



What Students Love About Lyons

- Parks with amenities.
 - Meadow Park is a great park where teenagers regularly hang out (they love tubing).
 - Skate Park is good and has filled in nicely.
 - Lyons is a great place to run and bike.
 - Students look forward to the dog park and dog swimming hole at Bohn Park.
- Soda Fountain and candy store (when they were open).
 - Students loved both of these places, particularly the Soda Fountain and hope it will reopen.
- Festivals in the summer.
 - Liked Good Ol' Days growing up.
 - Still attend the music festivals (but some plan to work those days to get out of town).
- River Church's after football activities (5th Corner).
 - Students love the activities provided by the church (i.e. 25 cent food, games, etc.).
 - Perhaps some of these activities could be incorporated into events taking place in Town?



What Students Would Like to see Change in Lyons

- Students like the festivals, but think some (particularly Good Ol' Days) should better fit the needs of young people by including music, sports, games, booths, etc. that appeal to their age group.
- Although students love Meadow Park and tubing, they feel the river is highly geared toward kayakers and that the park can become very crowded on summer weekends. They also become frustrated when they are unable to use Meadow Park during festivals because they have not paid the festival entrance fee.
- There is not much to do in the winter. Students spend a lot of time in Longmont and Boulder. They would like more things to do in Town outside of the summer months.
- The library is too small and does not have enough media in stock.
- Need more restaurants and variety with longer hours and more affordable eating options. There are some restaurants that offer student specials but they get old. The Town could profit from encouraging more restaurants to offer cheaper dining opportunities to students so that they do not always spend their money in Longmont or Boulder.
- Students would like a recreation center or at least more organized recreation opportunities in Town such as a swimming pool (indoor or outdoor) and better outdoor basketball courts.
 - Students would like more semi-organized sports such as softball, soccer or volleyball where the play is intense and organized but not overly competitive.
- Housing is too expensive in Lyons. One student mentioned that her and her mother have been trying to move back to Lyons for a long time but cannot find any viable rental options.
- The look of Lyons.
 - Scenery is very pretty, but much of the Town appears "old and run down."
 - New development should better integrate into the existing architectural style (i.e. new condominiums stand out too much).



Downtown

- Too geared toward older people, not enough for young people to do.
 - Students mentioned a movie theater as a possible new use that they would enjoy. They recognize that a full-fledged movie theater might be too much for Lyons, but thought “Movies in the Park” or a small theater might work. Most importantly movies would need to be modern or geared toward young people.
 - Too many of the storefronts downtown are either closed most of the year, or do not “engage” those walking by to come in such as the Montessori school or business offices. The storefronts need to encourage people to stop and shop and wander around.
- Students mentioned that a place like Jamba Juice would be highly popular for kids throughout the year, particularly before/after sports practices. They know that the Stone Cup and Barking Dog offer smoothies, but they are expensive and the hours do not always work for after school activities.
- Students would like a sports bar type restaurant (used Buffalo Wild Wings in Longmont as an example) where kids can order cheap food, watch sports, play games, shoot pool, etc.
- Too many businesses have alcohol restrictions (i.e. people come to Lyons to go to Cilantro Mary's but cannot buy a margarita).
- Students work in Town (Oskar Blues, Lionscrest, Stone Mountain, formerly Subway) but there are few options and the Town does not hire anyone until they are 18. Many must go to Longmont or Boulder to work.





Table 1

- Need to keep small town character
 - Family friendly, bike/walk friendly
- Economy
 - Shop local (think Lyons when you shop)
 - Visitor center on east side of downtown
 - Economic Development – keep it slow, get buy in, maintain Lyons character
 - Hold a separate meeting on the economic development of the eastern corridor
 - Comment: what happened to the marketing committee – what are they doing?
- Diverse housing
 - Explore possibilities and options
 - Consider partnering with Habitat for Humanity
 - Don't sacrifice the quality of the project for a speedy permitting process; rush the permitting process, keep Lyons' character
- Keep community votes on annexations

Table 2

- Library could be very valuable as a business center. There is information to suggest libraries add considerable value to the community and businesses. EDC Report will help, need to pursue grant opportunities
- Boulder County.
 - Need to be more aggressive in looking at the arrangement we have with the County.
 - Must find way to increase Lyons' representation in Boulder County meetings. Need to take an organized approach to represent our (Lyons') needs and interests.
 - Comp Plan would reinforce our interest in the IGA
- Wi-fi
 - Need to evaluate the need and benefits that it would bring to the community.
 - Possible benefits – advertising opportunities, reinforce Lyons' character
 - Concerns with cost of construction, particularly with physical constraints (mountains)

Table 3

- Maintain small town character – want to know and trust neighbors and businesses
- Support local businesses, shop locally
- Want to be able to see our needs met in town (retail)
- Sense of history important in maintaining our identity, need to know our history and our roots
- Expand the grocery as a way of focusing activity downtown as opposed to the library
- Maintain housing diversity and individuality (with property)

Table 4

Need to protect the community's quality of life while encouraging a vitality of commercial activity, providing for the stability of town service and the tax revenue on which they depend and through public policy, enthusiastically support emerging technologies and philosophies of local sustainability.

- Encourage telecommuting (wi-fi)
- Need a better library by augmenting the current library
- Support forming a library district



Table 5

- Need new IGA, especially for the eastern corridor
 - An open space buffer between Longmont and Lyons is good, but it should not be too restrictive; concerned about it being permanent
- DDA?
 - Should it be a separate taxing district for just downtown? How do we define downtown?
 - It should be broader than our traditional definition to include other areas
- Library
 - Need decent library. Like existing, but need to expand on current base that we have
 - Expand multi-use aspect
 - Can be strategic resource for residents and businesses. Should be a strategic advantage.
 - Yes, we need to evaluate forming a library district?
- Housing
 - We actively support housing diversity vs. the tendency to upgrade and attract people with high incomes. Want people that grow up here to be able to return and buy a home.

Table 6

- Small town character
 - Always will be small, but want to maintain the character
 - Beautification (doesn't have to be expensive), code enforcement (what's already on books) can involve citizenry
 - Growth rate does not matter as long as it's in character with the community
- Friendly, sense of community with individuality; sensible, considerate neighbors
- More pride in Lyons (school example – parents stepped in and got involved and the schools have subsequently improved tremendously)
 - Encourage it but do not mandate
- Diversity of housing in Lyons
 - Lyons encourages diversity because less expensive than most of Boulder County
 - Let the market drive development (encourage diversity)
 - Interested in New Urbanism and infill (density) near town, verses on the outside of the spokes of the wheel (Town)
 - Focus on a Town Center (make library more than a library, could be hub of community)
- Growth
 - In favor of residential and commercial annexations, the character of development is what's key. Much development is market driven, need to reduce barriers allow it to be market driven.

Table 7

- Top issues:
 - Increasing sales tax revenue by creating new businesses
 - Need a multi-media library in downtown location
 - Give people a reason to stop in Lyons
 - Enforce building codes – improve areas attractiveness
 - Enhance our Small town character (like Niwot who has a central library, clean, great restaurants)
 - Noise -- Many vehicles coming through in the summer, very loud.
 - Local law enforcement instead of Boulder County. Prefer to have local officer.
 - Continue to focus on arts and music
 - Want more teen activities, not enough organized activities to keep them engaged



Table 8

- Issues blend together
- IGA
 - Development of E. Corridor looked favorably upon, try to expand planning area and annex
 - Makes sense to develop water treatment plants
 - How far can we push the planning area and still maintain its effectiveness?
- Downtown
 - Want to recognize its importance, maintain its economic viability and unique character
 - Must have safe walking/biking paths to connect downtown with the Eastern Corridor
- Eastern Corridor
 - Would be good for a grocery store and light industry, keep retail downtown
- Library
 - Agree that it's good, but we need a modern, large central library and it's essential to the community
 - Need a community center, with a community room for events and a room for youth with ping pong, pool, etc. – gathering place, especially for young people
- Wi-fi
 - What would be the benefit to the Town? Most places already have internet

Table 9

- Small town character
 - Should fix rundown buildings downtown
 - Create and maintain a classic Main Street USA look
 - Highlight historic buildings
 - Don't limit the size of Lyons
- Diverse housing
 - Promote affordability by allowing more density (such as mother-in-law units), small apartments, independent living for seniors, mixed-use/live-work units, etc.
- W-ifi – why not?
- Library
 - Need multi-media library
 - Centralized location
 - Traveling exhibit/meeting rooms
- Economic Development
 - Don't want to be limited by IGA
 - Want light industrial in the community

Generate option for Eastern Corridor to minimize competition with downtown

Goals and Values

Give us your feedback on the following goals and values collected from existing planning documents and economic reports.

On a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest, let us know how important each goal is to you.



Have you ever lied to your mother?

1. Never...Honest!	1 2%
2. Only once and I paid for it dearly	2 7%
3. Only a couple of times	3 11%
4. Yes, but I was young & candy was involved	4 4%
5. I prefer to call it a "stretching of the truth"	5 13%
6. Only when it was in her best interest	6 35%
7. Too many times to count!	7 28%



How long have you lived here?

1. less then one year	1 0%
2. between 1 and 5 years	2 30%
3. between 6 and 10 years	3 17%
4. between 11 and 20 years	4 28%
5. more than 20 years	5 26%



Where do you live?

1. In town	1 60%
2. East of town	2 15%
3. West of town	3 17%
4. Other	4 9%



Town Goal #1: Maintain the unique, small town character of the Town of Lyons.

Objectives:

- Limit the physical size of the community.
- Minimize development outside of Town within its influence area.
- Establish a permanent open space buffer between the Town of Lyons and the City of Longmont.
- Limit the rate of growth and change in the community.
- Define the future character of development.
- Encourage small-scale developments that contribute to a diversity of design and architecture.
- Prevent large-scale uniform tract residential development; large format retail stores; and large industrial developments.
- Adopt planning and design standards that maintain the "human scale" and are pedestrian friendly as opposed to automobile-oriented.

8%	10%	8%	12%	61%
1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5. High



Town Goal #2: Insure orderly growth and high quality development.

Objectives:

- Designate adequate and suitable land areas to accommodate the community's desires for residential, commercial, public and recreational land use activities.
- Develop existing residential properties within the Town boundaries before creating any new development areas or annexing any new properties into Town.
- Support development in locations that are easily accommodated by existing transportation and utilities infrastructure.
- Require evidence of the availability and provision of adequate public infrastructure, facilities and services prior to development approval.
- Insure the Town's land use and development regulations (including annexation, zoning and subdivision) adequately protect the public's health, safety and welfare and achieve the community's desired standards for development.

6%	13%	17%	17%	48%
1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5. High



Town Goal #3: Encourage development to be harmonious with the natural environment.

Objectives:

- Prevent any development that adversely impacts the environment.
- Require development locations, site planning and site design to preserve prominent natural features and natural systems, such as ridgelines, steep hillsides, natural drainages, wetlands, riparian areas, and scenic areas.
- Use natural building materials and native landscaping that reflect the surrounding environment.
- Encourage energy efficient and water saving development through the use of appropriate site design, building materials and building fixtures.

66%

6%	6%	6%	17%	66%
1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5.High

Town Goal #4: Establish viable, attractive commercial activity areas

Objectives:

- Enhance and maintain the attractiveness of the Town's commercial areas.
- Establish an identifiable character for each commercial area of Town.
- Identify appropriate locations for expansion of commercial activities that are consistent with the economic development goals and objectives of the community.
- Support rehabilitation, redevelopment and new infill development in existing commercial locations.
- Discourage further "strip" and large-scale, large format retail developments.
- Promote innovative and high quality planning and design to minimize visual and traffic impacts of "strip" development.
- Encourage mixed-use development that integrates small retail, services, office and restaurant uses along with housing as may be appropriate.
- Create a Public art and music advisory group.
- Enhance access to commercial development activities by pedestrians, bicyclists and automobiles.

61%

2%	4%	12%	20%	61%
1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5.High

Town Goal #5: Create and maintain attractive public areas

Objectives:

- Support art in public places throughout the community.
- Increase and maintain landscaping of public places using native plants, vegetation, and materials such as local sandstone and flagstone.
- Provide "furniture" and "amenities" in public places for the leisure and enjoyment of residents and visitors.
- Maintain the cleanliness and attractiveness of Town facilities and properties.

78%

6%	0%	10%	6%	78%
1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5.High

Housing Goal #1: Create and maintain stable, attractive residential neighborhoods that reflect/reinforce the small town character of Lyons

Objectives:

- Support preservation of existing historic neighborhoods.
- Develop existing subdivisions and zoned residential properties within the existing town boundaries before creating any new development areas or annexing any new properties into Town for residential development.
- Support infill development of platted vacant lots located in existing residential areas (not subject to prohibitive natural development constraints).
- Establish a focal point for each neighborhood area, such as a neighborhood park, trail, public facility, or commercial area.
- Encourage small-scale residential infill developments, which reflect/are harmonious with the surrounding natural features and existing development character.
- Require new residential development to provide safe and convenient access for pedestrians and automobiles.

67%

0%	6%	10%	17%	67%
1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5.High

Housing Goal #2: Recognize & accommodate the housing needs of a diverse population

Objectives:

- Encourage a mix of housing types and densities within the community and within individual developments.
- Support development of affordable housing in dispersed locations.
- Provide for seniors housing and establish mechanisms to offset seniors housing costs.
- Encourage mixed-use development that integrates housing with small business uses in existing commercial areas.

50%

7%	7%	20%	16%	50%
1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5.High

Economic Development Goal #2: Attract visitors to the Town to shop, utilize services businesses, and eating and drinking establishments

Objectives:

- Support establishing Lyons as a center for day visitors from the Denver/Boulder metro area.
- Capture pass-through traffic destined for regional tourism sites (Rocky Mountain National Park; Indian Peak Wilderness Area; Peak to Peak Scenic Highway).
- Encourage the sustainable use of recreation amenities and natural resources available in Town and its' surrounding area to draw visitors to Lyons.
- Enhance downtown as a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly destination.
- Support businesses that create unique shopping and entertainment experiences and draw visitors to Town.
- Support and promote quality special events that showcase the Town's history, culture and natural surroundings.
- Develop a Town theme and marketing program.

76%

7%	4%	2%	11%	76%
1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5.High

Economic Development Goal #3: Support development of businesses that enable the Town's residents to live and work in Town

Objectives:

- Support businesses that are locally owned and operated.
- Support businesses that provide basic goods and services to the Town's residents and keep these expenditures within the community.
- Encourage mixed-use developments that integrate housing and business uses.
- Accommodate and support low traffic home-based businesses, telecommuting and cottage industries.
- Support creation, recruitment, and retention of businesses that are clean and have minimal impacts.

65%

1. Low	2. Med/Low	3. Medium	4. Med/High	5. High
8%	2%	8%	17%	65%

Economic Development Goal #4: Expand the community's business development efforts and create and maintain a positive, supportive business environment

Objectives:

- Create and maintain supportive working relationships between the Town government and the business community, as well as with area economic development organizations.
- Actively work to develop the Town's telecommunications infrastructure.
- Avoid over-regulation of businesses.
- Assist businesses in finding suitable commercial space and/or development sites.
- Complete funding of the Downtown Improvement Plan for the 300 and 400 blocks of Main Street and schedule capital improvements for early 2009.

72%

1. Low	2. Med/Low	3. Medium	4. Med/High	5. High
9%	4%	0%	15%	72%

Natural Systems Goal #1: Preserve and protect valued natural features and resources

Objectives:

- Protect natural drainage-ways for efficient conveyance of storm-water and preservation of ecological systems.
- Protect flood-plain areas from development.
- Protect riparian areas and wetlands as vital components of the community's ecosystems.
- Preserve wildlife habitat areas and migration corridors.
- Protect and preserve visually sensitive hillsides, ridgelines, steep slopes and rock outcroppings.
- Preserve and protect geologic hazard areas and sensitive soils.
- Recognize and accommodate the desire for public access to natural amenities, such as the St. Vrain River, in a fashion consistent with wildlife management objectives.
- Harmonize new development with the carrying capacity of the land.

73%

1. Low	2. Med/Low	3. Medium	4. Med/High	5. High
10%	0%	6%	10%	73%

Recreation Goal #1: Provide recreation opportunities for the Town's residents & visitors

Objectives:

- Provide recreation opportunities for all members of the community, specifically addressing the needs of the Town's youth and seniors.
- Establish and implement a long-term strategy for developing, improving and maintaining an integrated system of parks, recreation facilities and programs, trails and open space areas.
- Develop sidewalk and trails linkages between the Town's recreational resources and adjacent regional open space lands.
- Develop facilities and programs for each of the Town's park and open space resources that are consistent with the natural features of the site.
- Support efforts to establish the St. Vrain River Corridor as a "Gold Medal" trout stream.
- Require adequate park and open space land dedications and development fees from new development to serve the requirements of the new development, and maintain communitywide level of service standards.
- Work with private property owners and utilize existing easements to secure public access along the river corridors.

56%

1. Low	2. Med/Low	3. Medium	4. Med/High	5. High
15%	4%	2%	23%	56%

Transportation Goals #2&3: Design and construct streets and sidewalks to insure their proper function and desired character

Objectives:

- Review and update the Town's street classification system and associated standards for design and construction.
- Develop standards that enhance the Town's small town character and preserve the natural environment.
- Actively pursue various measures to reduce the speed of traffic on US 36/SH 66.
- Provide safe pedestrian crossings at key intersections on US 36/SH 66.
- Actively monitor and participate in regional transportation issues and planning efforts.
- Establish and develop easily accessible public parking areas.

73%

1. Low	2. Med/Low	3. Medium	4. Med/High	5. High
10%	0%	8%	8%	73%

Transportation Goals 1&4: Encourage pedestrian movement throughout the community

Objectives:

- Enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections to the Town's parks, open spaces and activity areas such as downtown, other commercial areas and the schools.
- Work to expand trail links to surrounding open space areas and communities (Hygiene, Longmont, Boulder, Allenspark, Estes Park.)
- Establish a street, sidewalk and trails network that accommodates the future land use and development plan for the community.
- Require new development to provide safe and efficient access to local and regional transportation systems.
- Enhance connections between existing subdivisions activity areas.
- Upgrade inadequate streets and sidewalks in the older parts of Town as necessary.
- Implement improved directional signage – on regional systems, at entry corridors and within Town.

73%

1. Low	2. Med/Low	3. Medium	4. Med/High	5. High
10%	0%	8%	8%	73%

Transportation Goal #5: Encourage increased use of mass transit and enhanced transit service

- Support maintaining and expanding Regional Transportation District (RTD) service to the community.
- Support smaller, more frequent shuttle buses.
- Pursue shuttle loops to Longmont, Boulder and other major employment areas.
- Accommodate the special needs of seniors.



1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5.High
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Public Facilities Goal #1: Provide adequate, safe and efficient public utilities and services to address the needs of existing, approved and planned development

Objectives

- Provide clean drinking water. Meet and exceed all regulatory water and waste treatment standards.
- Develop an annual report on the capacities and utilization of the water and sewer treatment plants.
- Insure that water and tap fees for new development fully recover all capital costs associated with serving the development including the replacement cost of existing facilities utilized by the development.
- Establish long term plans for implementing required facility upgrades to meet new development requirements, more stringent regulatory standards and replacement of facilities at the end of their useful life.
- Improve public utilities in a cost effective but technically sound manner; avoid "quick fix" solutions.
- Increase community awareness and understanding of utility issues.
- Promote water conservation measures to extend water treatment capacity and to cost effectively accommodate additional development.



1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5.High
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Public Facilities: Goal #2: Insure public facilities and services not provided by the Town are expanded concurrently with the needs associated with new development.

Objectives:

- These facilities and services include the Post Office, fire protection, police safety, education, recycling, the library and other valued services.
- Insure the demands and requirements placed on these services are evaluated as part of the development and review process.
- Insure that there is adequate capacity to serve new development prior to development approval.
- Support on-going efforts to provide improvements to these services utilizing up-to-date technologies and resources.
- Establish a system to track the costs and benefits of all facilities and services and develop a method for citizen input into needs not currently being addressed.
- Insure development of a new elementary school or rehabilitation of the existing school.



1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5.High
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Economic Development Recommendations: Develop a plan to deal with the County Intergovernmental Agreement and annexation

Associated Actions:

- Optimally, that strategy requires multiple related initiatives including annexation.
- Devise a strategy for better commercial use of the Eastern Corridor of the Town's business district including infill development where possible within the official planning area and where appropriate pursuant to adjustment of the IGA with Boulder County
- The Town should identify all parcels with development capacity – especially those at the eastern edge of the commercial zone which abuts the area of potential annexation pending negotiation with the County
- Request the PCDC to immediately focus on land use planning in the Eastern Corridor to provide broad area-wide analysis to overlay the property-specific findings obtained from the first action item.
- Develop a strategy for negotiations that is tied directly to the benchmarks and policy issues that are continuing priorities to County Staff and Commissioners.
- Downtown Development
- Wifi
- Library



23%	7%	14%	11%	45%
1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5.High

Adopt and implement the marketing plan



1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5.High
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Create a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to assist in the funding of economic development projects in the downtown business district.



15%	6%	23%	8%	48%
1.Low	2.Med/Low	3.Medium	4.Med/High	5.High

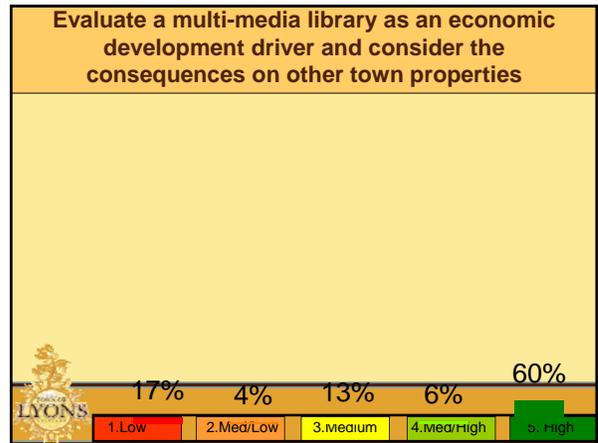
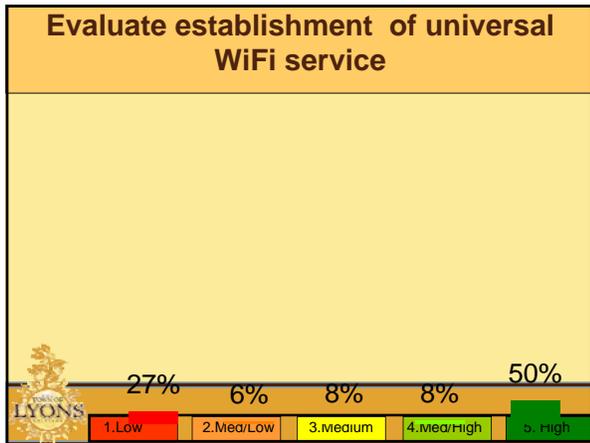




Table 1

- Walking bridge over highway
- Support annexing new land into the community
- Don't like any of the traffic scenarios
- Use the river as a walkway to connect the community, incorporate art – paintings on the road, sculpture trail, etc.
- More directional/information signage re: local points of interest (picnic areas, river, Bluegrass)
- 3 entrances to Lyons – set priorities on one, but do all three
- Like idea of bridges – could hang things from them
- Need to move on the Economic Development Council's Action Plan
- Sustainability language is too general, wordy and hard to understand
- Language about equality – concerned how would town fund that?
- Logo figures are too small

Table 2

- Focus on community gateways and a connecting trail
- Take advantage of Highway 39 and the Eastern Highway 66 Corridor
- Create gateways into town with bridges vs. people leaving town
- Pleasant pedestrian walkway from downtown to the Eastern Corridor

Table 3

- Downtown traffic patterns – don't like High Street – Elementary school option, prefer Broadway with federal traffic – require 3 lanes and turn lanes
- Don't like roundabouts – hard on trucks, confusing, slows traffic too much
- Entice people to stop here – improve signage, install kiosks with calendars of events and a map of where to go (Hall Open Space, Planet Bluegrass, parks, etc.) – point to what we have
- Everyone benefits from landscaping – collaboration between Chamber and Town to install and maintain
- Like painting signs on the road – cheaper, people like pathways
- 3 way entrances, focused on Eastern Corridor, don't ignore Highway 7 and people coming from Estes Park
- Logos – like ½ logo, feel its too complicated, like ½ sun too
- Prefer double gateway

Table 4

No consensus

Table 5

- Lyons Planning Area in the east – draw lines to consolidate along the highway, go as far east as can go to Boulder County open space
- Ensure that focus on Eastern Corridor is light industrial and does not detract from downtown
- Between Eagle Canyon and the Eastern Corridor there should be a system for easy, safe walking and biking for ages 2 to 92
- River corridor should be a transportation corridor as well
- River – quality of riparian environment is degraded = unacceptable; take into account a mechanism to assess the quality and to remediate



- Sustainability = no definition. More work to define what sustainability is. How green should green be? Don't want to be super uncompetitive.
- Traffic – all agreed, return to 2-way traffic.
- Not jazzed about slideshow. Hesitant about Town owning the streets, but could do cool things to Main.
- Costs – find sustainable way to manage infrastructure costs, reduce maintenance costs and slow traffic to a crawl so can cross the street.

Table 6

- Favor extending planning area – don't see a downside
- Annex or not – decision for later, but we favor annexations
- Like 2-way Main Street
- Like roundabout – natural flow
- If widen Broadway, do so to the north – already CDOT land to use
- Like painted walkways, sculpture trail
- Include sustainability in all decisions – tie to branding
- Like URA vs increasing taxes
- Burden on commercial should be greater than residential

Notes from Groups

- Better river connections
- Draw the transit stop on the maps
- Downtown needs ambiance – go back to original, old sandstone architecture
- Change traffic pattern – make Broadway 2-way, 2 lanes and Main Street quieter for retail
- Create theme, unique shops, ambiance; sell theme to business owners
- Big gateway opportunity at the intersection of 36/Foothills Highway – make it the start of our town
- Park/riparian area with also opportunities for mixed uses between riparian areas and the river. 75% of the poll supported extending the pedestrian path to the east, this fits with that and we strongly support it.
- Also like the gateway/over road bridge structures at Main Street at the old Rabbit Mountain Furnishings/old gas station. Need gateway coming into from Estes and Allens Parks.
- Gateway structure is something that would also slow down traffic in a hurry to speed out of town towards Pinewood Springs.
- Signage – destinations, local points of interest, preview signs before town, cheap to do.

You know you're from Lyons when...

1. ...you have more bluegrass music than everyone you know. 1 █ 31%
2. ...both your neighbors are sculptors. 2 █ 9%
3. ...you've spent a total of one fifth of your life at the light crossing Main. 3 █ 9%
4. ...you have at least as many educational degrees as you do dogs. 4 █ 25%
5. ...you show up for a public meeting even when your taxes are due tomorrow! 5 █ 25%



Transportation

1. How does our traffic compare?
2. Peer community stories
3. Survey results and policy ideas



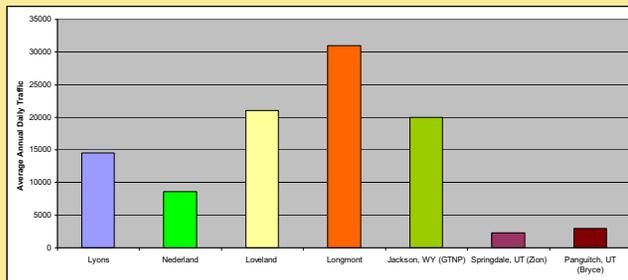
How many cars per day do you think pass down Main/Broadway?

1. 2,000 1 █ 13%
2. 10,000 2 █ 9%
3. 15,000 3 █ 32%
4. 22,000 4 █ 28%
5. 50,000 5 █ 13%
6. 100,000 6 █ 4%



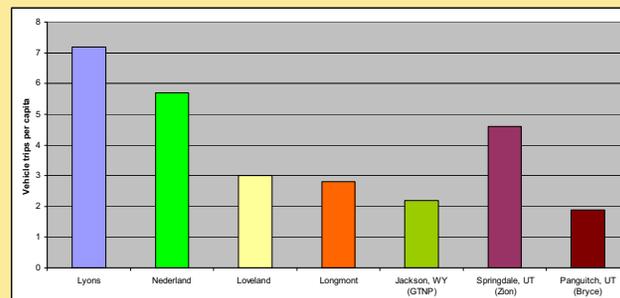
How much traffic do we have downtown?

"Main Street" Traffic Volumes



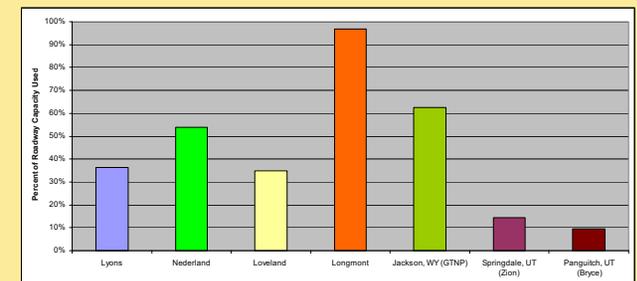
Why does it "feel like" there is so much traffic?

"Main Street" Vehicle Trips per Capita



Is the road design compatible with volumes?

Peak Hour Roadway Capacity Analysis



What is an effective way to increase visitors' stopping to spend money at local businesses?

- 1. Make car traffic two way 1 █ 22%
- 2. Slow car traffic down 2 █ 24%
- 3. Provide on street parking 3 █ 41%
- 4. Big signs 4 █ 13%

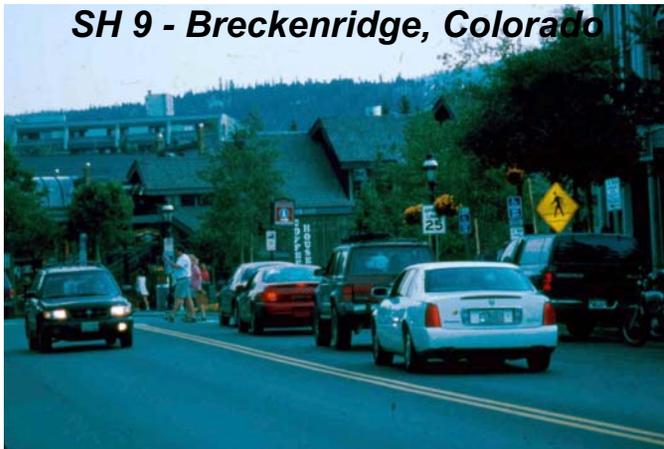


Peer community stories

- 1. We do not want “urban solutions”
 - Trinidad, CO
 - Crested Butte, CO
- 2. We want control of our pedestrian environment
 - Breckenridge, CO
- 3. Parking in this town is terrible during events
 - Telluride, CO
- 4. Would a bypass help us?
 - Glenwood Springs, CO



SH 9 - Breckenridge, Colorado



20,000 AADT "Take back the street"



Telluride, Colorado "manage parking"

SH 82 - Glenwood Springs, Colorado



30,000 AADT "Traffic as Commerce"

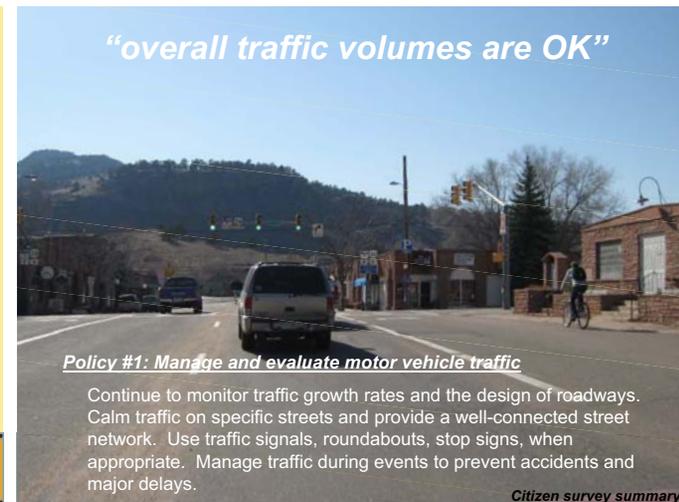
Overall, traffic volumes in town are:

- 1. Unacceptably high 1  20%
- 2. Just right 2  71%
- 3. Too low 3  9%

Traffic volumes on Main/Broadway Streets are:

- 1. Unacceptably high 1  18%
- 2. Just right 2  73%
- 3. Too low 3  9%

"overall traffic volumes are OK"



Policy #1: Manage and evaluate motor vehicle traffic

Continue to monitor traffic growth rates and the design of roadways. Calm traffic on specific streets and provide a well-connected street network. Use traffic signals, roundabouts, stop signs, when appropriate. Manage traffic during events to prevent accidents and major delays.

Citizen survey summary



Do you want a walkable community?

- 1. Absolutely, at all costs 1 92%
- 2. Maybe 2 8%
- 3. No 3 0%



Do you want a bicycle friendly community?

- 1. Absolutely, at all costs 1 87%
- 2. Maybe 2 12%
- 3. No 3 2%



"we want a bikeable community"

Policy #3: Continue to implement the Trails Plan

Continue to implement the Trails Plan to create a integrated network of off and on-street trails. Crossings will be clearly marked or improved to underpasses to promote trail connectivity across US 36/SH 66.



Do you want specific transit service?

- 1. Absolutely, at all costs 1 53%
- 2. Maybe 2 46%
- 3. No 3 2%

Are there specific transit routes you'd like?

- 1. Service to Boulder 1 19%
- 2. Service to Longmont 2 26%
- 3. Service to Estes Park 3 5%
- 4. Local service 4 5%
- 5. All of the above 5 40%
- 6. None 6 4%



“we want specific transit routes”



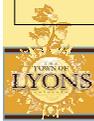
Policy #4: Plan for specialized transit service

Transit service will be expanded to serve a wider range of users and focus on specific travel markets. Key employment and service destinations will be connected with efficient service.

Citizen survey summary

Automobile Circulation Ideas

User Groups	Who is driving and where are they going?	Minimum Infrastructure Required	Current Level of Service (LOS)	Supporting Plans and Policies
Commuters originating in Lyons	Workers who are leaving homes in Lyons and traveling to other communities for employment	Arterial roadways and State highways that connect to adjacent communities	Arterial roadways operate at 35% of their maximum daily capacity during non-event days	Boulder County Comprehensive Plan CDOT State Highways Plan
Commuters and visitors originating in other communities	Workers who are traveling to Lyons for employment Workers who are traveling through Lyons for employment Visitors and tourists coming to Lyons for recreation, shopping, dining, concerts, etc.	Arterial roadways and State highways that connect to adjacent communities Public parking & event management		Boulder County Comprehensive Plan CDOT State Highways Plan Parking Ordinances
Local travelers	All trips that begin and end in Lyons for all purposes	Local roadway networks that are well connected		Transportation Chapter Lyons Comprehensive Plan



Pedestrian Mobility Ideas

User Groups	Where are people walking?	Minimum Infrastructure Required	Condition of Current Infrastructure	Supporting Plans and Policies
Children	Schools Parks Bus Stops			Colorado Safe Routes to Schools Program
Teenagers	Schools Parks/Rec. Shopping Dining Neighbors Work Bus Stops	Sidewalks on both sides of street Intersection controls and striping	Major roadways have missing or inadequate sidewalks Basic pedestrian controls at major roadway intersections	
Young Adults	Parks/Rec. Shopping Dining Neighbors Work	Buffer between sidewalk and travel lanes when speeds exceed 25 M.P.H	Narrow (4') or missing sidewalks in residential neighborhoods	Parks, Open Space & Trails Master Plan
Adults	Parks/Rec. Shopping Dining Neighbors Work	ADA accessible curb cuts for sidewalks	Minimal compliance with ADA	
Seniors	Parks/Rec. Shopping Dining Neighbors Bus Stops			



Bicycle Transportation Ideas

User Groups	Who is in this group?	Minimum Infrastructure Required	Condition of Current Infrastructure	Supporting Plans and Policies
Type A	Experienced bicyclists that are comfortable in a variety of settings	Bicycle route signage	Bicycle routes have been implemented	Parks, Open Space & Trails Master Plan
Type B	Intermediate bicyclists that are comfortable in slow speed settings with minimal motor vehicle traffic	5' wide on-street bicycle lanes Off-street multi-use 12' wide trails	Some on-street bicycle lanes have been constructed Some off-street multi-use trails have been constructed	
Type C	Beginning bicyclists and children that do not travel aside motor vehicles.	Off-street multi-use 12' wide trails 6' wide sidewalks (children only)	Some off-street multi-use trails have been constructed Sidewalks are incomplete	Parks, Open Space & Trails Master Plan Colorado Safe Routes to Schools Program



Transit System Ideas

User Groups	Who uses the service and where do they go?	Minimum Service Requirements	Status of Service Planning	Supporting Plans and Policies
Call & Ride Bus	Lyons residents traveling to any destination within Lyons or to Longmont	Shuttle bus with ADA accessibility, a hotline to schedule trips, and a bus dispatcher	Service is currently provided by Special Transit in Lyons 10:30 and 1:00 (T&F) Wed to Longmont (min 3 people)	Boulder County Transit Services Action Plan
Regional Bus Service (Y)	Lyons & Boulder residents traveling between the two communities	Regional bus with ADA accessibility and fixed route schedule	Service is currently provided 4 times daily by RTD	Boulder County Transit Services Action Plan RTD Operations Plan

What are the potential transit markets in Lyons?
Based on year 2000 U.S. Census journey to work travel data 6% of residents are beyond 65 years of age, 13% have a disability that may not allow them to drive, 7% of families live below the poverty line, approximately 4% of all dwelling units do not have a personal automobile, and 13% of commuters carpool for work. Each group represents a segment of the Lyons community that would benefit financially and physically from the introduction and improvement of local and regional transit service.



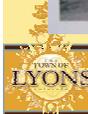
Other Transportation Ideas

User Groups	What is the purpose and who does it serve?	Minimum Infrastructure Required	Current Accommodation of Transportation Mode	Supporting Plans and Policies
Commercial Trucks	Transports commercial materials to and through Lyons Tractor trailers, delivery trucks, USPS, Fed Ex, DHL, UPS, etc.	Design routes to facilitate commercial trucks travel through Lyons Arterial street standards that accommodate turning movements Designated loading zones in commercial areas	Truck routes and maintenance plans have not been designated	Boulder County Comprehensive Plan
Life Safety Operations	Fire, Ambulance, and Police access to emergency situations	Roadway and intersections designed to reasonably accommodate access in the event of an emergency Secondary access to developments.	Roadway design standards have appropriate turning radius to accommodate life safety vehicles An emergency evacuation plan is not in place Signal preemption for emergency responding vehicles is used in limited applications	Boulder County Road Standards and Specifications



Next Steps

1. Workshop 1 Results Posted
2. Workshop 2 Results Will be Up Soon
3. Youth Input



Youth Workshop: What do you like?

1. Parks
2. Open space
3. Festivals and music
4. The butie (sic) of the Town
5. Good Old Days

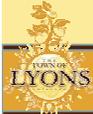
Youth Workshop: What would you like to add?

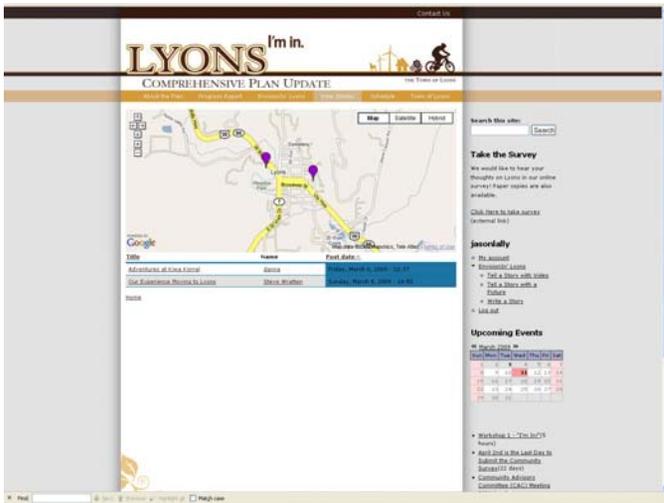
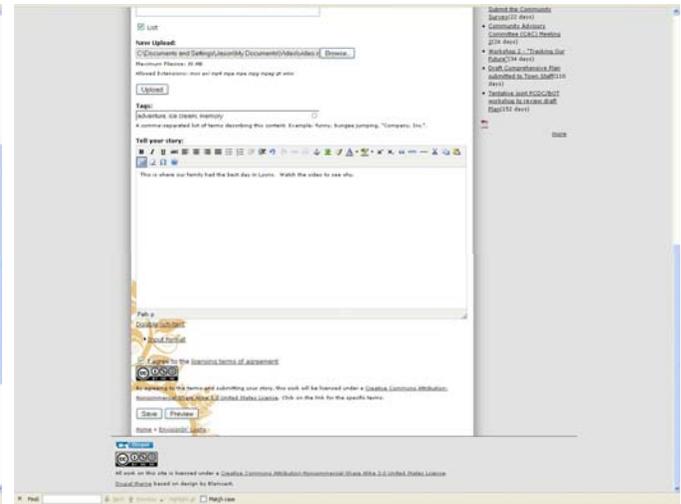
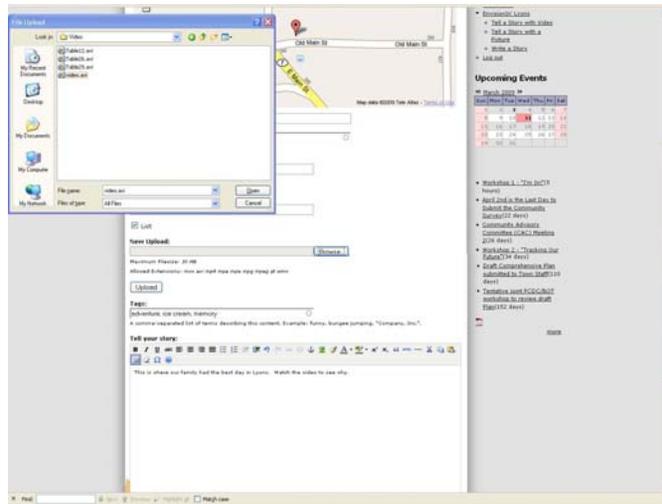
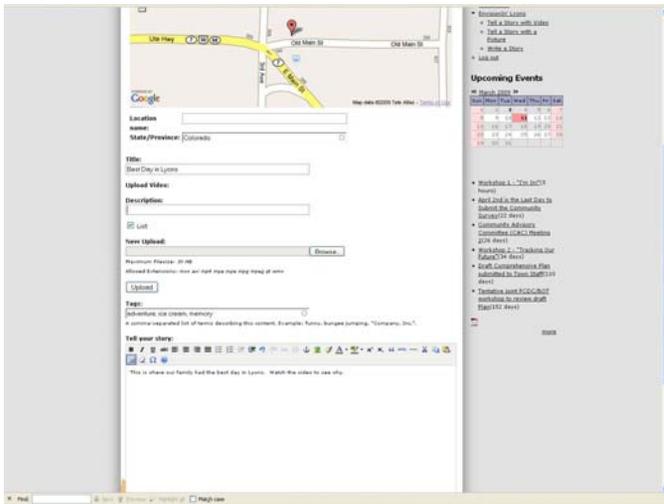
1. Teen Town
2. Make Skate Park Better
3. Pool/Rec Center
4. More buses to Boulder
5. Water Park
6. Zoo
7. Better sidewalks on Apple Valley Road
8. "Crazier 4th of July"



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5. Workshop 3: Alternative Scenarios and Policies




TRACKING OUR FUTURE WORKSHOP RESULTS

OVERALL VISION

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Guiding Principles
 - Focus on tourist destination – arts, music, water, sports; stop and relax at quiet places (1)
 - Sustainability (1) (2)
 - Small community – destination. Stop, spend money. (1)
 - Nurturing; educating community, communication. (1)
 - Great place to live & visit. (2)
 - Friendly, safe & beautiful location.
 - Daytrip – tourist friendly community. All-inclusive – family-friendly, diversity.
 - All green enterprise community (3)
 - Light industry (environmental businesses) especially east of town, cemex site, sports manufacturer in town (3)
 - Promote economic vitality including becoming a tourist destination; especially signage (4)
 - Small-town feel, increase economic sustainability! (5)
 - Identity – hiking, trails, music, art (5)
 - Boulder County day trip destination yet only necessary to leave by choice. (6)
 - Inclusive, sustainable community; include outlying area within Lyons' planning area (7)
 - Tourism daytime destination; river, pathways, community center, library, historic district (7)
 - Sustainable, self-sufficient, safe, people who want to support local business, reliable, resilient, family-friendly, becoming a destination (8)
 - Music, art, river, the red rock – the quarry, Oskar Blues, Planet Bluegrass, unique mecca for artists and musicians, a great place to call home, a family atmosphere, hiking – outdoor beauty and activity; 1) need money from outside, 2) sustainable community (9)
 - Focused community; viable downtown; natural setting remains – tie into town more; maintain and build on small-town feel (10)
 - 1) To be economically, socially, self-sustaining community. 2) To be a destination for recreation, culture and entertainment (restaurants). (11)
2. **Community slogan or signature** that reflects your vision above.
 - Lyons is a town with something for everyone (1) (2)
 - The place with many opportunities. (1)
 - Best place for a day trip in the Front Range. (2)
 - The Greenest gateway town you ever saw. (3)
 - A river runs through it. (3)
 - Lyons – the path less traveled (with a nod to Robert Frost's poem about the fork in the road) (4)
 - Rock solid green community (5)
 - Double gateway to the Rockies doesn't imply someone should stop – "Lyons Rocks!" (8)
 - Off the wall, off the grid, a Boulder County town well hid, Lyons rocks, Lyons rolls, finders keepers, kindred souls." (9)
 - See people congregating in downtown after hours (10)
3. **How would you measure if your principle(s)/slogan successfully strengthened Lyons' community identity?**
 - Increase in pedestrian traffic (1)
 - Increase of revenue (i.e. sales tax from restaurants) (1) (2) (4)
 - # of visitors (2)
 - Image of Lyons – marketing messages, economics (2)
 - Places/stops that draw people to experience our river ecology and natural attractions (3)
 - Value added school, rec center, retreats, fitness (exercise) stops around town, river and parks protected from overuse (3)
 - Green benefits if feasible. (5)
 - Better use of area, RTD parking, skateboard park (7)
 - Tax revenue, eastern corridor (9)
4. Key **existing destinations** that support that guiding principle?
 - Planet Bluegrass, Oskar Blues, Sandstone Park, Sandstone retailers, Gwendolyn's Nursery, Main Street – White Lyon, Antique Store, Jul's Salon, Jewelry (9)

5. Proposed destinations

- River walk (2)
- Dog park(2)
- Farmette – farmer's market and education' community garden in Bohn Park; former Chinese restaurant; Sandstone Park revamp, outdoor market; St. Vrain Market revamp (8)
- Eastern Corridor, the ponds, outdoor events, path all the way to Longmont (9)

6. Gateways" to Lyons. Describe below what the features of these gateways would be. Mark "gateways" with a green star.

- Soft pedestrian and biking trail and encompass the art walk (1)
- 36 & 66, Stone Canyon, Old St Vrain – signage, amenities, natural landscape and sandstone (2)
- All entries from Allenspark, Estes, Longmont, Boulder – be gateways with stopping attractions (3)
- Enhance entrance where Lyons begins and ends.(5)
- Signage: on cement plant overpass, at old Chinese restaurant, across from Planet Bluegrass from Highway 7, Big foot path to Bohn Park (8)
- We'd like to move the gateway entrance further east 1) east on 36, 2) present, 3) triangle at fire station. Downtown parking diagonal? Move visitor center so people can see it coming into town. Features – larges banjo – maybe the triangle signature piece for downtown, planters on High Street are happening, move sandstone plaques. (9)
- Information kiosks, signage that would seem inviting – consistent, but tasteful, business signs? More attractive downtown – trees and vegetation, mini information centers around town – Stone Cup, info center, shopette , downtown. Landscaping on eastern highway to make it feel like a town. (10)
- Started by Pinewood to Longmont – curvey approach – build sense of community into town. More cohesiveness from east perceived gateway through the west part of town – streetscape.

Policy Questions:

7. How can we enhance Lyons' appearance? (Mark suggestions on map if appropriate)

- Code enforcement – code enforcement officer (1) (2) (6)
- Beautification on thoroughfares – flowers, plants (1)
- More greenery, highlight stone, wide highway, median, crossing is easier, slow traffic, more signage, historic shopping, Broadway "back side" of Town (2)
- Green enterprise throughout (3)
- Keep areas along river as natural attractions – avoid too many shops, etc. along the river
- Good signage, clean up Main Street (4)
- Develop the rear of buildings on the south side of Main (N side of Broadway). As it is Broadway looks at the rear or commercial buildings. (4)
- Have visitor center and entrance to Lyons to welcome and inform (as opposed to exit, Chinese restaurant) (6)
- Use sandstone everywhere! (6)
- Clean up unsightliness, low hanging fruit (7)
- Repair sidewalks – sandstone – no concrete or blacktop; plan architecture for every public building, Odd Fellows building – what to do about it...? How to get money for it...grants? Ordinances enforced for junk cars, etc. Paint, clean, repair.(9)
- Sidewalks, flowers, trees, art/sculptures. (11)

8. How can we help everyone in Lyons feel a part of the community, regardless of age, income, education, etc.?

- Communication – Lyons website (1)
- Openness, communication with Town government, community groups = everyone, diversify activities & shopping, state of the Town, family-friendly, support and work together, town website – volunteer, community garden, orientation – introductions (2)
- We do well now – we take nature walks together, we meet at the cafes – get a café open at night! (3)
- Least of our worries (4)
- Provide opportunities for classes. I think most people feel included. (4)
- Write grant to LCF. Handicap accessible. (5)
- Community center, library, community concerts (Thursday summer nights) (8)
- Children help. Chamber of commerce welcome basket. Encourage membership in chamber whether in business or not. Clubs – garden, knitting. Events. Give residents a subscription to the Recorder. Committee for newcomers. (9)
- Already successful. (11)
- Outdoor art marking town – children part of making art.
- Teen town – youth work with adults to learn business skills, jobs for teens. (youth input)

9. How would you measure the success of your suggestions?

- Foot traffic in town and surrounding areas (1)

- On-line tracking of activities (2)
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Land Use (20 min.):

- Look specifically at the **Eastern Corridor** of Hwy 66 blow-up. The Eastern Corridor is one of the only remaining opportunities for expanding the Town's tax base. Using a black pen, mark what kind of development (if any) you'd like to see in this area. Using a red pen, mark on the map where you would place new job creating businesses (including light industrial). For example, how would you redevelop the former Longmont Water Treatment Plants?
 - Light industrial, commercial east of Main – 2nd to Stone Canyon, trail connection (2)
 - Near trailer park, Boulder questionable? (5)
 - Underpinning of green enterprise.
- If you want to **promote infill residential (IR), mixed use (MU), light industrial (LI), and commercial (C) development**, mark on the map where you would place this infill. Keep in mind that you can move/remove existing structures (e.g., move Town Hall to have a developable piece of land between Downtown and the River). Please use a **black** marker and write in the letters for land use type as below:
- If you want to increase density in Town (commercial and residential) and/or if you added development in the Eastern Corridor, how would you ensure that you preserve small town character?
 - Put businesses on Eastern Corridor that you would normally drive to – i.e. grocery, automotive – it's the only place left! (1)
 - Connection – architectural integrity, natural, protect small-town, quality commercial and residential; natural buffer, B&B (2)
 - Keep it green and sensitive to natural attractions. Contain the drive through – slow down with 8-shaped curves and food gardens (3)
 - Pedestrian connections all over town (4)
 - Keep consistent character – sandstone facades, etc. (4)
 - Renegotiate IGA for light industrial/commercial/mixed-use, grocery, motel/hotel, resort, conference, youth retreat, trout farm, transit station, medical buildings (5)
 - Good connection/railroad; maintain downtown activities/cultural, enhance library, revitalize town hall, develop downtown community center, stone character (6)
 - Because we have neared build-out our small-town character will be preserved. Possibly ban national chains.(8)
 - Jobs for youth who have to leave Lyons. Light industry (small business park) on E corridor could free up downtown. Sales and marketing, Dr's offices. Must be annexed. Have to get Lyons in front of Boulder County at every opportunity. (9)
 - Keep destinations downtown (restaurants). Liquor licenses downtown. (11)
 - Fix Main Street – looks but not like -- High Street (11)
- How would you measure the success of your suggestions at preserving small town character?
 - Maintain downtown area, beautification projects, parking, walkability (1)
 - Community perception (4)
 - Lack of for sale signs, sales taxes, quality of new activities increase, more visitors, rents, diversity of new retail (6)
 - Tax would show success, survey to see if residents are happy (8)
- If you added development in the Eastern Corridor, how would you ensure that it doesn't "kill" Downtown? How would you link them?
 - Area would be redeveloped for restaurants, etc.
 - Town character remains recognizable (2)
 - Focus on what we do not have downtown or will not have. Control what is developed, keep town services downtown. (2)
 - Bracket the drive through with a new traffic-calming curb-cuts, gardens, trees & slow people down with signage and direct people to natural attractions. (3)
 - Keep small-town atmosphere downtown (4)
 - Offer alternative businesses – more light industrial – job suppliers. Connect to downtown with pedestrian path. (4)
 - Non-competing business and shuttle service to downtown (5)
 - Good connection/railroad; maintain downtown activities/cultural, enhance library, revitalize town hall, develop downtown community center, stone character (6)
 - Bike paths to link eastern corridor on both sides, landscaped. Make downtown look welcoming and keep it welcoming when you walk in. (8)
 - Sidewalks/trails, shuttle from downtown, better bike/walkway, ped/bike tunnel or bridge over 36/66. (11)
- How would you measure the success of your suggestions?
 - How well businesses downtown are doing, maybe the downtown takes some death in order to do some restructuring. (8)

Housing:

16. Soon there may be no new housing sites available in the Town. Mark (in Orange) areas on your map where you think the Town could provide additional housing. Be sure to label the type of housing you think is appropriate, eg. "densify existing", "create new", "for young people", "for students", "for families", "for seniors", "for renters", etc. This can overlap with the development you've placed above, just indicate specific areas that are for affordable/accessible housing.
- Mother-in-law units, sidewalks = mobility (2)(5)
 - More accessory buildings, carriage houses, B&Bs and multiple-use - apts above commercial, especially downtown (3)
 - Mixed-use downtown and east corridor, allow granny flats in R1
 - Modify zoning, discount tap fees, building permits (7)
 - Housing/mixed-use on current downtown. Make it easy for homeowners to build an outbuilding and rent it out without encouraging stripping/tearing down. (8)
 - Condos going into foreclosure. Could town have: convention center, hotel, B&B's – music school, community college, music and art branch of FRCC, theatre, drama. Agree with infilling. (9)
 - More multi-family areas adjacent to downtown. No parking or festival goers in old residential areas. (10)

Policy Questions:

17. Make any more specific comments below about strategies for providing this housing (e.g., provide "granny flats", condos, duplexes, single family).
- Will homes be affordable? Sustainable living (more of type Lyons Valley Village) (1)
 - Incentives (i.e. xeriscape) (1)
 - Developers give certain acreage to schools (1)
 - Negotiate buying Steve McCain's property (9)
 - Allow accessory dwelling units throughout R1 with reasonable occupancy limit, affordable. (11)
18. How would you measure the success of these housing strategies?
- Ecofriendly builders (1)
 - Income profile – mix with lower income included (2)
 - Lack of inventory, sales price (6)

Transportation:

19. Mark on your map (with brown marker) any transportation changes you would like to see in Lyons that are mapable. Use Post-Its for additional detail. Consider cars, buses, pedestrians, and bicycles.
- Figure 8 curving streets – slop people down as opposed to stop lights from 36/66 to downtown (must have sidewalks) (3)
 - Expand downtown (by old Conoco across from bank building) with parking structure, add trolley (5)
 - Consider 2-way on Main, buy Main, 2-way on Broadway, allowing grocery store on Broadway or Broadway 2-way and Main to High circle (6)

Policy Questions:

20. Any more ideas you have for improving transportation in Lyons? Think about Carlos' presentation and his examples.
- Bus to Longmont. Wintertime to Eldora and return (small bus). (1) (2)
 - Bus to Boulder evenings, weekends, entertainment-related & needs to Longmont (2)
 - Better bus service (4)
 - Aesthetic, friendly corridor that is walkable. Beautify what we have. (1)
 - Knock down odd fellows and in to supermarket, put in parking (pay to park to generate revenue) (1)
 - Stop light, Stone Canyon (2)
 - Extend trail into downtown, Bohn Park Loop trail (2)
 - Walking to eastern corridor (2)
 - Median crossing – crossing Main everywhere (2)
 - Town trolleys or pedal vehicles –hop on and off (3)
 - Model electric car community (3)
 - Continuing bike path to eastern corridor. Long term plan – could we connect to existing railroad tracks by stone yard. Electric or steam bus to here from Estes Park, encouraging an environmental tour company, more parking downtown and traffic calming, possibly divert traffic (not sure it would work) (8)

- Private vans that carry passengers every ½ hour. Car pool pick up site at Black Bear. On demand transportation. Shuttle (1/2 hour) between east and west. (9)
- 2-way traffic on Main and Broadway with Broadway as bypass highway. Trails to tie neighborhoods into Town. Better bike trails along eastern part – near Diamond Shamrock. (10)
- Trails to connect shoppette to 36/66 junction to downtown. Additional bus routes: Lyons – Boulder, Lyons – Longmont. (11)
- Better trail systems into downtown – draw people in. Make trails interesting – info kiosks, sculpture trail, walking maps, torch-lit evening walks.

21. How would you measure the success of your transportation improvement ideas?

- By the pedestrians that use it. (1)
- Community involvement in the process. (1)
- Sales tax (6)
- Revenue earned by local businesses (8)
- Bus – midday bus to Boulder. Longmont Bus – triangle route – Lyons, Boulder, Longmont. (10)
- Decreased local, around-town driving, increased biking-pedestrian travel around town. (11)

Community Facilities and Services (5 min.):

22. Many community members would like to expand the library to create a multi-media community/education center. Where would you locate this new library? Mark the map with a red star.

- Odd Fellows, Sandstone, Museum, Eastern Corridor (2)
- Build a huge structure around the old building to preserve it as is (3)
- Library district (4)
- Move library to museum and museum to library (5)
- Near the current location, maybe build up. Currently the library is hard to see. Move the recycling and skate park? Maybe Bohn Park? (8)

Policy Questions:

23. In what ways can the Town better communicate with citizens?

- Lyons kiosk centrally located – electrical Lyons web site. (1)
- Enhanced webpage, online video of meetings, e-mail, surveys (6)
- Move recycling center and skatepark (maybe by fire station) (11)

24. How would you measure the success of these communication strategies?

- Participation (6)
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Economy:

25. How can the Town enhance the Downtown area to make it more of a thriving cultural, economic, and civic center of the community? Mark any new features on the map that you would add, and make comments on the features and/or any new policies below. If you already identified these features as destinations, please make a note of this here. Please use post-its to add additional information and mark these new features with a yellow dot.

- Code enforcement – uniform awnings on businesses in town. Flower planters on sidewalks, wooden sidewalks, sandstone? (1)
- Events downtown – sidewalk sales, sidewalk dining, public art (rotating), rooftop dining, connection to river, commercial possibilities along river (2)
- Provide economic incentives for businesses for the high cost of water (3)
- Stop the 300 yard rule – liquor be allowed on Main Street
- More pedestrian-friendly signs, develop Broadway frontage, more cafes (4)
- Signage – connecting Main & Broadway to public river access (4)
- Public parking, enhance pedestrian walk areas by closing Main, make Broadway a 2way land and put interactive water feature with seating, public sculptures & art (5)
- Festival, events, establish community center and/or grocery, install residential on elementary playground, existing town hall, redevelop Odd Fellows (6)
- Move town hall, library, community center to grade school. Infill town hall with grocery store because 2 way traffic. Move elementary school to Bohn Park so kids by open space. Ideal Cement co – concrete plant in floodway – great place to enhance river – deal to turn into kicking off point for flyfishing. Pipe sewage to Longmont. (7)
- Between 2nd, 3rd, 4th – more developed as cafes, places can drink wine and sit outside and visit.
- Old Chinese restaurant – welcome center (marked as a destination) or a local business or teen center, improve civic center (8)

- Two-way traffic on Main; vegetation, diagonal parking; get rid of 500' rule. (9)
 - Relax liquor laws, more street fairs, wider Main Street sidewalks, encourage businesses that cater to healthy lifestyles and serve the bikers and kayakers already coming here. (11)
26. How would you measure the success of these new features?
- More people would stop and shop and walk. Pleasing environment. (1)
 - Sales tax, rents, attraction of development (6)
27. How can the Town promote and benefit from its assets—artists, musicians, historical features, library, museum—and attract visitors? Mark any new features on the map that you would add, and make comments on the features and/or any new policies below. Please mark these new features with a blue dot.
- Branding and marketing campaign. (1)
 - River splits, black bear hole – clean up, nature walking paths, ponds, benches, nature center (2)
 - Move the library where we propose a rec center at 36 & 66 (3)
 - Have them open and staffed (4)
 - Festivals, water competitions, crafts, modern street architecture (beginning of Town, similar to bridge at Apple Valley Road/Highway 36) (5)
 - Promote open space, kayaking, more concerts, explore new events (6)
 - Meadow Park – have a new music festival offset from other, more art displayed, more art walks/open studio (8)
 - Info kiosks, enhance/improve sculpture trail – promote better. (10)
 - More use of sandstone stage, shared use of school facilities (theatre), more seasonal festivals, performing arts/community center (part of library) (11)
28. How would you measure the success of these new features?
- More businesses would be drawn to town. (1)
 - Number of event participants (6)
 - Geology trail around town, partner with chamber, trail system maps with highlights, evening in Lyons trail with torches to various restaurants, etc. (10)
29. How can the Town use the River for economic and cultural benefit? Mark any new features on the map that you would add, and make comments on the features and/or any new policies below. Please mark these features with a green dot.
- Music on the river. River trails that connect. (1)
 - Kayak, fishing instruction (fish & game stocking fish), move elementary to high school, use old elementary building for youth rec center/pool, bike rental, outfitter, tube rentals, retreats -- hotel. (5)
 - Parks and rec area along river, cement location, great trout, river activities, minimum stream flows for fishing (6)
 - Valley bank, town-owned land – parking – access to rivers/pond, catch/release fishing (7)
 - Continue the Outdoor River Festival at the kayak course. Could also be combined with a music festival or tubing event. Safety is an important issue – it is more dangerous when water level is low. Fishing – increase water flow – possible pollution. Look into different water management. (8)
 - Create more open space along river, path along river through Planet Bluegrass. (10)
 - Fishing (stocking river and ponds), make South St Vrain floatable from Hall Ranch, extend river course past Black Bear (11)
 - Use for nature walks, cafes, biking.
30. How would you measure the success of these new features?
- Use!
 - Increased sales with local businesses. Meadow Park parking/entrance fee to festival/event. (8)
 - Change zoning along river to commercial. (10)

Policy Questions:

31. How can the Town ensure economic sustainability as the population growth slows and build-out becomes a reality? Please give us any additional opinions and ideas that were not captured in the steps above.
- Tourism, outdoor activities, river, commercial- light industrial, use local, support local (2)
 - Has to become a destination. Build on festival concept.
 - Particular destination, economically sound, self-sustaining and town budget has to have the money in place (grants). Healthy, affordable, clean food at both ends of town including Boulder, Longmont. (5)
 - Western and eastern corridor with raised pathway split for ped/bikes connecting into main area. (5)
 - Goals to have Lyons become a forefront, known for sustainability, permaculture, growing town food (8)
 - Codes that support sustainability – weigh potential development plans against local sustainability – i.e. no chain stores; local currency. (11)

32. General impressions: liquor law, interest in developing eastern corridor, better trails/sidewalks connecting east to Main Street. Housing – accessory dwelling units, affordable. Transportation – shuttle – Longmont – Boulder hourly. Shuttle/trolley car. (11)

Community Futures

Lyons Comprehensive Plan Update
May 28th, 2009



Tonight's Agenda

- Comprehensive Planning Process
- Overview of Results from Workshops, Youth and Survey
- Guiding Principles
- Branding
- Transportation Priorities
- Future Land Use Plan
- Report Out
- Economic Development Strategies
- Next Steps



Project Team

- Danna Ortiz, Civil Resources, *Planner/Principal*
- Ryan McCaw, Civil Resources, *Planner*
- Carlos Hernandez, Fehr & Peers, *Transportation Planner*
- Ken Snyder, PlaceMatters, *CEO & President*
- Jason Lally, PlaceMatters, *Planning Technology Specialist*



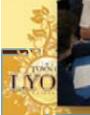
Why Update the Comprehensive Plan?

- Define Community priorities
- Town invested \$11 million in infrastructure to support projected population growth
- Olson property no longer available for mixed-use development
- Available land for new development becoming scarce
- Incorporate new residents' ideas into vision



Public Input

- Community Survey
- EnvisionIn' Lyons
- Community Values Workshop
- Tracking Our Futures Workshop
- Youth Input



Youth Input Activities

- Tracking Our Futures Workshop:
 - Mapping exercise with high school sophomores
 - Visioning exercise with youths under age 10
- Visioning and discussion with high school yearbook group
- Youth survey



Keypads



How do you know you're drinking too much coffee?

1. Every morning you go for a quick 47 mile jog 12%
2. Your aftershave is hazelnut and non-dairy creamer 6%
3. A Starbucks opened in your basement 13%
4. You average 80 blinks per minute 23%
5. You named your kids Tall, Grande and Venti 19%
6. Your last words before bypass surgery: tell Juan Valdez I love him 27%



Who's in the Room

How old are you?

1. Under 18 2%
2. 19-29 years 0%
3. 30-44 years 14%
4. 45-65 years 70%
5. Over 65 years 14%



How long have you lived in Lyons?

1. Less than one year 6%
2. Between 1 and 5 years 37%
3. Between 6 and 10 years 10%
4. Between 11 and 20 years 12%
5. More than 20 years 12%
6. I Live outside of Lyons 24%



Guiding Principles



What are Guiding Principles?

- Series of overarching themes that capture citizens' values and priorities.
- The Guiding Principles will guide the development of plan recommendations, i.e., the goals, objectives and actions in the Plan.
- The Guiding Principles will help to ensure that the planning and implementation process moves forward in a predictable manner and that the Plan remains consistent with the citizens' shared vision.
- The Guiding Principles will help us answer the question: "What should Lyons be in the future?"



How are Guiding Principles used in the planning process?

- Ideas that “measure up” will find a home in the plan
- Ideas that are in conflict will not



What We've Heard

“Protect the community’s quality of life while encouraging a vitality of commercial activity, providing for the stability of Town services and the tax revenue on which they depend and through public policy, enthusiastically support emerging technologies and philosophies of local sustainability.” -- Workshop 1

- Support local businesses
- Strengthen Lyons’ tax base
- Consider forming a special taxing district to fund improvements downtown and in the eastern corridor
- Spur commercial development in the eastern corridor that does not compete with downtown
- Highlight Lyons sandstone and historic buildings



Guiding Principle

Cultivate Innovation and Economic Diversity

- Spur reinvestment in downtown
- Attract green employers to the eastern corridor
- Implement the Economic Development Council’s Action Plan
- Build to create enduring beauty and value



Guiding Principle

Do you support the “Cultivate Innovation and Economic Diversity” Guiding Principle?

- | | | |
|----------|---|-----|
| 1. Yes |  | 71% |
| 2. Maybe |  | 25% |
| 3. No |  | 4% |



What We've Heard

- Local destinations are heavily used by citizens and visitors alike
- Tremendous support and success of local schools
- Diverse local group of artists, musicians and talented entrepreneurs
- Close to many large Front Range cities, Rocky Mountain National Park and National Forests



Guiding Principle

Capitalize on Lyons’ Assets

- Celebrate the river
- Promote the abundant opportunities to connect with nature through outdoor recreation and education
- Make the most of Lyons’ quality schools, artist and musician community and well-educated, passionate, involved citizenry
- Take advantage of Lyons’ proximity to Boulder, Longmont, Denver, Loveland, Fort Collins, Estes Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Arapahoe and Roosevelt National Forests



Guiding Principle

Do you support the “Capitalize on Lyons’ Assets” Guiding Principle?

- 1. Yes  94%
- 2. Maybe  6%
- 3. No  0%



What We’ve Heard

- High quality of life and community openness/acceptance of all people
- Access to recreation very important
- Citizens embrace the environment and want Lyons to “go green” and to become more sustainable
- Desire to promote diverse housing by allowing more density near downtown



What We’ve Heard

We in Lyons are dedicating our sustainability towards:

- Phasing out waste, phasing in composting, reuse and zero waste,
- Trading consuming for producing,
- Becoming carbon neutral,
- Connecting living systems.

Life cycle measurements (metrics) will track:

- The crossovers of our ailing and reviving economy to green businesses,
- Water usage and water quality, non-renewable and renewable energy,
- Money and parallel currency,
- Our ability to grow our food year round, eat and travel within 100 mile radius,
- Our mobility and ability to get around Lyons by foot or bike,
- Sending leveraged money out into the multinational community, and
- Reducing light and noise pollution.



Guiding Principle

Strive for a Healthy, Inclusive Community

- Encourage social networking, civic engagement, personal recreation, community involvement and other activities designed to create social bonds between individuals and groups
- Create a spirit of openness and opportunity for everyone
- Provide a diverse range of housing options (both ownership and rental) for all income levels
- Promote life-long learning
- Connect surrounding forests and open lands to parks, river, and natural areas to encourage biodiversity and healthy habitat
- Focus on protecting air, water and environmental quality and on reducing consumption of resources and waste
- Expand transportation options to reduce dependence on automobiles



Guiding Principle

Do you support the “Strive for a Healthy, Inclusive Community” Guiding Principle?

- 1. Yes  58%
- 2. Maybe  40%
- 3. No  2%



What We’ve Heard

- It’s a community priority to use tourism as a means to improve Lyons’ economy
- Lyons has an established reputation for its music festivals and special events such as Lyons Outdoor Games and Good Ol’ Days
- Historic buildings, historic walking tour and museum are valued
- Many people driving through Lyons do not realize everything it has to offer



Guiding Principle

Support and Expand Tourism

- Highlight Lyons' heritage, cultural opportunities, recreational offerings and natural resources
- Enhance Lyons' curb appeal: invest in gateways, landscaping, enforce codes
- Emphasize Lyons' destinations and activities
- Continue to support existing festivals and events while promoting new and diverse community activities that bring citizens and visitors together



Guiding Principle

Do you support the "Support and Expand Tourism" Guiding Principle?

- 1. Yes  87%
- 2. Maybe  11%
- 3. No  2%



What We've Heard

- Room for improvement: informing citizens, listening to citizens, supporting businesses
- Need to be more involved with Boulder County



Guiding Principle

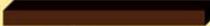
Catalyze Community Partnerships

- Forge public-private partnerships within Lyons and across Boulder County and the region to address common challenges and to take advantage of opportunities
- Foster a collaborative, proactive culture



Guiding Principle

Do you support the "Catalyze Community Partnerships" Guiding Principle?

- 1. Yes  75%
- 2. Maybe  21%
- 3. No  4%



Branding



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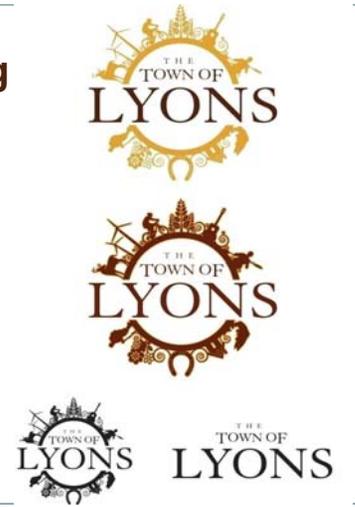
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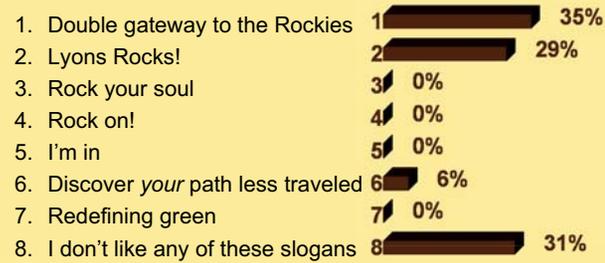
Branding

Which community logo do you want the Town to adopt?



Branding

Which community slogan do you want the Town to adopt?



Transportation

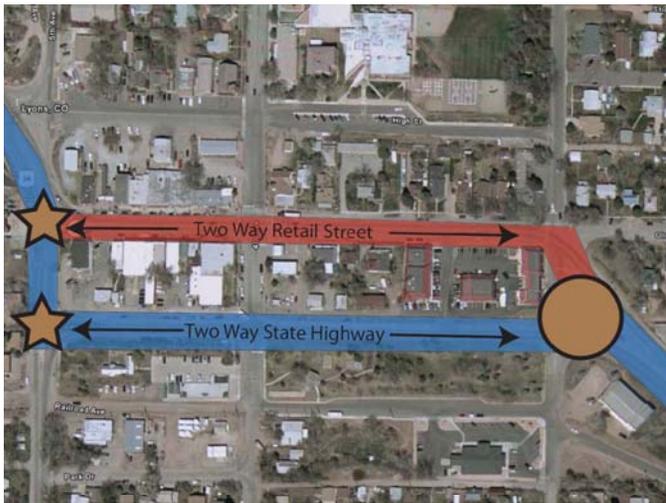
Policy #1: Manage and evaluate motor vehicle traffic

- Continue to monitor traffic growth rates and consider circulation alternatives.
- Calm traffic on specific streets and provide a well-connected street network.
- Use traffic signals, roundabouts, stop signs, when appropriate.
- Manage traffic during events to prevent accidents and major delays.

Motor Vehicle Circulation Standards

User Groups	Who is driving and where are they going?	Minimum Infrastructure Required	Current Level of Service (LOS)	Supporting Plans and Policies
Commuters originating in Lyons	Workers who are leaving homes in Lyons and traveling to other communities for employment	Arterial roadways and State highways that connect to adjacent communities	Arterial roadways operate at 35% of their maximum daily capacity during non-event days	Boulder County Comprehensive Plan CDOT State Highways Plan
Commuters and visitors originating in other communities	Workers who are traveling to Lyons for employment Workers who are traveling through Lyons for employment Visitors and tourists coming to Lyons for recreation, shopping, dining, concerts, etc.	Arterial roadways and State highways that connect to adjacent communities Public parking & event management		Boulder County Comprehensive Plan CDOT State Highways Plan Parking Ordinances
Local travelers	All trips that begin and end in Lyons for all purposes	Local roadway networks that are well connected		Transportation Chapter Lyons Comprehensive Plan





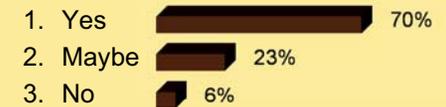
Motor Vehicle Circulation

1. Would it be acceptable to change the design of downtown streets if it resulted in more traffic delay?



Motor Vehicle Circulation

1. Would it be acceptable to create a commercial improvement district to fund the redesign of downtown streets?



Motor Vehicle Circulation

1. Would it be acceptable for the town to gain control of the downtown streets from CDOT if it resulted in higher property taxes?

- 1. Yes 28%
- 2. Maybe 21%
- 3. No 51%



Policy #2: Improve pedestrian mobility town-wide

- All street right-of-way will have context sensitive pedestrian improvements.
- Streets near schools should have highly visible design treatments and connect to adjacent neighborhoods.
- State highways should use at-grade and grade separated facilities as warranted



Pedestrian Mobility Standards

User Groups	Where are people walking?	Minimum Infrastructure Required	Condition of Current Infrastructure	Supporting Plans and Policies
Children	Schools Parks Bus Stops			Colorado Safe Routes to Schools Program
Teenagers	Schools Parks/Rec. Shopping Dining Neighbors Work Bus Stops	Sidewalks on both sides of street Intersection controls and striping	Major roadways have missing or inadequate sidewalks Basic pedestrian controls at major roadway intersections	
Young Adults	Parks/Rec. Shopping Dining Neighbors Work	Buffer between sidewalk and travel lanes when speeds exceed 25 M.P.H	Narrow (4') or missing sidewalks in residential neighborhoods	Parks, Open Space & Trails Master Plan
Adults	Parks/Rec. Shopping Dining Neighbors Work	Universally accessible & ADA supportive design	Minimal compliance with ADA	
Seniors	Parks/Rec. Shopping Dining Neighbors Bus Stops			



Pedestrian Mobility

1. Highest priority to spend tax dollars on pedestrian safety improvements?

- 1. McConnell Drive and US 66 62%
- 2. Main Street 27%
- 3. Other Locations (please note on maps) 12%



Policy #3: Continue to complete the bicycle network

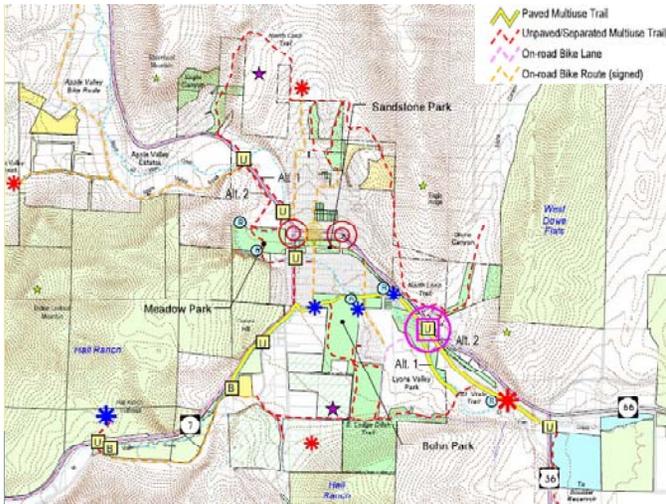
- Continue to implement the Trails Plan to create a integrated network of off and on-street trails.
- Crossings will be clearly marked or improved to underpasses to promote trail connectivity across US 36 and SH 66.
- Create a town-wide bicycle map for on and off road rides



Bicycle Transportation Standards

User Groups	Who is in this group?	Minimum Infrastructure Required	Condition of Current Infrastructure	Supporting Plans and Policies
Type A	Experienced bicyclists that are comfortable in a variety of settings	Bicycle route signage	Bicycle routes have been implemented	
Type B	Intermediate bicyclists that are comfortable in slow speed settings with minimal motor vehicle traffic	5' wide on-street bicycle lanes Off-street multi-use 12' wide trails	Some on-street bicycle lanes have been constructed Some off-street multi-use trails have been constructed	Parks, Open Space & Trails Master Plan
Type C	Beginning bicyclists and children that do not travel aside motor vehicles.	Off-street multi-use 12' wide trails 6' wide sidewalks (children only)	Some off-street multi-use trails have been constructed Sidewalks are incomplete	Parks, Open Space & Trails Master Plan Colorado Safe Routes to Schools Program





Bicycle Transportation

1. Highest priority to spend tax dollars on bicycle network connections?

- 1. Extend St. Vrain Trail to the east 75%
- 2. Build on-street bike lane in downtown 12%
- 3. Other connections (please note on maps) 14%



Policy #4: Plan for specialized transit service

- Transit service will be expanded to serve a wider range of users and focus on specific travel markets.
- Key employment and service destinations will be connected with efficient service.



Transit System Standards

User Groups	Who uses the service and where do they go?	Minimum Service Requirements	Status of Service Planning	Supporting Plans and Policies
Call & Ride Bus	Lyons residents traveling to any destination within Lyons or to Longmont	Shuttle bus with ADA accessibility, a hotline to schedule trips, and a bus dispatcher	Service is currently provided by Special Transit in Lyons 10:30 and 1:00 (T&F) Wed to Longmont (min 3 people)	Boulder County Transit Services Action Plan
Regional Bus Service (Y)	Lyons & Boulder residents traveling between the two communities	Regional bus with ADA accessibility and fixed route schedule	Service is currently provided 4 times daily by RTD	Boulder County Transit Services Action Plan RTD Operations Plan

What are the potential transit markets in Lyons?
Based on year 2000 U.S. Census journey to work travel data 6% of residents are beyond 65 years of age, 13% have a disability that may not allow them to drive, 7% of families live below the poverty line, approximately 4% of all dwelling units do not have a personal automobile, and 13% of commuters carpool for work. Each group represents a segment of the Lyons community that would benefit financially and physically from the introduction and improvement of local and regional transit service.



Transit Service Expansion

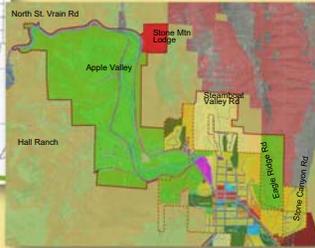
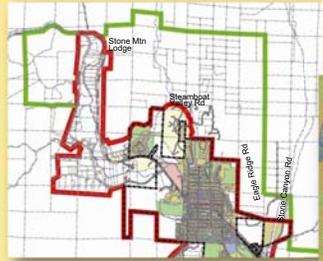
1. Highest priority to spend tax dollars on “service buy ups” for RTD routes?

- 1. More peak hour “Y” service to Boulder 69%
- 2. More “call and ride” service in town 4%
- 3. More “call and ride” service to Longmont 27%



Future Land Use





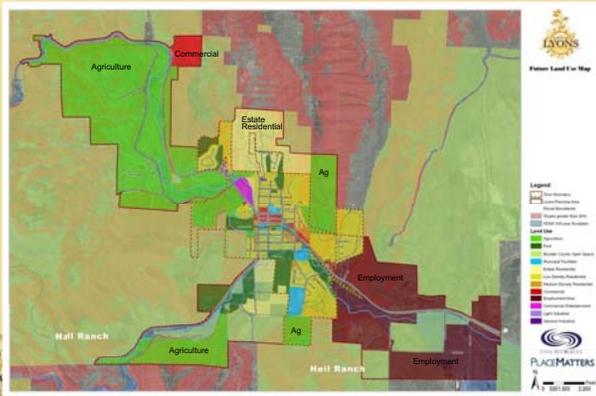
Land Uses

Do you support the proposed land uses and revised boundaries for the northwestern portion of Lyons' planning area?

1. Yes
2. Maybe
3. No



Land Uses



Land Uses

Do you support the proposed land uses and revised boundaries for the southeastern portion of Lyons' planning area?

1. Yes
2. Maybe
3. No

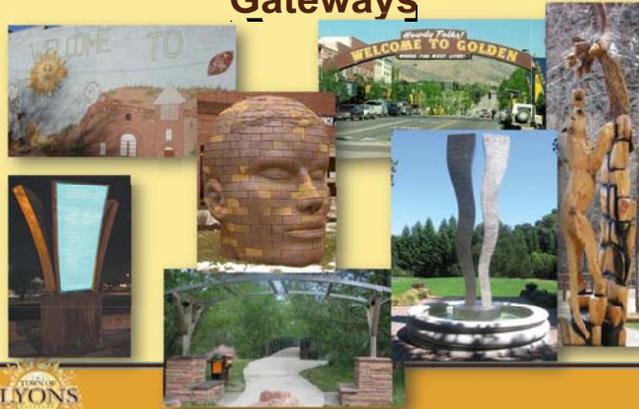
Gateways



Gateways



Gateways



Gateways

Do you support the gateway concept?

- 1. Yes  79%
- 2. Maybe  13%
- 3. No  8%



Connect to the River



Connect to the River



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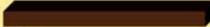


Connect to the River



Connect to the River

Do you support the connect to the river concept?

- 1. Yes  96%
- 2. Maybe  4%
- 3. No  0%



Destinations and Focal Points



Destinations and Focal Points

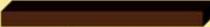


Destinations and Focal Points



Destinations and Focal Points

Do you support the destinations and focal points concept?

- 1. Yes  72%
- 2. Maybe  21%
- 3. No  8%



Role of Group Captain

- Keep your table focused, on task and on time
- Ensure everyone gets to participate (e.g., politely prevent one person from dominating the conversation)
- Ensure everyone treats each other with respect
- Help ensure accurate and clear capture of ideas

Role of Scribe

- Take neutral notes
- Capture ideas accurately
- Ask questions to clarify and make changes as needed

Ground Rules for Activity for All Group Members

- Listen thoughtfully and respectfully. Keep comments brief, one person speaks at a time
- Participate openly, honestly, respectfully, and civilly
- Ask questions to clarify, rather than convince
- Keep a problem-solving mindset!



Economic Development



Economy

Enhance downtown so community, recreation and commerce coalesce in a way to make Downtown a place where people really want to be.

- Investigate creative financing techniques to fund downtown improvements
- Exciting wayfinding signs
- Connect to river: visible from Downtown, Oskar Blues, Planet Bluegrass, major trailheads
- Attract additional outdoor recreation shops and services (kayaking equipment, outfitters, fly fishing guides)
- Improve trails and sidewalks to connect downtown with E corridor
- Increase frequency and locations of concerts and performances
- Encourage music camps, dance and art studios to attract people
- Streamline land use regulations if possible



Economic Development

Should the Town put on the next ballot a request to repeal the requirement of a citizen vote of approval for all annexations greater than 5 acres?

- 1. Yes  56%
- 2. Maybe  13%
- 3. No  31%



Economic Development

Should the Town use public art as a branding device?

- 1. Yes  72%
- 2. Maybe  28%
- 3. No  0%



Economic Development

Should the Town investigate the feasibility of relocating the library and/or Town Hall to a location where it can both strengthen downtown and enable the commercial area to expand toward the river?



Economic Development

Would you vote in favor of the community forming a new library district? (This will result in higher property taxes.)



Next Steps

- Online Collaboration on Planning Elements
- Stay tuned for the Draft Comprehensive Plan which will be available on the project website (www.iminlyons.org) and at Town Hall.

