessment by an architect to determine if the building is structurally sound.

Regular Agenda Items

Youth Advisory Commission Presentation

Katie Guthrie introduces Lincoln Solt to present a recap of the Youth Advisory Commission's partnership with Public Works. Presentation attached.

Lincoln discusses the experience the YAC had riding buses and expressed a desire for more linear routes as well as more welcoming facilities.

Big Thompson River Corridor Master Plan – Letter of Support

Letter is approved to submit to City Council with Dave Martinez and Bruce Croissant voicing support saying it is well written. Jeff Bailey provides Chris Carlson's contact information:

Office phone: 970-962-2774 Email: chris.carlson@cityofloveland.org

Upcoming Council Items: Reviewed

May 15, 2018

- Wilson Avenue Flood Mitigation Project – CDBG-DR Grant Agreement
Jeff Bailey explains that this project aims to raise the approach for the Wilson Avenue Bridge, as it is a major north/south artery.
- Award of Construction Contract for Railroad Avenue Flood Recovery Project
Jeff Bailey says that work is ready to move forward Thursday, June 10.
- Katie Guthrie adds that Council will make a proclamation of June as Bike Month.
More details can be found at www.cityofloveland.org/BikeLoveland

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Council Report:

Councilor Kathi Wright reports:

- CIS final bids
- 3rd phase of wastewater treatment plant
- Communications Advisory Board – Broadband
- Foundry update from Brinkman
- Capital Expansion Fee Q&A

Mayor Jacki Marsh reports:

- Aims Aviation will move to Loveland airport
- Council will not explore sales tax increase at the same time the school board plans ballot measure
- Jacki Marsh attends honor flight
- Denver looks at placing bid for 2030 Winter Olympics
- School safety meeting to be held on May 22nd at 6 p.m. in City Hall

Staff Report:

Jeff Bailey introduces Public Works Director Mark Jackson and Transit Manager Candice Folkers to TAB and recognizes the hard work Mark Kirkpatrick has done in the interim. Mark Jackson says he is excited to be here and feels as if he is coming home after living in Loveland for 25 years.

Jeff agrees with YAC recommendation of more linear routes for Transit, says division is receiving positive reviews of new paratransit service, Dial-a-Ride. Commuter pilot line on US 34 currently only has one bus due to staffing constraints. Ridership is still somewhat low, but staff hopes that an additional bus might make the service more user-friendly. Jacki Marsh asks about outreach or flyers, and Jeff replies that staff is working on a press release.

Boyd Lake Avenue project is going well; the road should open before school starts in August. Darin Barrett asks about bridge widening further north, and Jeff answers that it will be McWhinney's project hopefully in the next couple of years.

Abandoned bike locked to pedestrian bridge in Centennial Park has been removed by Solid Waste and returned to police department. A second bike was reported abandoned by the bowling alley, but it was gone by the time staff arrived.

Jeff answers Sal Gomez's question about the steel plates on 1st Street saying the work was concluding that same day. Xcel Energy's project for the Foundry will move to Washington Avenue next. Jeff uses this time to inform TAB that Lincoln Avenue will have a full closure between 1st Street and 4th Street on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Jim Paulmeno asks if there are any short-term plans for the intersection of US 287 and SH 402. Jeff replies that nothing is planned yet. Long-term, the development on the southeast corner of the intersection will be responsible for improvements. Jacki Marsh asks who the developer is, and Jeff replies that he is not sure now that the project has run into some major roadblocks.

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Darin Barrett asks about 5 ton rating of bridge on West 8th Street near Kelly Drive and voices concern for the size of the trucks he has seen driving on it. Jeff clarifies that the rating is actually 5 tons in each direction, bringing the total limit to 10 tons. Jersey barriers in place are working well, and bridge repair is planned for fall or winter.

Board Member Reports:

Dave Martinez: None

Sal Gomez:

First Street questions answered earlier by Jeff Bailey.

Bruce Croissant:

Bruce discusses his desire to see Loveland invest more in Transit, and he urges his fellow board members to advocate for improvements.

Mark Taylor: None

Jim Paulmeno: None

Irene Fortune:

Met with chair of Affordable Housing Commission who was open to setting up a joint focus session with TAB on the need for Transit.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

/s/Irene Fortune, Chair



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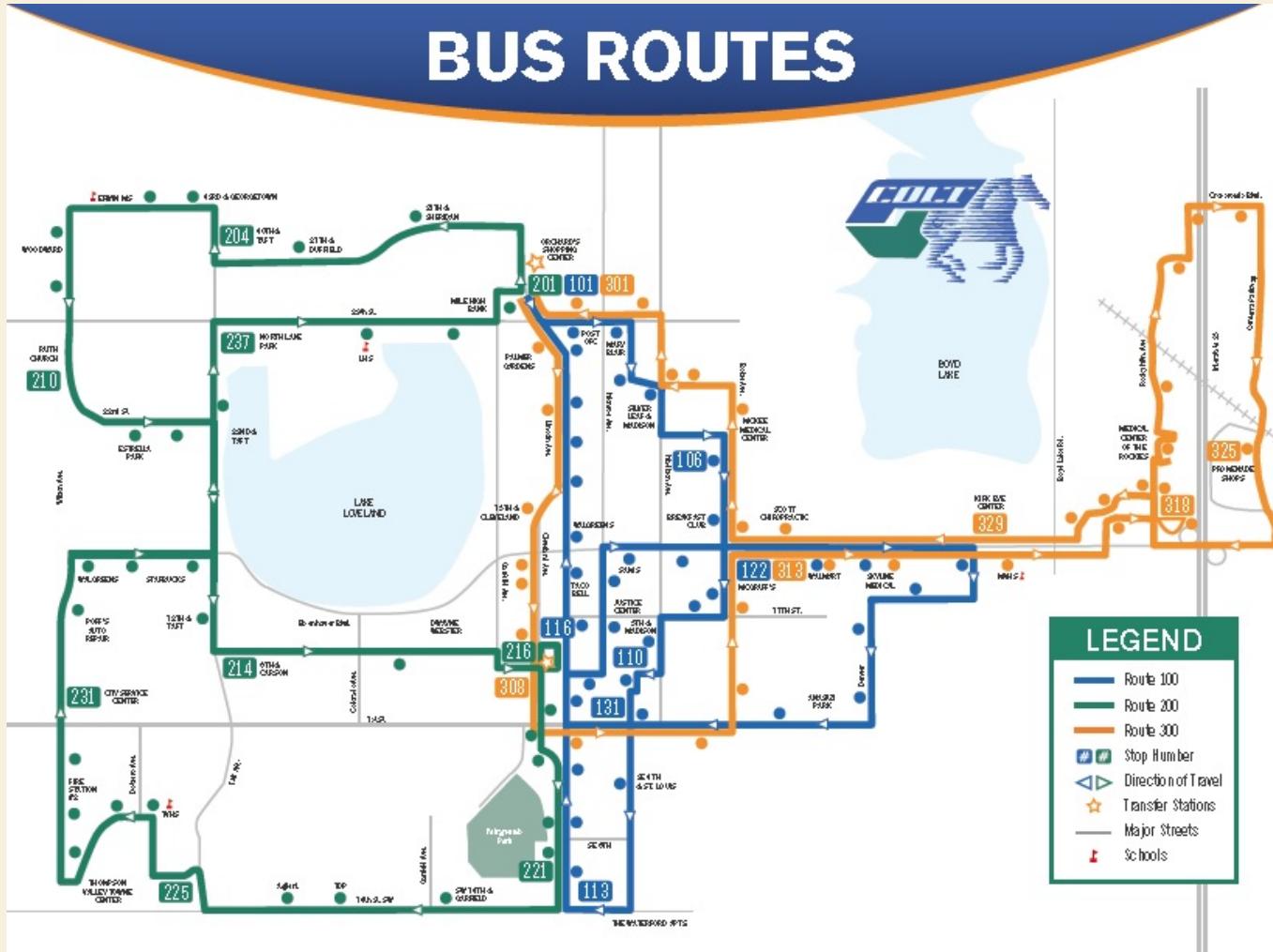
RESEARCH AND SURVEY: NIGHT ON THE TOWN



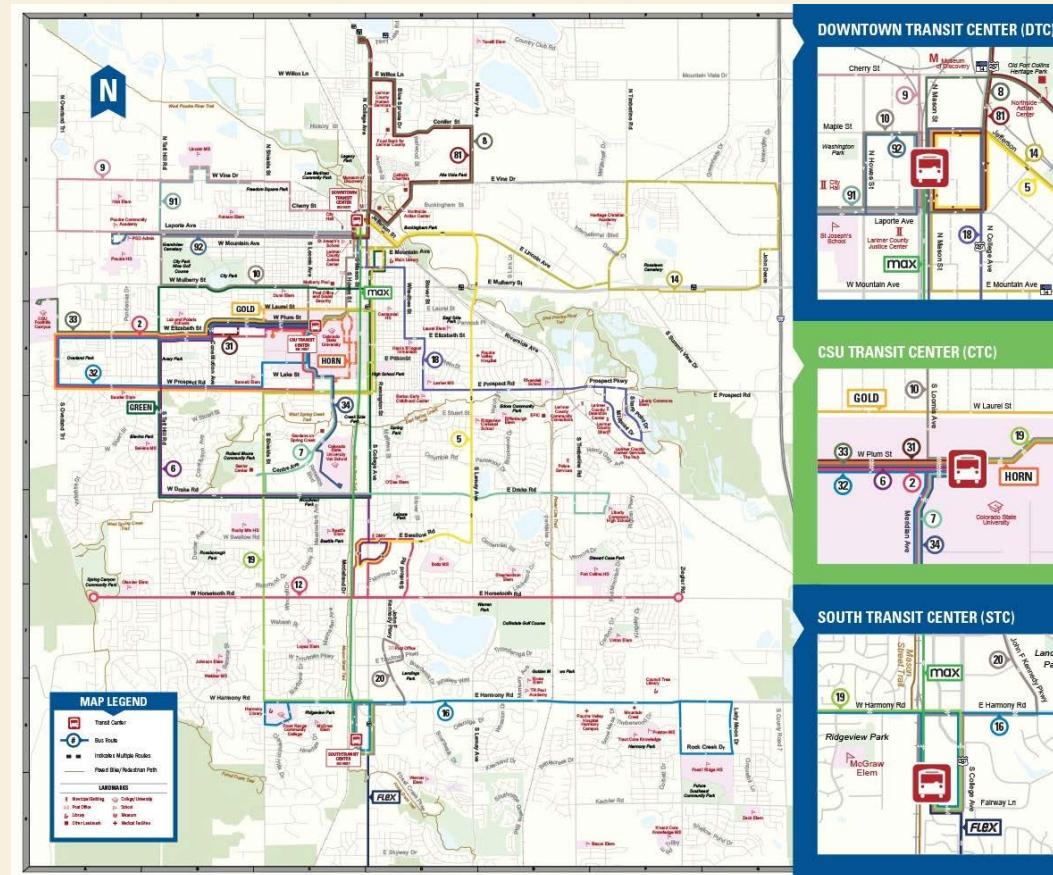
TRANSIT SURVEY

- Have you ever ridden COLT (City of Loveland Transit)?
If so, how often?
- Are you aware of how far the closes station is to you
(home, high school, or work)?
- Are you comfortable riding the public transit system?
- What would you like to see happen with Loveland
transit to make it more appealing?

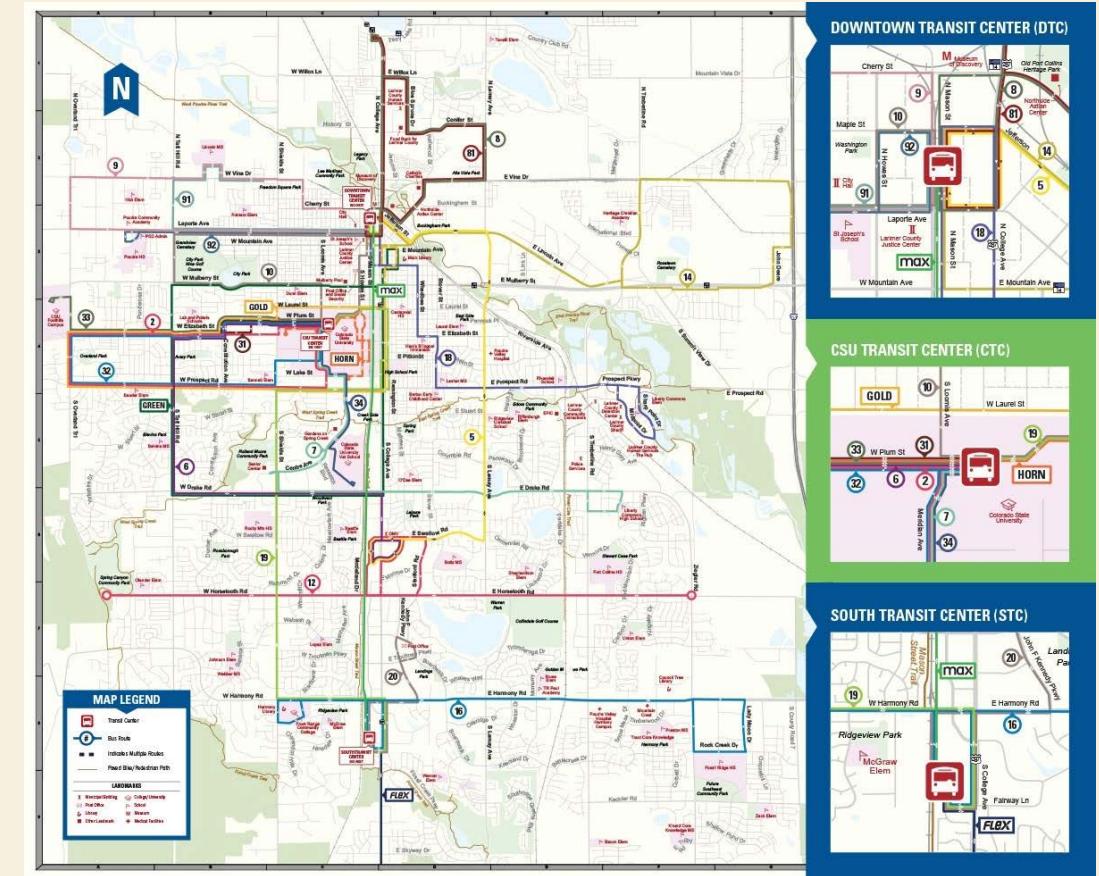
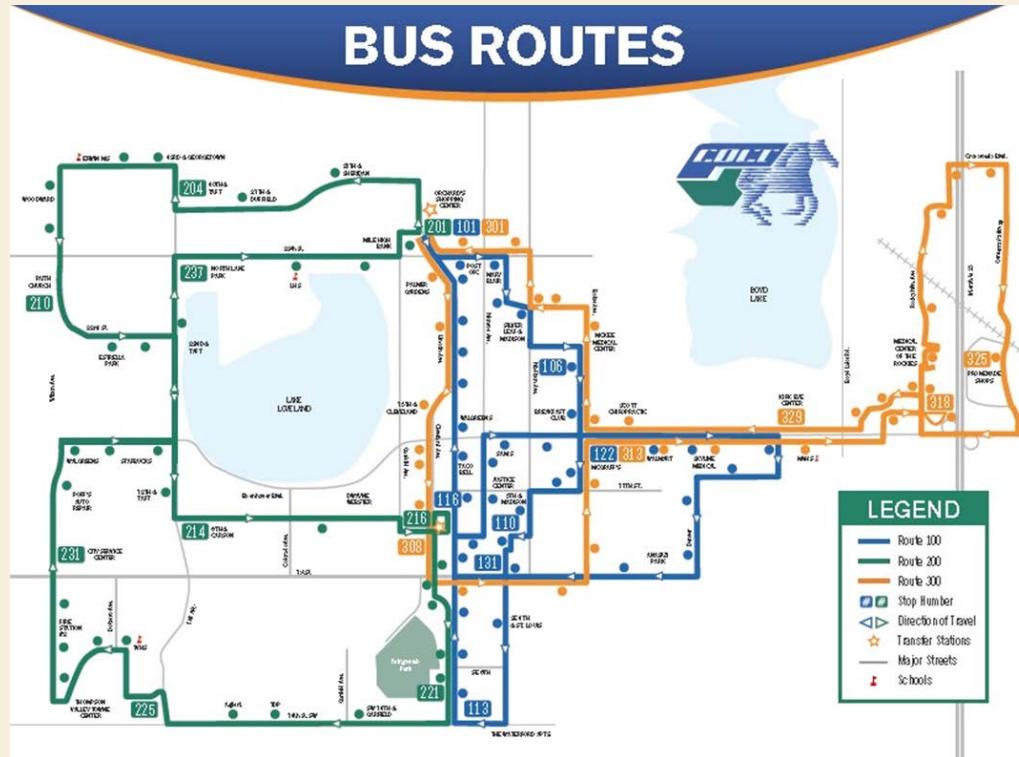
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**CITY OF LOVELAND
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**

May 7, 2018

Mayor Marsh and Members of City Council,

When Loveland City Council schedules hearings on the Big Thompson River Corridor Master Plan, the members of Transportation Advisory Board sincerely recommend adoption of this Plan as a guidance document. If this Plan were implemented, Loveland could prevent transportation disruption and property damage during future major floods and could promote the economic benefit and ecological potential of Loveland's beautiful river in between floods.

Chris Carlson, Loveland Stormwater Engineer, presented the Master Plan at TAB's March 1, 2018 meeting. TAB members were thoroughly impressed with such a comprehensive study that addressed local and regional transportation challenges, and protected the Big Thompson wildlife corridor and riparian habitat in some places while promoting people's access and enjoyment in other sections of the river. To TAB, this was another example of Loveland city staff taking initiative to procure grant funding to study ways to prevent problems.

Regarding transportation specifically, TAB believes it is essential to keep multiple north-south routes open during and after the next major flood. (Please recall that in 2013, it was necessary to travel as far east as Kersey to drive south.) Currently, Wilson Avenue is the only arterial scheduled for bridge improvements to keep it open during a 100-year flood. The Big Thompson River Corridor Master Plan could bring matching funds for Lincoln and Highway 402, which were both impassable in 2013. These are state highways but the state is unlikely to fund improvements without local matching funds.

Since TAB members also live, work and play in Loveland, we were excited to see plans included enhanced access to the Big Thompson, especially near downtown and major arterials. Fishing, tubing, swimming, picnicking and walking along the Big Thompson provide amusement and health benefits for residents and visitors, and we think that revenue from Loveland's Lodging Tax is appropriate funding source for these enhancements.

TAB supports continuing wise decisions made by City Councils in the past, which limited economic development within the Big Thompson flood plain. TAB understands this Master Plan will continue protecting the river and people from each other in the flood plain by planning separately for each unique portion of the river.

Best regards,

Irene Fortune, Chair, On behalf of Transportation Advisory Board