



Moving Fountain Forward is a City initiative to invest in the future of Fountain by funding:

- Specific capital improvement projects
- Ongoing maintenance of Fountain streets
- Continued transit services.

City Council is proposing three-quarters of a cent sales tax increase that will provide revenue to pay for much needed transportation projects. Two-thirds of the proposed tax will go to 10 specific Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and to enable the Public Works Department to perform street maintenance; one-third will be dedicated to providing public transportation services to residents of Fountain. If this measure passes, the Fountain City sales tax will be 3.75% and the total sales tax, including the State and County sales taxes, will be 7.65%.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP)

The proposed measure dedicates **0.35%**, or **\$560,000 per year** (\$5.6 million) to the following capital improvement projects for a period of ten years. After that time period this portion of the tax will sunset, reducing the tax to 0.4%

Duckwood-US 85 Intersection: The Mesa Road intersection and railroad crossing will be closed when the SH16/Mesa Ridge Parkway construction is completed. A new intersection and railroad crossing is proposed at Duckwood to provide east-west access between the highway and the east side of town. Estimated cost: \$1,300,000

C&S Connection to Duckwood/Mesa Road: When the Duckwood intersection is completed, extending and connecting C&S road to Mesa and Duckwood will expand access east and north from the new intersection. This will provide greatly improved access to area neighborhoods and better traffic flow. Estimated cost: \$1,000,000

Railroad Crossing Horn Quiet Zone and Safety Improvements: The sound of train horns will be greatly diminished and railroad crossings will be made safer when improvements are installed at multiple crossings in the City. Trains will no longer be required to blow their horns and the potential for train/vehicle accidents will be significantly reduced with the new safety equipment. Estimated cost: \$750,000

Comanche Village/US85 Intersection Improvements: US 85 will be widened and medians will be added. A traffic signal interconnected to the railroad crossing will make this a much safer and more travel friendly intersection.

Estimated cost: \$400,000

Fountain Mesa/C&S Intersection Improvements: This intersection has become busier as the Mesa Ridge shopping area has grown and more homes are being built on the Mesa. A traffic light will replace the four-way stop and part of the intersection will be widened.

Estimated cost: \$450,000

Ohio/Jimmy Camp Creek Intersection Improvements: Increased traffic from Fountain-Fort Carson High School and other area activity has created a real bottleneck at certain times of the day. Intersection improvements being considered will keep traffic moving through this intersection at peak hours.

Estimated cost: \$250,000

Carson Blvd/US85 Traffic Signal: A traffic light will make it much easier and safer to get onto or across US 85 at Carson Blvd.

Estimated cost: \$300,000

Monterey Way Improvements – Comanche Village to C&S Road: The Monterey Way connection between C&S Road and Comanche Village will be completed.

Estimated cost: \$500,000

ADA Sidewalk Corner Ramps: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires all cities to have a plan in place for installing ramps at intersection corners to create access for disabled persons unable to step off curbs. This measure provides a revenue stream to complete many of the required ramps.

Estimated funds available: \$400,000 over 10 years

Traffic Calming: Some drivers go way too fast on certain streets. Traffic calming measures will slow traffic down, making these streets safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians and neighborhoods quieter. Various calming measures are available for different types of streets, all of which will keep traffic moving at a steady pace.

Estimated funds available: \$250,000 over 10 years

MAINTENANCE

The public works budget will receive **0.15%** of the tax or **\$240,000 per year** to perform annual street resurfacing. Without this revenue, Fountain's streets would eventually deteriorate to the point that they would have to be rebuilt. This portion of the tax is permanent.

TRANSIT

Many residents in Fountain depend on public transportation to get to work, school, shopping and various appointments. The measure will dedicate **0.25%** of the tax, **\$400,000 per year**, to provide this service. It is important to integrate Fountain into the Pikes Peak and Front Range transportation systems in order to help Fountain progress in its efforts to become a green city.

**2009 Sales Tax Measure
Potential Street Improvements & Transit Service
June 8, 2009**

Estimated Cost	Project Description
\$1,300,000	Duckwood/SH85 Intersection Improvements - Replaces Mesa Rd
\$1,000,000	C&S Rd Connection to Duckwood/Syracuse
\$ 750,000	Railroad Crossing Horn Quiet Zone & Safety Improvements
\$ 400,000	Comanche Village/SH 85 Intersection Improvements
\$ 450,000	Fountain Mesa/C&S Intersection Improvements
\$ 250,000	Ohio/Jimmy Camp Intersection Improvements
\$ 300,000	Carson Blvd/SH 85 Traffic Signal
\$ 500,000	Monterey Way Improvements – Comanche Village to C&S Rd
\$ 400,000	ADA Sidewalk Corner Ramp Improvements
\$ 250,000	Traffic Calming – Various Locations
\$5,600,000	Subtotal Street CIP
= \$560,000	Assume 10-year CIP Implementation (0.35% Sales Tax)
\$ 240,000	Annual Street Resurfacing (0.15% Sales Tax)
\$ 400,000	Annual Transit Service (0.25% Sales Tax)
\$1,200,000	Total Street & Transit Tax Measure (0.75% Sales Tax)