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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 28, 2022

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers (LD)
THRU: Kelly DiMartino, City Manager (

Tyler Marr, Deputy City Manager (27)
Caryn Champine, Planning, Development, and Transportation Director

Paul Sizemore, Community Development and Neighborhood Services Director

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Rebecca Everette, Planning Manager

FROM: Cassie Archuleta, Air Quality Program Manager

**SUBJECT:** October 25, 2022 Work Session Summary

## Attendees

Caryn Champine, Cassie Archuleta and Rebecca Everette presented a summary of draft regulations for oil and gas development. All City Councilmembers except Councilmember Pignataro were present.

## **Discussion Summary**

Staff presented an overview regarding (1) an adoption schedule for zoning and setback restrictions for new or modified oil and gas facilities in the Land Use Code, (2) updates regarding recent regional oil and gas regulations and compliance issues for existing oil and gas facilities, and (3) recommendations for refinements to reverse setback regulations for new land development near oil and gas facilities.

## Staff heard support for:

- 1. Proceeding with proposed adoption schedule for new code related to zoning and setback restrictions for new oil and gas facilities.
- 2. Continuing to leverage State and County regulations and resources to ensure regulatory compliance for existing facilities.
- 3. Updating reverse setback code to reflect recent changes in COGCC regulations and lessons learned over the past 4 years, including:
  - Apply reverse setbacks to all occupiable buildings, not just residential uses
  - Explicitly match 2000', rather than refer generally to COGCC regulations
  - o Create a more predictable pathway to reduce to 150' for abandoned well types
  - Eliminate the buffer exemption for crossings of arterial roadways

#### **Next Steps**

- Draft code updates for zoning and setback restrictions will be published in November 2022 and considered for adoption on December 6, 2022.
- Larimer County will use City funds to purchase an Optical Gas Imaging (OGI) camera to support leak detections and subsequent compliance actions at existing oil and gas facilities.
- Staff will submit a request to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) asking that low and non-producing wells within City limits be plugged and abandoned. Staff will inform Council of any COGCC decisions on this item via memo (anticipated Q1 of 2023).
- Staff will develop draft code updates for reverse setbacks, and schedule for consideration in Q1 of 2023.



#### MEMORANDUM

Date: October 28, 2022

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Kelly DiMartino, City Manager

Tyler Marr, Deputy City Manager

Caryn Champine, PDT Service Area Director

From: Cortney Geary, Active Modes Manager

Re: October 25, 2022 Work Session Summary – Active Modes Plan

This memorandum provides a summary of the discussion related to the October 25, 2022 work session item – Active Modes Plan.

Councilmembers Present: Arndt, Gutowsky, Canonico, Peel, Ohlson, and Francis

Presenting Staff: Cortney Geary, Active Modes Manager

# **Direction Sought**

- 1. Do Councilmembers support the plan vision and goals?
- 2. Do Councilmembers support the plan recommendations?
- 3. What feedback do Councilmembers have on the plan implementation strategy?

## **Discussion Summary**

Council's discussion covered the following points:

- Education will be needed to increase understanding of new types of infrastructure.
- Active modes of transportation need to be the easy choice. Our design solutions should have a human-centered approach.
- We need to employ fun, creative tactics to encourage people to try using active modes.
- Emphasize youth and get kids excited about active modes before they reach driving age.
- Clarify how the active modes plan serves seniors.
- Clarify whether infrastructure improvements are intended to serve commuter or recreational trips.
- Consider implementing infrastructure improvements serving Larimer County's new behavioral health facility in an earlier phase.
- Elaborate on key opportunities to improve bike parking for different levels and purposes.
- Identify safety improvements for electric scooters, possibly by controlling speed.
- Concerns were expressed about Class III electric bicycles using bike lanes.
- Clarify that the phase one infrastructure recommendations are focused on expanding the core network, not exclusively focused on improvements downtown.
- Include the active modes funding shortfall in conversations about sustainable funding.



# **Next Steps**

- Incorporate Council feedback into the final Active Modes Plan for adoption.
- **December 6** first reading for Council to consider adoption of the Active Modes Plan.



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From: Cortney Geary, Active Modes Manager

Re: October 25, 2022 Work Session Summary – 15-Minute City Analysis

This memorandum provides a summary of the discussion related to the October 25, 2022 work session item – 15-Minute City Analysis.

Councilmembers Present: Arndt, Gutowsky, Canonico, Peel, Ohlson, and Francis

**Presenting Staff:** Cortney Geary, Active Modes Manager

# **Direction Sought**

- 1. Do Councilmembers support the vision and goals?
- 2. Do Councilmembers support the strategies?

## **Discussion Summary**

Council's discussion covered the following points:

- Explain the City's role in spurring redevelopment and creating a sense of place in the activity centers envisioned in City Plan. Look to best practices from other cities.
- Incorporate satellite City facilities in redevelopment projects.
- The Cadence affordable housing community is an excellent example of how implementing the 15-minute city concept can serve seniors.
- The City is missing opportunities to achieve a 15-minute city in the South College corridor without the necessary development requirements in place.
- We are at risk of losing access when grocers consolidate and close stores.
- The vision should be realistic. 15-minute access may not be realistic for every resident.
- Add reducing air pollution as one of the outcomes achieved by shifting to active modes.
- Urban Renewal Areas are a strategy to spur redevelopment.
- Clarify the role of transit in the 15-minute city analysis.
- Clarify that a destination is not considered accessible if there is a gap in the low-stress bicycle or pedestrian network connecting to the destination.

#### **Next Steps**

 Incorporate Council feedback into the 15-Minute City Analysis summary report to be shared with Council by the end of 2022.



 Report to Council every other month on progress towards the 2021 – 2023 priority of 15-Minute City Implementation.