



2023 PUBLIC WORKS



Forward 2023 WELCOME

It is my great pleasure to present the 2023 Public Works Year in Review report. The efforts and accomplishments put forth by the over 170 men and women of Public Works continue to be a source of great pride for me and for all my Public Works colleagues.

Public Works once again saw a year of challenges and opportunities faced and met. The continued need to accommodate the temporary shelter requirements for our unhoused population required a great deal of time, diligence, and funding. Our Solid Waste Team continues to work with regional partners to determine the future of our waste stream and landfill strategies. Key improvements to our busiest roads helped ease congestion and improve safety. Long-awaited stormwater infrastructure improvements were made to our older downtown neighborhoods. Bridges were updated and improved for the safety of all users. Data-driven analysis shows us where safety improvements are most needed in our transportation system, both now and in the future. Planning has begun in earnest to provide improved transportation and transit options along our regional US-34/Eisenhower Boulevard Corridor. And finally, our Comprehensive Transportation Master Plan “Connect Loveland” was adopted, providing a road map for all future transportation needs, whether you travel by auto, bus, bike, or walking.

All the while, Public Works continued providing the community with the critical services it depends on and uses daily. City of Loveland Transit (COLT) bus ridership continues to increase to record levels. Numerous winter storms challenged our snow removal teams, who answered the call whenever and wherever needed. Facilities and fleet vehicles were maintained and cared for, streets were paved, and traffic signals were timed to allow both safe travel and minimized waits. Key capital infrastructure projects were designed and under construction, and trash and recycling services continued to grow in effectiveness and usage. In short, Public Works once again served the Loveland community well in 2023.

We are proud to highlight the many services, programs, and projects our team of dedicated employees provided the Loveland community this past year. Public Works strives to be good stewards of the public trust and funds for the community we serve. Our commitment to Loveland is clear and consistent: We will provide a safe, clean, efficient, and effective community in which we can all work, play, and live now and into the future.



Mark Jackson, Director
City of Loveland
Public Works Department

PUBLIC WORKS at a glance

Public Works Mission

Building Loveland’s future through exceptional service, safety, and performance.

City of Loveland Vision

Loveland: A vibrant community, surrounded by natural beauty, where you belong!

Our Values

Accountability • Integrity • Safety
• Collaboration • Innovation •
Service, Courtesy & Kindness

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Financials

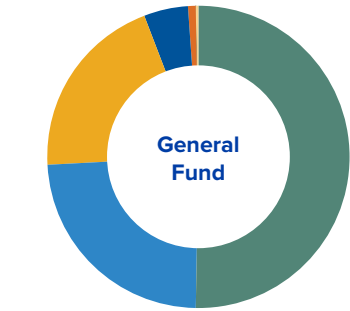
2023

In 2023, the City of Loveland’s Public Works Department effectively managed its financial resources to support a wide range of essential services and infrastructure projects. The department’s budget was \$80,150,404.

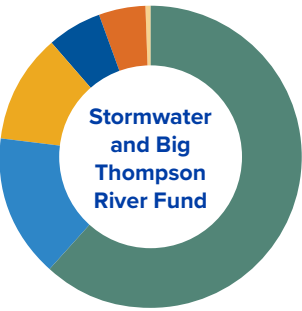
A significant portion of the funds was dedicated to the City’s infrastructure improvement initiatives, which aimed to modernize aging roads to enhance safety and efficiency. The department also invested in environmental sustainability, expanding Loveland’s bike lane network and improving public transit to reduce the City’s carbon footprint.

Despite economic challenges like fluctuating fuel prices and supply chain disruptions, the Public Works Department maintained a balanced budget by prioritizing essential services and securing state and federal grants. The department’s prioritization allowed for vital services and the advancement of long-term goals, ensuring Loveland’s infrastructure remains resilient and sustainable for future generations. The 10 divisions are financed by General Funds and Enterprise Funds. Among the divisions that use the City’s Enterprise Funds are Stormwater and Solid Waste. Enterprise Funds rely on user rates and fees to cover operational expenses and are dedicated funds supported by user fees in the monthly utility bill.

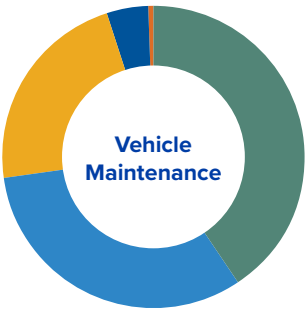
Expenses



Capital Outlay	50.5%
Personnel Costs	23.9%
Professional Services	19.9%
Supplies	4.8%
Transfers	0.8%
Debt Service	0.2%



Capital Outlay	61.8%
Personnel Costs	15.4%
Depreciation	11.5%
Professional Services	5.9%
PILT	4.9%
Supplies	0.5%



Supplies	40.7%
Depreciation	32.2%
Personnel Costs	22.2%
Professional Services	4.5%
Transfers	0.4%
Debt Service	0.0%



Professional Services	40.2%
Personnel Costs	33.6%
Depreciation	8.1%
PILT	6.5%
Transfers	6.4%
Supplies	5.0%
Debt Service	0.2%

Revenue

General Fund Public Works

Miscellaneous Other Income	0.3%	
Transit Fee Income	0.3%	
Rent and Association Income	0.4%	
Streets and Traffic Maintenance	3.7%	█
Transportation Tax	9.7%	█
Transportation Fee	11.8%	█
Federal and State Grants	14.9%	█
Transfers from other funds	58.9%	█

Internal Service Fund

Interest	0.1%	
Charges for Services	99.9%	█

Solid Waste and Mosquito Control Enterprise Funds

Mosquito Control	1.1%	█
Yard Waste Fees	25.0%	█
Recycling Fees	28.3%	█
Trash Fees	45.6%	█

Stormwater and Big Thompson River Fund

Federal and State Grants	1.8%	█
Transfers	2.3%	█
Plant Investment Fees	2.8%	█
Contributed Assets	25.7%	█
Fees	67.4%	█



Public Works DIVISIONS

The City of Loveland's Public Works Department is the heartbeat of infrastructure and development, ensuring the availability of essential services that enhance the quality of life for residents and businesses alike.

With diverse responsibilities, the department oversees road maintenance and repairs, snow removal, signage, and the safety and efficiency of our transportation networks.

Environmental stewardship is paramount, with initiatives like recycling, yard waste, and stormwater aiming to preserve Loveland's natural beauty. Beyond infrastructure, Public Works coordinates solid waste management, from collection to disposal, promoting sustainability and cleanliness throughout the City. The department's engineering expertise guides capital improvement projects, from conceptualization to completion, shaping Loveland's growth responsibly.

Through dedication and innovation, Loveland's Public Works Department upholds the City's infrastructure, safety, and environmental standards, ensuring a vibrant and resilient community for generations to come.



23,827
Service calls



Transit - COLT

City of Loveland Transit (COLT) provides safe and timely transportation for commuters visiting or living in Loveland. COLT works with regional partners to provide the FLEX route throughout the Northern Front Range (Fort Collins to Boulder). Paratransit services are also available to residents who qualify for this service. In 2023, COLT was awarded federal funding to add Route 7, connecting Loveland to Windsor and Greeley through Greeley's Poudre Express. Additionally, COLT broke ground in April 2023 for the new Transit Center at 350 W. 37th St.



111,971
Fixed route rides



347,828
Fixed route operating miles



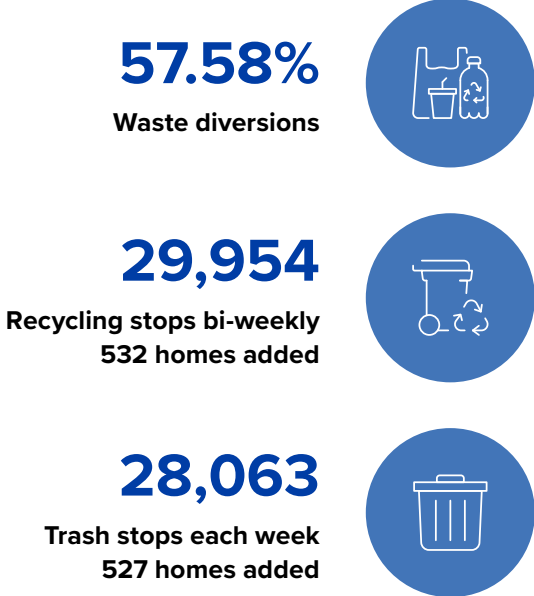
16,765
Youth ridership

10,326
Paratransit trips

60,876
Paratransit route operating miles

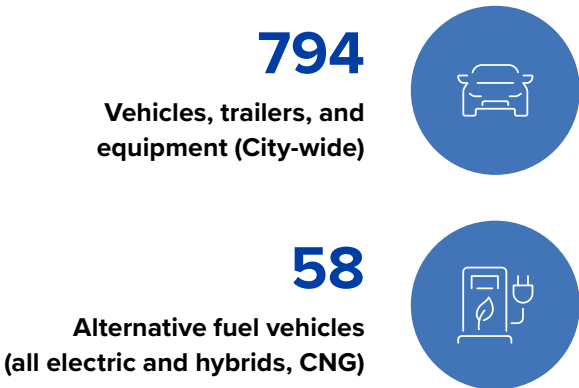
Solid Waste

The Solid Waste division guides Loveland toward greater sustainability. The division continues to lead the state of Colorado with its diversion rate at 57.58%. In 2023, the division collected 21,000 tons of trash, 8,000 tons of recyclables, and 24,000 tons of organic material. The Recycling Center welcomed 139,623 customers in 2023, increasing its numbers by 7,775 customers from last year.

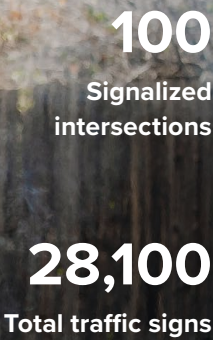


Fleet Management

Fleet Management’s fueling station, or “fuel island,” was completed in 2023. The island offers access to 12 gas pumps and two Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling stations. The location manages fueling services for all City vehicles. Fleet Management ensures City vehicles and equipment operate seamlessly to serve Loveland. In 2023, Fleet completed 3,400 work orders, 7,400 repairs, and 2,100 vehicles inspections. From meticulous maintenance to strategic upgrades, Fleet keeps Loveland moving forward with reliable transportation.

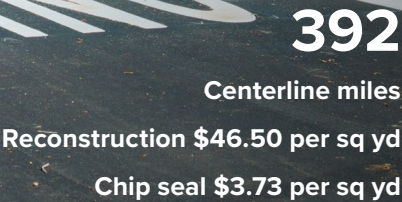


Traffic Operations



Traffic Operations improved public safety by installing of four traffic signals in 2023. One, at Fairgrounds Avenue and Steeplechase Drive, in partnership with the Town of Windsor. Traffic Operations also added new sign equipment to expand their sign manufacturing capabilities to work with COLT, Facilities Management, and the North Colorado Regional Airport. In addition, Traffic Operations maintains the painting, markings, and crosswalk installations throughout Loveland. This division earned the City’s *Shining Star Award for Team within Department*.

Transportation Engineering



Transportation Engineering completed the 1st Street bridge project in 2023. The previous bridge was removed and replaced to provide access for pedestrians and cyclists, adding a safer and reliable route to downtown Loveland. The bridge was reconstructed from the ground up, offering new abutments, concrete box girders, and a reinforced deck that will last for several decades.



Facilities Management

Facilities Management continued its efforts in supporting the City’s South Railroad Facility (SRF). SRF includes 10 FEMA-regulation tents, HVAC units, two mobile bathroom units, one mobile shower unit, and one modular trailer to serve as office space for Community Partnership staff. The location provides Loveland’s unhoused population with reliable living conditions throughout the year.



923,996 square feet
Public buildings managed
and maintained



Stormwater

Stormwater began preliminary design for the Highway 287 Flood Mitigation project, as part of the Big Thompson Master Plan, which came out of the 2013 flood and flood recovery work. This project will focus on the Highway 287 bridge, but the entire project area extends from Railroad Avenue to about Saint Louis Avenue on the east. The project has three main components: bridge replacement and retrofitting, stream restoration, and floodplain improvement. Construction will begin in 2026.



11,000
Pipe inspections
(20 miles of pipe)



117
Stormwater pipes cleaned



Street Maintenance

Street Maintenance and the Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program (SMRP) aims to ensure the City’s roads remain safe, smooth, and efficient for residents and visitors. With a strategic approach, the division and program encompass routine maintenance, repairs, snow and ice management, mowing, and comprehensive rehabilitation projects.

Street Maintenance manages 1,050 lane miles of snow and ice control, that includes arterial roads and some county highways. The division also maintains 13 miles of alley ways, mostly in the downtown corridor, and serviced 285 miles of right-of-way last year.

SMRP completed two major pavement projects in 2023 on Taft Avenue and Rocky Mountain Avenue. This work earned SMRP the 2023 Best in Colorado Asphalt Pavement Award for a city-run resurfacing program and sustainability for hot-and-place. In addition to pavement rehabilitation, SMRP constructed 735 ADA curb ramps.



15
Snowplows



6,754
Potholes filled



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