NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO LARIMER COUNTY URBAN AREA STREET STANDARDS

Larimer County together with the cities of Loveland and Fort Collins are in the process of making technical revisions and corrections to portions of Chapter 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 4 (Transportation Impact Studies), Chapter 7 (Street Design and Technical Criteria), Chapter 8 (Intersections), Chapter 9 (Access Requirements & Design Criteria), Chapter 14 (Traffic Control Devices), Chapter 22 (Materials & Construction Specifications), Appendix I (Roundabout Design Manual) and the addition of new Appendix J (Bus Stop Design Guidelines), new Appendix K (Loveland Pavement Markings & Layout Standards), and Appendix L (Loveland Thermoplastic Standards) .

A brief summary of the changes is below:

Chapter 1 – *General Provisions*
A new brief section was added describing the implementation of Complete Streets. This section strengthens and reaffirms the need for considering Complete Streets within these standards.

Chapter 4 – *Transportation Impact Study*
Chapter 4 provides important guidance for the City and developers on how to assess impacts of development on traffic patterns and street infrastructure. The updates to Chapter 4 are intended to clarify the approach for conducting the required analysis. Also, in some cases newer national guidelines have been developed and this update brings the LCUASS language in alignment with these newer guidelines.

Chapter 7 – *Street Design and Technical Criteria*
Updates to Chapter 7 focused on fixing inconsistencies with current practices and incorporating recommendations from the Fort Collins 2014 Bicycle Master Plan. The Bicycle Master Plan recommended incorporating standards for buffered bike lanes and protected bike lanes. The street cross-sections have been updated to include these new bicycle facility types. Additionally, Chapter 7 includes updated reference to bus stop design guidelines that will be in a new Appendix J.

Chapter 8 – *Intersections*
The updates to Chapter 8 included minor text clarifications. The clarifications cleaned up confusion about lane alignments, angle of intersections and how to apply curb return radii.

Chapter 9 – *Access Requirements and Design Criteria*
Updates to Chapter 9 were primarily cleanup of text that were inconsistent or had changed since the last comprehensive update.

Chapter 14 – Traffic Control Devices
The updates to Chapter 16 include technical revisions and corrections so the LCUASS standards meet the current practices, equipment and materials currently used for Traffic Control Devices.

Chapter 16 – *Pedestrian Facilities Design and Technical Criteria*
The updates to Chapter 16 added a reference to bus stop design guidelines. These guidelines were adopted by Fort Collins City Council in 2014, and include more robust design standards for stops.

Chapter 22 -Materials & Construction Specifications
The updates to Chapter 16 include technical revisions and corrections so the LCUASS standards meet the current practices and materials currently used for traffic control signing and striping in roundabouts.

Appendix I -Roundabout Design Manual
The updates to Appendix I include technical revisions and corrections so the LCUASS standards meet the current practices and materials the City of Loveland currently uses for traffic control signing and striping.

New Appendix J: Bus Stop Design Standards and Guidelines
This appendix incorporates the newly adopted Bus Stop design standards and guidelines into the LCUASS. These guidelines provide detailed guidance for bus stop locations, bus stop types and amenities.

New Appendix K: Loveland Pavement Markings Layout Standards
This appendix incorporates Loveland Pavement Markings Layout Standards into the LCUASS. These standards provide detailed guidance for pavement marking layout in Loveland.

New Appendix L: Loveland Thermoplastic Standards
This appendix incorporates Loveland Thermoplastic Standards into the LCUASS. These standards provide detailed guidance for the dimensions of Thermoplastic in Loveland.