

## I. INTRODUCTION

As a prominent community in Weld County, Colorado, the City of Evans has experienced significant growth in a county that is already considered one of the fastest growing counties in Colorado. The recent economic vitality of the area also affects Evans by continuing to exert pressures to develop. The City of Evans is linked to larger neighboring communities such as Greeley, and is affected by the growth of these communities as well. As a smaller community of approximately 15,000, Evans provides a unique opportunity for a smaller town lifestyle. It is this character that draws many residents to Evans.



### A. Purpose and Approach of the Plan

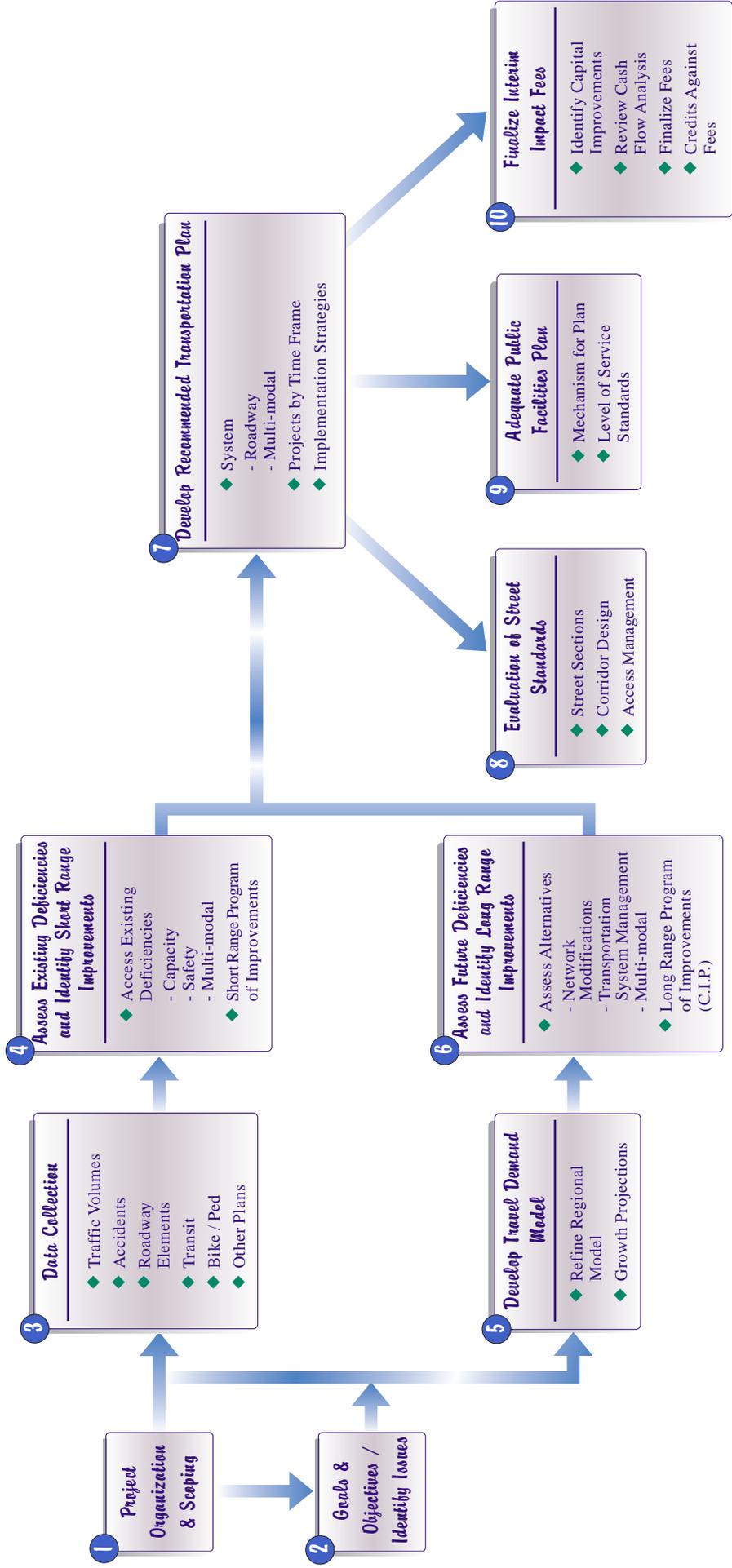
Transportation is a major component of community planning, and in response to the recent growth in the area, the City has chosen to update its Transportation Plan. This plan contains recommendations and guidelines for various areas of transportation planning. It contains a multi-modal network plan that is intended to accommodate projected growth through the year 2030, and it includes a list of projects that would be necessary to realize the plan. It also contains guidelines that would assist staff and policy makers in reviewing development and transportation improvements. It is also intended that this plan be flexible enough to accommodate future revisions and adjustments as conditions dictate.

The study for the Transportation Plan covers various elements of transportation including:

- ◆ Inventory of Existing Transportation Facilities
- ◆ Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- ◆ Street Network and Street Typical Sections
- ◆ Access Management and Traffic Calming Guidelines
- ◆ Travel Demand for the Year 2030
- ◆ Adequate Public Facilities Plan (APFP)
- ◆ Traffic Impact Fees (separate report)

Figure 1 depicts a flow chart of the sequence of the major work items comprising the project approach.

**City of Evans Transportation Plan  
CITY OF EVANS**



**11 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM**    **12 PROGRESS MEETINGS**

**Figure 1  
PROJECT APPROACH**

## B. Transportation Goals

Work sessions with staff, City Council, Planning Commission and the consultant were held to build and refine a set of transportation goals for this plan. Considerable thought and effort were put into developing the following Mission Statement and goals that accentuate the direction of this plan



**Mission Statement:** *Evans will have an efficient, safe transportation system that addresses current and future mobility needs, and balances dependency on the automobile with other means of travel, including transit, bicycle use and walking.*

### City of Evans Transportation Plan Goals

**1. To Ensure that Adequate Transportation Facilities will Serve New Development by:**

- Developing policies and guidelines for an Enhanced Adequate Public Facilities Plan
- Developing a permanent Street Impact Fee Ordinance

**2. To Support a Variety of Transportation Choices by:**

- Strengthening connectivity standards for sidewalks and bicycle lanes
- Providing Traffic Calming guidelines
- Establishing a Level of Service standard for pedestrian facilities
- Continuing to provide transit service in Evans, focusing on efforts to provide regional transit

**3. To Develop a Network of Continuous and Direct Streets, Walkways, and Bicycle Lanes by:**

- Evaluating Street Standards, and updating where applicable
- Planning for a crossing of the South Platte River along 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Supporting 37<sup>th</sup> Street (CR 54) and Two Rivers Parkway as regional transportation corridors
- Reserving right-of-way necessary for a planned continuous transportation system

#### 4. To Coordinate Long Range Land Use and Transportation Decisions by:

- Establishing a long term Transportation Improvements Program
- Developing Access Management criteria for Arterials, Collectors and Local streets
- Aggressively seeking appropriate sources of funding for transportation projects

### C. Community Outreach Program

An essential part of the Transportation Plan has been public participation. The community outreach program solicited public input via various means. Two public open houses were held in conjunction with Business After Hours. Approximately 50 to 75 people were in attendance and had an opportunity to review Transportation Plan materials, ask questions, and make comments.



A booth with various exhibits was established during Evans Day at City Park. Along with the materials, the public was encouraged to fill out a short

informal survey relating to transportation in the Evans area. Approximately 50 responses were received from a diverse cross section of residents. The following are some of the results of this survey:

#### Summary of Survey Results

##### How is Evans Traffic Congestion?

- ◆ Low congestion – 13 responses
- ◆ Medium congestion – 31 responses
- ◆ High congestion – 4 responses

##### Rating of the Importance of Transportation Modes in Evans

1. Automobile
2. Transit
3. Pedestrian
4. Bicycle



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## Important Evans Transportation Issues

### *Transit*

- Bus stop at Ashcroft Heights
- Better bus service
- Bus service is needed in Evans until 10 p.m.
- Public transportation/bus routes

### *Traffic Signals*

- "Timing" of traffic signals
- Traffic signals on US 85
- More traffic signals needed
- Traffic signal needed at 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue/Anchor (34<sup>th</sup> Street)

### *Bicycles*

- Bike lanes needed on streets
- More bike paths needed
- Roadway surfaces need improvement

### *Roadways*

- Roadways with no shoulders

### *Pedestrians*

- More walking trails needed
- More sidewalks

### *US 85*

- Concerns about access
- More turn lanes needed
- Traffic signal operations at 31<sup>st</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> Streets

In addition to public involvement, staff from neighboring communities were invited to specific progress meetings. Materials from work accomplished on the plan were distributed, with a focus on discussion of common transportation goals.