

Responses:

Fort Collins Community Member

As an alum and west Fort Collins community member, I enjoy going to Hughes and do not support an on-campus stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

"As a recent graduate of Colorado State, I owe a lot to the school and the community that has taken great pains to house it. Unfortunately to many disbelieving alum and administration at the school, I do not owe anything to the football team nor the new football coach. I owe my education to my peers, to the research that has garnered such an astounding reputation for Colorado State in the sciences and environmental fields, to the clubs that reached into their own pockets to provide an experience that is wonderfully unique to this school, and to the professors that took the time and effort to go out of their way to make me a better student. It is so upsetting that Colorado State feels the need to walk in the shadows of CU-Boulder where the stadium has only caused congestion and chaos for the city and emergency responders.

We cannot pretend to be something we are not, and we shouldn't (just for the sake of a new football coach that wants a prize). This IS NOT the way to encourage students to attend CSU nor to brand a new identity. We are a school of academics, nationally renowned veterinary students, and part of a community that continuously makes national headlines on the best place to raise a family and to start a business. We are part of a community, one that heavily disagrees with this stadium. It's a shame we feel they should have no say, and we should have no respect."

Colorado State Faculty

City of Fort Collins should have helped pay for an on-campus stadium decades ago.

Colorado State Alumni

"It'll cost 30million to keep Hughes functional without making it a nice stadium which will come from the General fund which is students tuition money because no one that donated money for an on campus stadium will donate to maintain Hughes.

Hughes is ranked #7 on worst ncaaf stadiums in the USA it needs to go. We can't wait another 35 years before a new stadium and waste money on it.

If we get a on campus stadium it needs to be done at once because it'll cause debates every time it comes up to add on to the new stadium. There will be classrooms in there as well so it benefits academics too.

If people are worried about traffic think of CU and how crammed it is there and they make it work so it definitely can at csu. Also it's six days a year of high traffic so it's not that bad.

I believe a that an on campus stadium with a partnership is the best option the the university. We've spent millions on other programs such as our business school, vet program, rec center, and student center so why can't we spend more on athletics which truly drives students to the university?"

Colorado State Alumni

Current stadium with updates

Colorado State Alumni

The phased approach is a well balanced compromise between being bold & being fiscally prudent...

Retired CSU Staff

If there is any way to raise the funds for the new stadium through Public-Private Partnership, I feel that this would be the optimum route for completing this major, on-campus construction. Donors who are waiting to commit big dollars want a complete project. I know the "Phase In" option may be more workable but I just think that pressing ahead NOW, with a complete stadium, is the right move. So many alums and CSU boosters are REALLY excited about the potential of an on-campus stadium and it's best to move forward with this idea while "the iron is hot". I've no doubt that the original design and on-campus placement of this facility would greatly enhance the beauty of our campus and link alumni, as well as the current student body and the public to the desirableness of attending Colorado State University. Bring alumni back to campus. It needs to be on display for ALL to see. Pride makes for better students and more connected alumni. Let's really be "Proud, to be, a CSU Ram"!

Colorado State Alumni

I think it is essential to not attempt an on campus stadium. There was a small amount of parking when I started there in 2004 and there is much less now. CSU is supposed to be a land grant university and the main reason I chose to go to CSU was all of the open space between buildings. It already looks much more like a cookie cutter university with all the new buildings and the new computer science building is a horrible eyesore on the plaza with architecture that doesnt even match anything on campus. It would also create a large problem for the Fort Collins community to build a stadium on the campus. It would gridlock traffic worse then already every game day. I also believe most non students would be much less likely to go to a game on campus due to the complexity of parking and long walking distances. There is tons of room to expand at the current stadium site and that should be the obvious place to rebuild or maintain.

Colorado State Alumni
Option 4!

Colorado State Alumni

I agree with making renovations to the current stadium. It is a great location.

Fort Collins Community Member

"Hats off to the staffers of CSU who are putting this effort together. We would like state our opposition to any pursuit of an on-campus stadium option for the following reasons:

1. The multiple costs of increased traffic congestion, resulting from the construction and use of a major new facility on the main campus, would include increased travel times on several major arteries, increased air pollution, decreased emergency services access and increased parking space requirements in the busiest part of town.
2. According to the CSU published study, the predicted acoustic noise levels generated will exceed city ordinance levels in many residential areas.
3. The location of the existing stadium at Hughes provides adequate parking, ample room for growth and allows most event traffic to bypass the residential and congested business areas of the city.
4. The main campus is surrounded by mature residential areas with established populations of faculty and other residents with no university affiliation. All have contributed to the success of Fort Collins as an attractive, highly productive city and many have expressed their opposition to the stadium project.

5. CSU has been promoted as an environmentally conscious organization, loudly proclaiming their "green" credentials to potential students and neighbors for decades. Abandoning an existing stadium facility and constructing a massive new concrete and steel facility are simply not consistent with these claims and policies.

6. CSU have not shown that the planned revenue bonds could be issued, insured or repaid successfully under existing Colorado law. As yet, they have not identified the events that could successfully generate the revenue necessary to repay such bonds. We believe that a failure of these bonds is probable and that the impact on the financial health of CSU could be disastrous.

7. The planned on-campus stadium height and size would be grossly incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood environment. Such a structure would permanently change the character of the city and diminish many of the qualities that have brought people here."

Colorado State Alumni

"As much as I love Hughes, there is no doubt that staying at Hughes is very detrimental to the long term success of our athletics department in general. If you want the alumni to come back and reconnect with CSU, build the stadium. If you want to settle for mediocrity, stay at Hughes. A \$500 million stadium at Hughes would do less for the university than a \$100 million stadium on campus. If you care about the alumni and want to receive donations for both academics and athletics, give us a reason to come back to campus. Give us a reason to be proud of our university and support it. If we are forced to remain at Hughes, don't invest any more money than necessary to maintain it, as anything beyond that is simply a waste. In addition to being an alumni of our university, I have been a resident of the City of Fort Collins for the last ten years.

Colorado State Student

Maki a new stadium doesn't make the football team better.

Colorado State Alumni

"In campus makes sense. Start building and keep fundraising in parallel. It will create so much excitement that people like me with 3 kids will want to start coming back to the campus and in turn my 3 kids will start to love csu for all the other reasons (and well buy much more logo gear while on campus of course for the 5 of us). I hear people talk about the boulder experiences like this.

How about we also have some run races end in the stadium and raise some money. Endless opportunities on campus.

As a side note I remember living across from campus and not wanting to drive to game, especially if had a drink. I feel like I missed out on some great games and csu community and culture experience. Put it on campus"

Colorado State Alumni

A stadium on campus seems inappropriate for the city. I am a FoCo native and love the stadium on the west end. What a great entry to the reservoir!

Colorado State Student

I believe that maintaining the current stadium (through option 1 or 2) is far better than building a new one. Our current campus does not have the space for a stadium, and in my experience, the majority of

the community in and around CSU is opposed to building a new stadium. Additionally, I believe that university funds are better allocated towards academic rather than athletic purposes, and that the ongoing stadium battle has gone on long enough.

Colorado State Alumni

As a young professional, I want to be able to look at any friend, co-worker, random stranger and have a sense of pride when it comes to Rams athletics. Not only be proud of our accomplishments on the field, but to be proud of the beauty of our campus. Although Hughes Stadium "slightly" fulfills the needs our football team requires, it has also become a financial burden on the students, facility, and tax payers alike. In the near future a 30 million dollar renovation of Hughes will be required. How is a good financial decision to invest that money into a stadium which was currently ranked the #7 worst football stadiums in NCAA division 1 football? Let's invest that money into something that will improve the value and athletic moral for many Rams to come! Let's move forward, Rams, and build to a bigger and brighter future!

Colorado State Alumni

The location is beautiful and has lots of space for tailgating. I think if our team would win more games then we'd be able to fill the stadium more.

Colorado State Alumni

Having been to games that have stadiums on campus, I think that having some distance between the stadium and the campus is a positive thing. It allows for ample space for parking and tailgating, without irritating the neighbors. The current Hughes is so-so. Let's really invest in it and make it wonderful!

Colorado State Alumni

It is part of Rams history.

Fort Collins Community Member

Seems like the best option. Is it not one of CSU's goals to get into a FBS conference? Phasing the build doesn't seem to do much for that goal. Getting into an FBS conference will guarantee CSU millions more in tv revenue, alone. Build it and they will come.

Colorado State Alumni

"Option 1: Not an option. Rammies have more pride than to keep using this stadium. It was old went I attended CSU, and I graduated in 1986.

Option 2: Worse than option 1. Trying to build onto an existing facility will cause more problems than it solves. The foundation and underlying infrastructure has served its purpose. I think the cost overruns associated with numerous unforeseen problems in the existing facility.

Option 3: This option requires extensive fund raising and a commitment from local government. Forces CSU assume almost all of the risk of the project while potentially having to settle for a second best option with the additional risk of later phases not being funded.

Option 4: The best option. This provide CSU with the best facilities while being able to amortize the risk over a long period of time. I think the fund raising commitment will be nearly the same as option3, but we end getting a better facility sooner. (Set high goals, Expect great things). Furthermore, CSU is a

school. The primary effort of nearly all of the CSU staff should be focused on education and research. A private party partner will manage the facility and allow CSU to focus on academics.

Finally, I remember when A-B was trying to build the brewery in Ft. Collins. Many local people were very concerned about such a big company coming in and upsetting the way of life in Ft. Collins. From my perspective, the brewery has been a great addition to the area. A-B is a great corporate citizen and cannot be ignored when talking about the beer industry in Ft. Collins (not to mention the new degree programs). If done properly, a new stadium can become an excellent benefactor for the city of Ft. Collins."

2nd gen alum who is a Ft. Collins native
It's time.

Colorado State Alumni
To quote the only movie that can make any grown man cry (Field of Dreams), "If you build it, they will come."

Colorado State Alumni
On-Campus is a must

Parent of CSU Student
The current location of Hughes Stadium is fine. It is close enough to campus and provides a beautiful mountain setting along with ample space and parking. The space for tailgating and festivities is fun and the ease of parking is a life saver for us. I believe that if the stadium is moved to an on campus location it will be too congested and put more pressure on already stressed road and pedestrian/bicycle traffic. Safety would be a concern. I assume a multi level parking garage would be necessary and I believe it would be unsightly. I can't imagine how you can fit a huge stadium and the needed parking in an on campus location and think the outcome would be negative for the beautiful campus. My vote is to leave Hughes Stadium in its current location in "as is" condition or improve it so it is an A+ stadium but don't move it on campus. Having two students at CUS, the cost is already high (even for in state students) so keeping the cost down with no additional student fees or charges is important in my opinion.

Colorado State Student
PLEASE DO NOT BUILD A NEW STADIUM ON CAMPUS!

Colorado State Student
"As a 5th year senior student who has played both a varsity and club sport at CSU I realize the potential impact of an on campus stadium. Across the nation all the great academic institutions such as Alabama, Boise State, Wisconsin have great football programs. They also are recognized as elite universities and maintain the highest reputation across all categories of a university. People are concerned an on campus stadium will take away from academics and focus on athletics. While an on campus stadium will surely elevate the standing of athletics, the university will also elevate along side the athletics. I believe that a solid athletic program and a top tier academic program go hand in hand and that is exactly what an on campus stadium will help accomplish. As an athlete nothing sends chills down your body more than walking onto the field of a top facility with thousands of screaming fans there for you.
As an economics student, the economic benefits both the town and the university will gain are innumerable. I feel more alumni will want to come up on game day, more students willing to come, and more members of the community will attend.

In conclusion I believe that an on campus stadium is the best option for this great university if we intend to continue elevating our status among the greats. The benefits of this stadium greatly outweigh the negatives."

Fort Collins Community Member

I believe it should stay where it's at. But it does need improvement, I enjoy going to the games.

Colorado State Alumni

Hughes 2050 is awesome! My family and I have been going out to Hughes since I was an undergrad in 1990. Our family has had season tickets since 1969. We love the atmosphere at Hughes where we all tailgate together- young, old, families. There is no segregation of alumni or donors. It is a community feel that would be unachievable with an on campus stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

After reading the four proposed plans for the football stadium I believe that the third option is the best option for the future of not only the CSU football program but for the school as well. As stated in the overview of the 3rd option the stadium can be used for multiple sports (which will generate extra revenue) which Hughes Stadium doesn't do as well as serve as a large meeting place for events such as RAM Welcome and Spring Graduations. The new stadium will help the improving football team bring in better recruits as in this era of Division 1 football stadiums and athletic facilities play a crucial role in bringing good players to CSU. High quality players aren't going to want to attend a school with a stadium that is at the same condition or worse condition than the stadiums that they play at in high school. A good football team will help the school bring in more revenue not only through ticket sales and concession sales but through apparel sales. Also a good football team that is constantly in the news will help spread the name of CSU which will help bring in more students to the school. Aside from the football team the stadium as previously stated could be used for our other sports teams such as our Lacrosse teams which (both mens and women's) have won club level National Championships in the past few years and deserves a better facility to show their talents than the intramural fields and other teams such as our soccer team would also benefit from improved facilities. The new stadium will cost a lot of money yes but it will eventually pay for itself through ticket sales and concession sales. Colorado State is well known for its research and academic success and the new stadium will help put CSU on par athletically with this academic success.

Colorado State Alumni

"An on campus stadium is a RIDICULOUS idea that will NEVER work. The on-campus option has absolutely little to no parking at all. On game day, the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses are going to be overrun with cars because of the lack of parking. All this will lead to is a lot of upset local residents and business owners who have to put up with rowdy (and/or) drunk students and the problems that will inevitably cause.

The argument that an on campus stadium will attract better talent and make us more competitive is a tired, invalid argument. ""If you build it, he will come"" only works in Hollywood....sorry, that argument is a fantasy! College football favors the power 5 conferences and the Mountain West will always be left out. Unless we decide to join the SEC, the ACC, etc. we will NEVER be taken seriously and we will never attract top talent since prime high school players will always tend to sign with power 5 conference schools.

Another so-called ""advantage"" of an on campus stadium is that attendance will increase because it will be more accessible to students and it will draw more people from surrounding communities since they will want to stick around and have lunch or dinner in Ft. Collins. Again, this argument is invalid. Students, regardless of where the stadium is, are not going to attend if they don't want to. CU has an on campus stadium and it is RARELY sold out. CU has an on campus stadium and tell me the last time CU football was relevant? NEVER! A so-called ""co-national championship"", over 20 years ago means nothing! Ever try to get out of Boulder after a game or other major event? It's an absolute joke! You're stuck on side streets for hours! It took us over an hour to get out of parking from the Coors Events Center and that was just for my daughters high school graduation! Also, the distance to olde town ft. Collins is not significantly farther from Hughes. People are going to be attracted to olde town, regardless of where the stadium is located. You also hear complaints about how far Hughes is from the campus. Seriously? It's only a few miles to Hughes and there are numerous options for on campus students to get to Hughes. Again, a tired argument.

The ONLY option that makes sense is to keep the stadium at the existing site, whether it be a renovation of the existing stadium or the Hughes 2050 project. Hughes has plenty of parking, something an on campus stadium will NEVER have! The parking on campus will be nothing but a total joke! Part of the attraction of the existing site is that there is so much room for tailgating, something that will not be available on campus. Plus, it's easy to get in and out of the parking at Hughes, something that will never take place at an on campus site. All you're doing is duplicating the Folsom Field fiasco!

An on campus stadium is nothing but a fantasy that will NEVER work and will be a financial disaster. The proposed parking scheme is ridiculous and is totally unreasonable and puts the burden on local businesses and residents. An on campus stadium will not attract top talent with the current NCAA ""power 5"" conference structure. The Mountain West is irrelevant. The location will not matter to on campus students. See earlier CU reference.

Please do the right thing and forget about the ridiculous idea of an on campus stadium. It won't work!!"

Colorado State Alumni

There is NO room on campus for a stadium (and all the infrastructure that it would require, i.e. parking). Additionally, it would be a huge LOSS of the open-concept campus that has made CSU what it is today. A stadium would ruin campus life by adding chaos at every home game. When football is in its off-season, the campus views and openness would be lost on a structure solely built for one purpose. Hughes Stadium is an experience all to itself - a place to gather, a place to tailgate, a destination that is steeped in tradition, a stadium that is near the "A".

Colorado State Faculty

best option: option 2

Colorado State Alumni

Build it. Now.

Colorado State Student

General/Other Option 3 would be the best option for this university for both athletics and academics. Upgrading Hughes would be a complete waste of money. No matter how well Hughes is designed, it can not create enough excitement for CSU to be worth while. Hughes is too far off campus for a stadium if we want the program to become one of the best in the nation. Students don't want to come play for a

school where the stadium doesn't meet standards and fans can't fill the stadium. If we don't build a new stadium we are settling for being just okay and that is not what this university is about. The Mountain West lacks far behind the power 5 conferences. If the stadium doesn't get built there is no chance for CSU to move up into one of the power 5 conferences. If the new stadium is built and the football team continues to perform the way it is performing right now and competes for Mountain West championships, then there is a chance that CSU can move into one of these power 5 conferences. If a new stadium was built on campus the university would thrive both academically and athletically. The stadium would bring a lot more funding opportunities to the university and a lot more excitement for current students, fans, and possible recruits. Better recruits means better athletics. If our athletic program is one of the best in the country that would bring nationwide advertisement for CSU increasing enrollment and making CSU one of the better academic programs in the country. Option 3 is best option because it is the best financial option between option 3 and option 4. Updating Hughes is not an option. If this university wants to be the best in all categories, we need to build an on campus stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

"Option 1 really is not an option. Option 3 is the best choice in my opinion, followed by Option 4 and then Option 2. I can't understand why folks don't understand that a solid football program will bring more money, notoriety, more students, and ultimately more money to the institution. Do we want to grow as a university? If so, bring forward a solid football program (see Boise State, TCU, etc.) As a university, do we want to grow into something solid in Ft. Collins, or do we want to continue to watch others pass us by? NOW is the time to move forward.

I'm tired of being CU's little brother. We are capable of better. Keep on pushing Dr. Frank."

Colorado State Alumni

I wish we would quit spending so much time on this issue. Maintain the stadium we have and move on.

Colorado State Alumni

As a proud alumnus of CSU, I would be thrilled to see CSU build an on-campus stadium. Given the current condition of Hughes, changing collegiate landscape, and needs of the university, I think a new stadium is the best option. I look forward to attending games in the new stadium!

Colorado State Alumni

Option 1: Maintain Hughes Stadium

Why is this a required field?

Colorado State Alumni

General/Other Unless a new tradition of a car/bus/bike/walk convoy can be established that starts at CSU and travels en masse to CSU for festivities (kind of like a multi-vehicle type Tour de Fat) - Hughes will never feel like an exciting venue with ties to CSU and the community. So my vote is for an on-campus stadium. I live near CSU and fully support the upgrade.

Colorado State Alumni

Please keep the stadium in it's current location. It is a one of a kind stadium built into the foothills. I am from Pennsylvania and when people would visit for football games they always loved the stadium and it's location. If you put it on campus it will be just like every other stadium in the country. I was on student government in 1999. We had set up a bus system to get people from campus to Hughes. Is that still happening?

Colorado State Alumni

It is imperative that the new stadium is built and that it is done right. Investment in athletics (and most importantly football) is crucial to the national reputation of the university.

Colorado State Alumni

Hughes is too far removed from Campus. I believe the atmosphere of a stadium on campus would be electric. There would be more student attendance at football games to help create a pumped up atmosphere. The CSU Football program is recovering and on the rise again. An on-campus stadium would also help with the total package that CSU can offer recruits and new students. Let's strive to be the best in the state, and leave CU in the dust. Go Rams!

Colorado State Alumni

"Maintain what you have.

If you build a new stadium, someone will be back in 30 years to want another new one because it won't be maintained.

It is time for all levels and types of government to change their modus operandi and maintain what they build."

Colorado State Student

On campus stadium would be amazing and although Hughes is awesome, the on campus experience will be so much better. Plus it would attract more athletes as well as a better class of athletes. Or sports facilities are lacking and based on facilities, I would choose cu over csu. Csu needs to step it up.

Colorado State Alumni

"Has there been any consideration of commercial growth by the current site or more uses of current site (concerts, etc.). If there were bars/restaurants/hotels near the stadium it may draw more out of town folks (not sure what zoning restrictions are). Have more free transportation options from campus for students so they have easy and safe access to get to and from the games. Allow for longer tailgating options at Hughes--Allow for folks to come at anytime on game day and stay after the game (much like the SEC).

While the on-campus stadium would be exciting and much closer to Old Town, would on-campus tailgating be allowed? I would hate to lose that tradition as it allows for my friends and family to get together each year as a part of our season tickets/football experience. Also not sure what the traffic implications would be with the stadium being on-campus (a slight concern)."

Colorado State Alumni

If you're not going to build a new stadium you might as well drop football! Go big or go home. We need to compete with the big boys and we need to recruit top players and a stadium does just that. CU is only going to get better and our students and alumni hate playing little brother. Make the bold move!

Colorado State Alumni

I think the stadium is a necessity for our University going forward. We must make a strong push to get invited into a power 5 conference in order to remain relevant in athletics. Having a stadium that is ranked near the bottom of the FBS is a detriment to achieving this goal. Those who understand the important of athletics also understand the fact that the stadium would be have a major impact on advancing our Football program, which in turn has a ripple effect throughout all the sports programs.

We have a hidden gem here that people need to know about and athletics is that window for potential students to see this great University/Campus/City.

Colorado State Alumni

"Is option makes the most sense to me as a recent csu graduate. The phased on campus plan allows csu to maintain control of the stadium and ultimately allowing more of the student body to benefit from it. It is also more economical option with growth possibilities in the future which can be tailored to the current needs later on. Overall I feel that this option is the best for the university and student body alike, generating revenue for the university and creating facilities that can be enjoyed by more students outside of the athletic environment.

Fort Collins Community Member

"I am a parent of a former CSU Ram Football player and enjoyed many games at Hughes Stadium. It is in the most beautiful enviroment and a perfect place for the noise and excitement of a football game. I am now a resident of Fort Collins and can see first hand all the improvements that have been made to the Stadium and Parking areas. I say put your money into continuing to improve Hughes Stadium and forget about shoehorning a new Stadium into an area that, in my oppinion, does not have room for it!! I am fortunate enough to live on the outskirts of town so a new Stadium will not affect me to the same degree as the poor residents who will have to put up with the huge enviromental intrusion on a daily basis."

Colorado State Alumni

As a CSU alumni and a season ticket holder I would love to be on campus for games!

Colorado State Student

I think public-private partnership model should be discussed with private players interested in such kind of association Why P3 Might work? The reason is simple, public (i.e. we) have some money and private sector brings in excess finance for the project with an aim to complete the project with sharing of revenues. It will be an wonderful opportunity for CSU to start a new kind of project delivery which is P3 and it might make more sense if the private players agree at all. I'm a construction management masters student and my probable thesis topic is related to P3.

Out-of-state Community Member

Not needed. The Div 1 sports world, at least football, has changed. CSU should drop back in level and scale back. Focus on what matters and the other sports. There is no way the revenue is generated to support a lot of revenue bonds.

Colorado State Alumni

The goal of CSU should be to strive for excellence in every thing that they do. This includes athletics. If Hughes Stadium were to be maintained or revamped, it would still look poorly on our university and it would doom CSU football and probably athletics, to a lifetime of mediocrity for various reasons. As an Alumni of the University I believe this should be the universities number 1 priority. Without athletics CSU will always be a mediocre university, when we should be considered a great one. Whether its fair or not, universities are judged by everything they do, not just academics.

Colorado State Alumni

I am strongly in favor of option 4. An on-campus, multi-purpose facility that will immediately boost the athletic and academic standing of CSU - not only for football, but for other emerging outdoor sports like

lacrosse, soccer, track & field, or who-knows-what in the future. Find a way to capture the enthusiasm and get 'er done!

Colorado State Student

I enjoy getting off of campus for the games. It is like a mini vacation and makes for a good atmosphere away from the stress of school and homework

Colorado State Alumni

"This needs to be done and done properly or we will be lost in the high revenue world that is college football. You have made great steps in the right direction by hiring the right people in the athletic dept. DO NOT let that go to waste.

-MW"

Colorado State Student

Option 3 is the best option for the future of our university for both athletics and academics. Hughes is very outdated and putting money into Hughes is really wasting our finances. Hughes will never generate enough money and enough excitement for our university to become what we want it to be athletically and in academics. Building a new stadium on campus creates way more options for our university. The mountain west is lacking far behind the power 5 conferences and a new on campus stadium gives us the opportunity to join a power5 conference. The new stadium would be great for recruiting student athletes to boost our athletic program. A thriving athletic program increases interest in the school from students all over the country making it a great chance that our academic program would increase too. This is the best case financially for us too. The new stadium would bring in funds that we do not see today and it would help Fort Collins thrive too.

Parent of CSU Student

In light of the ASTRONOMICAL tuition/room and board hikes of the past decade we BEG the Board of Regents and Mr. Frank to maintain the perfectly functional stadium currently in use west of campus. CSU DOES NOT NEED to invest precious funds in a boondoggle of this nature! Use available funds (if any) to raise wages of adjunct faculty currently working on campus.

Colorado State Alumni

The stadium needs to be updated or built new to keep up with other universities and to provide for the ram culture. I am always a big supporter of public-private partnerships because they lessen the burden on just one party. It would also help keep the cost of tuition down. I was an out of state student and graduated in 2005 with over \$90,000.00 in student loans. I would not want to see future out of state students have to carry the burden of essentially funding the new stadium. I am still so proud to be a Ram and want to see future students from all over the country have the same amazing experiences that I had.

Colorado State Alumni

Keeping Hughes stadium in it's present location beneath the beautiful mountains makes sense to me. I like the thoughts of improving it for use for the next four decades. One item I do not understand within the context of CSU being a 'green university' is why there is a discussion of asphalt for a portion or any of the parking? I live on the ridge overlooking the stadium and fully understand how much and how often the stadium is used. The green space is beautiful and having had season tickets in the past, had no difficulty parking on the grass and tailgating with other fans. If asphalt is put down it will need to be

maintained and repaired more than I would think the existing parking areas need currently. Let's keep with being as green as we possibly can be. No additional asphalt!

Colorado State Alumni

I hope to see an on campus stadium to get us up to the same level as other programs and hopefully move into a bigger conference.

Colorado State Student

Short and simple, to be relevant as an athletic organization we need an on campus stadium. The phased option gives us the opportunity to do this at the cheapest immediate cost. We currently don't have the strongest fan support in the nation, so by building the necessities first and allowing our support to grow. Once our fanship has grown to the point where we need the next phase, then that phase will come. This will not only be a less risky investment by being lower dollar, but it gives a faster approach which would allow more time to sustain the investment for the last phase.

Colorado State Alumni

One of the biggest disappointments for me was realized just 4 years ago. I had been season ticket holder for multiple sports for 13 years now. In 2002 I move from Denver to live in Montana. For 9 years I attended two to three football home games and 3 to 4 basketball games. In 7 of those years I never saw the campus. It was up Prospect to the Stadium then to my hotel or to Old Town with friends. I flat couldn't believe how much the campus had changed when I saw it again three years ago. Only development directors from the Business School go me re-involved in the campus. Since then I have pledged to support my business school with more vigor then ever. This school deserves it and it is time for an on campus stadium. The alumni who will be asked in greater amounts in the future deserve to keep in touch with their campus. The OCS is how that happens. 125 to 150 million should be able to build it.

Parent of CSU Student

I do not think a stadium on campus is a good idea.

Colorado State Alumni

I think an On-Campus Stadium is essential to keeping CSU relevant as a major university in the West. As President Frank stated, athletics are all about the visibility of the University which helps attract the best and the brightest students and faculty. For years we've been the "red-headed step child" to CU. A lot of that has to do with Athletics. If one were to compare the 2 universities academically I think you'd find that CSU comes out in most cases superior to CU. However, because of our mediocre athletic program and facilities, the impression is that CU is the Top University in the state by a large margin. CU is "Big Time" while CSU is "quaint"...the same can be said of our stadiums. With an on-campus stadium we can start changing that impression. Hughes was fine in it's day but let's get real - to any potential recruit it looks like a 50 year old bleacher filled piece of concrete that you'd think was part of a "Shared Use" agreement with the local county fair. Even with upgrades, structural work, etc, it still doesn't project a "winning" image of our great university. As the saying goes, "You can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig".

Colorado State Alumni

Option 2 by far is the best option in this situation. Option 1 might as well be doing nothing at all and option 4 we can't even afford and we'd have to rely on private funding, sounds like a nightmare. Option 3 allows for improvements to be made that need to be updated on the stadium we have as well keep

insane traffic off campus. Starting a stadium from scratch in the middle of campus (or on nearby new property) is not only insanely expensive, and intrusive traffic-wise, but honestly just doesn't make any sense. What on earth do you plan to do with the old stadium? Spend more money demolishing it? Let it sit there and house homeless people as it slowly rots away?? Not to mention sound pollution. The last thing I want to bother with when at the library is the sound of thousands of fans screaming their heads off. I honestly don't know why building a new stadium is even an option. If you need a place to put money, but the physics building better bathrooms.

Colorado State Student

We should do whatever we can, within reason, to get an on campus stadium.

Colorado State Student

It needs to be built!

Colorado State Alumni

On campus stadium. Hughes is an old boat, money pit. And im pretty sure will all the summer events in Fort, people can deal with 8 home games a year. Traffic is a drag in this town anyway, students then dint have to drive. Snd the test of us can figure it out.

staff and alumni

Hughes is a great game day experience

Colorado State Alumni

"The only two viable options are 3 and 4. Personally, I would prefer 4. I would also add though that building only a 36K stadium is not enough. That should have been done in the 60s. If CSU really wants to increase visibility and profitability and compete with the ""big boys"" then I would build quickly and larger than 36K. You can ""market"" the game later, and the seats will fill up with a beautiful stadium and quality (or at least improving) team. I'm not a fan of the BCS or the ""arms race"" going on in college sports, but the fact is we are in danger of being left behind or even of shutting down the program as a result. This would undoubtedly make SOSH happy. Regarding them, I would not take anything they say too seriously. They want input and consultation about everything and think you need their ""permission"" to do anything. I believe that they and their attitudes are a lot of the reason that CSU is where it is now. And this--they are not fans. At all. They won't go to the new stadium--maybe--but they won't go to Hughes either, even if it is fixed up. They don't go now.

I have publicly supported the stadium online but have no info about fundraising or any of that. I am kind of wondering what the delay is. I am looking forward to it, and have publicly promised to attend at least the first game in the new stadium even though I am out of state. Looking forward to that too."

former student

On campus would be an overall boost to lots of programs and the students would love it. I would also be much more excited for yearly trips to this facility. I would also assume maintain be would be easier and more cost effective.

Colorado State Alumni

If a stadium was built on campus, I would most likely attend a game or two per year. Plus the development of an on campus facility will allow for other events, such as concerts, soccer games, etc. to

be held on campus. This is a great idea and should be truly considered to improve the overall experience for students, alumni and the folks of Ft. Collins,

Colorado State Alumni

"It is hard for me to believe as a former Construction Management graduate (M.S. 1984) that the difference in the estimates between the upgraded Hughes Stadium vs. an On-Campus Stadium are not greater. There would be much more demolition involved in the On-Campus Stadium and greater Infrastructure costs. This would be on top of the Structure itself. General Condition costs would also be higher for the On-campus stadium due to the ongoing campus and community activities that would have to be accomadated. It is very hard to believe that these costs are being presented as so close.

I also find the inflation factor to be questionable for Option #1 For Option #2 it states that the cost could be \$149 MM to \$209 MM. This \$60 MM difference is 40 % of the lower cost. It is difficult to do a proper analysis without better information. The same would go for Option #3. How long would the phase construction go on for. Has inflation been accounted for in these estimates. Also the summary notes that soft costs would be reduced. For phase construction, soft costs are greater - not reduced. Option #4 is also very difficult to analyse without knowing what the agreement would look like.

I have lived all over the country and went to football games at stadiums at several Division I facilities. From the top of Division I (Florida State, LSU, Ohio State) to smaller venues (Bowling Green, South ALabama, Fresno State, Army (West Point). I am aware of the shortcomings with Hughes Stadium but as has been researched and outlined in Options #1 and #2, these can be overcome and upgraded. I always thought that Hughes was a very attractive stadium and could be brought up to the 21st century standards and could be equal or better than peer institutions. It is much nicer than Bowling Green where I recieved my BS degree. CSU should not try to match Florida State, Florida, Ohio State, etc. These are not peer institutions when it comes to football. But CSU can be a leader in football as compared to other Mountain West, MAC, Conference USA, Sun Belt, and American Athletic Conference institutions playing at an upgraded Hughes Stadium. Go Rams!!"

Colorado State Student

BUILD THE STADIUM NOW!

Colorado State Alumni

I like the plan of keeping the stadium off campus, so it does not disrupt students or create more on campus traffic issues.

Community Member

This keeps an elegant look while allowing the CSU Rams and University to grow.

Colorado State Alumni

I think we need an on-campus stadium, however we can accomplish that. It is a revitalization of the CSU community that is much needed, and it would most definitely increase attendance by students, regardless of the skill level or ranking of the team.

State Alumni

N/A

Colorado State Alumni

If CSU wants any kind of football presents nationally, they have to build an on-campus stadium. I have not been to a game in 5 years. The reason for that is the product on the field and the stadium itself. The product on the field has improved greatly. I have enjoyed watching the team and will come up to Ft. Collins, from Denver, to watch a game later this year. I am bringing some friends and feel embarrassed at what Hughes has become. There are nicer high school stadiums in the state than Hughes. The amount of money needed to make it into a respectable venue are better spent on a stadium that will increase student involvement. Also, like it or not, football can lead a university into the national spotlight and will help in all other areas. I am a teacher and understand that desire for more money to be spent on academics; however, the culture as it is will reward those who understand how to pull in talent from around the country. Football gives the opportunity more than any other investment. I hope the board and the president will make the correct decision and build that stadium ASAP. In addition, when the next conference realignment happens, CSU, I hope will be in the conversation to be moved into a major conference. As stated above, this will help to shine the light on the wonderful place CSU and Ft. Collins is.

Colorado State Staff

"I am both an Alumni and a full time staff member (for nearly 10 years). I've only ever been to one CSU Football game, and that was down in Denver at Mile High. Hughes is a concrete dust bowl from a bygone era. The CSU Homecoming Parade is awesome on campus: community, alumni, students, and staff can be together on our great campus and enjoy it. Why dump money into an off-campus dirt lot that, if successful, literally drives everyone away from CSU? It needs to be on campus, it needs to be excellent, and whether you like it or not, football excellence drives awareness, and awareness drives applications, and applications drive enrollment, and enrollment drives education. Ergo, football drives education.

I plan on attending my second-ever CSU football game in a new stadium, on campus.

Colorado State Alumni

Go Hughes for a better environment, parking an tradition

Colorado State Alumni

It may be better financially to take the hit up front and not be tied to a long term contract with a third party. Sometimes to win big there has to be risk involved. I believe that this could be a very controlled risk. When is the real fundraising going to start for this project? CSU should leave the dark ages and be a leader, and just get it done. Go Rams!

Colorado State Staff

"First and foremost, I want to thank President Frank for his thoughtful and visionary leadership during this critical time for Colorado State University. We are fortunate to have such a committed and transparent leader who sees far beyond his own tenure for the benefit of the university and the community. Thank you, President Frank.

Secondly, I believe strongly in building an On-Campus Stadium for CSU as a central gathering place for the University. The stadium is not just about football as it can represent all types of programs, events, and opportunities to connect. CSU and Fort Collins are fortunate to have a strong and healthy town-gown relationship. Given the close ties between the two and the fact that the University is the primary contributor to the town's economy in terms of jobs, visitors, and more, Fort Collins and its businesses should help support an initiative that will benefit the entire region.

Thank you, again, for your consideration and leadership.

Colorado State Alumni

"I personally like this option due to the following reasons:

-when I was a student and many times after while attending the games I thoroughly enjoy the location of the field. It allows anyone to enjoy the ""outdoors"" rather than being in the city.

-I completely agree that it needs updating, so if you are going to do it then do it right by doing this option rather than the first option.

-I am not sure if this would be going away if the stadium was on campus but enjoying a beer while at the game is much nicer than going to boulder and only getting soda...plus its more revenue.

-Having traffic on the outskirts of town (overland) is so much nicer to sit through instead of creating traffic on college, prospect, shields and possibly laurel which would be an absolute nightmare to even come close to.

All in all as an alumni and current/forever resident of this amazing city I think we should keep some of CSU originality by keeping the stadium in the same location with updates.

Thank you for your time!"

Colorado State Student

Only concern would be traffic in the middle of town during game day

Fort Collins Community Member

Hughes Stadium is located in a picture perfect environment. \$40-\$50M in updates would go a long way. You may find more donations by involving and working closer with the city and people in your own backyard. Good luck!

Colorado State Alumni

"I support option 4. I think when the university and private business come together, there is an opportunity for unique collaboration that draws on the strengths of both sectors. My only input is to be sure the process is very transparent to avoid any PR issues."

Colorado State Alumni

I'm Alumni and community member

Colorado State Alumni

"Hughes is part of what has always made CSU great. We don't need to be like other colleges. We need to be uniquely ourselves. Especially if being like others means squeezing a stadium into an already crowded campus and city center.

I would happily give money to a HUGHES campaign if offered."

Colorado State Staff

Go with Hughes 2050 the city would appreciate it more than on campus

Parent of CSU Student

A Stadium on campus would take away for the students experience. Its not about football its about the student getting a great education. Don't put all the money into the stadium use it for scholarships.

Colorado State Alumni

Without a new stadium, CSU will never reach its lofty ambitions.

Colorado State Student

It is unnecessary to spend money on an on-campus stadium when there are many options students can take to transport to Hughes stadium safely. Why not just upgrade Hughes and save a ton of money on other projects such as the squeaky chairs in almost every classroom?

Colorado State Alumni

"The only way for CSU to advance as a university us to build an on campus stadium. The football team drives revenue that contributes to many of the programs asst CSU. An on campus stadium will add interest to the football team. If the program can once again become a winning program, that will also add to the interest in the program. All of these are pluses that will then draw the attraction of a larger, stronger conference. This will also result in increased interest and as a result, increased revenue. Look to the future not the past (Hughes). I am interested in season tickets, but if the new stadium is not built I will not be attending games.

the future, not the past."

Colorado State Student

"Personally I do not see the need of a new stadium.

To begin with, the university doesn't have a top level football team. Even if the purpose is to get more new talent, I don't see building a new stadium as a main factor that athletes will be attracted to. I believe improving existing training facilities is the best way to gather talent.

Furthermore, our miniature campus is already an extremely crowded campus. With that little parking spots and roads, how should we project traffic on game days to be like? By blocking Shields and Laurel and College and Prospect? If a stadium is to be built, where should it be built?

Lastly, I have to mention this - I believe funds can be used elsewhere with much better outcomes. To me and a lot of our peers, scholarships are some of the biggest help we can use. As a student with a consistent GPA of 3.97+, I cannot stress how frustrated I am to not receive a single scholarship so far. I am very sure there are many students alike. Why not use the fund to compensate for tuition, attract better faculties, offer more financial aid? Academics is the foundation of a university, and especially as a not-for-profit university, why does CSU not put in the full effort to improve academics?

As an international student on campus for 3 years, I believe a lot of renovations are done to attract new students, residents, non-residents, and international students alike. Rankings will always be the no. 1 factor the best students consider when going to college. If we rise higher in academic rankings rather than athletic rankings, I believe more talents will be attracted to CSU."

Colorado State Alumni

Please seek to make improvements to Hughes. It's a unique and great location already and putting a new stadium on campus will be detrimental to the entire University.

Colorado State Alumni

I am in full support of the on-campus stadium going with option 3 or 4. I wanted to let you know that I believe an on-campus stadium is essential for the future success of Colorado State University. With the changing landscape of college athletics Colorado State University must make a commitment to get into the game and conversation or risk being allocated to a place of insignificance. Student athletes play a major role in representing our university to the community and ultimately the nation. I believe an on-campus stadium will enhance our athletic footprint nationwide and give us the opportunity to get into the new landscape that is rapidly evolving in college athletics. Secondly, I believe the ability to be on-campus to attend the game is of great advantage to the school, community, alumni and fans. As an example my family enjoyed being able to walk from my daughters dorm room to Moby and watch our Rams play UNLV in basketball. We then made an easy trip to old town and enjoyed the evening. We talk about the challenge of increasing attendance at football games and I could only imagine that an on-campus stadium would enhance the on-campus experience and thus increase attendance. Of course if we are fortunate enough to gain entry into a bigger conference the names associated with those conferences coming to our new on-campus stadium would also enhance attendance. The reality is the success of our student athletes on the field is as much a source of pride for students and alumni as is the academic recognitions we receive. Lastly, the success of our athletic programs will increase our admissions. I believe the CSU-Pueblo campus just announced a record increase in admissions and partly credits the increase in athletic offerings. I am confident that the once the on-campus stadium is built it will increase revenues and allow the university to enhance its sports offerings thus generating more interest from athletes across the nation to consider choosing Colorado State University as their destination. CSU raised a large sum to upgrade academic facilities. It is time for us to make the same commitment to athletics. I believe it is a commitment that will greatly benefit CSU and I fully support the endeavor of building an on-campus stadium. Like I was told as a young boy by my father, if we continue to do what we are already doing we will only get what we already have. Let's dream big '-----

Colorado State Faculty

"I strongly favor Option 1 and am not convinced that the impact on our general budget would necessarily be greater than the other options. If we really need a substantially expanded stadium in the future, option 2 would be my second choice.

Aside from cost, my primary reasons for favoring retention of Hughes stadium is that it already exists, has worked well enough for the past few decades, and the on-campus space that would be required for and to accommodate an on-campus stadium is much too valuable to be wasted on a very limited-use facility rather than reserving it for current uses and future academic and research expansion.

Further-more, options 2-4 are projected to be funded primarily by ""revenue bonds"" which assume far more fan attendance (or willingness to pay substantially more for already excessively expensive tickets) than at our current Hughes stadium venue. Surely fan attendance for options 2-4 will not be that much greater than is currently experienced at Hughes stadium (and which would also increase with a growing CSU and Fort Collins population, especially when the team is more competitive). If attendance at a half dozen football games a year can generate enough revenue for over \$100,000 in revenue bonds for options 2-4, why not enough to cover all the far lesser costs for option 1, even if fewer fans might attend.

If, as in option 4, a stadium might be able to provide sufficient additional revenue-generating uses by private partners (P-3), what might those uses be and why couldn't the university use or lease either an

on-campus stadium or Hughes for similar purposes or events? If P-3 would work for an on-campus stadium, why not for Hughes via either options 1 or 2?

Other sporting or entertainment events suggested for use by an on-campus stadium could also be accommodated at Hughes, perhaps with special continuous game-day transportation to and from main-campus and Max (an extension of Around-the-Horn transport, or perhaps in the not too distant future an east-west or circle-city Max that would serve that same purpose). Going a step further, we could "team-up" with our local high schools, regional adult sports teams, and outdoor entertainment planners, to make Hughes a true community rather than just CSU facility? For high school games (or other outdoor events) likely to attract many more fans than the stands at their own football or soccer fields can accommodate, why not share our stadium?

Finally, if an on-campus stadium is built, what happens to Hughes stadium? Nowhere have I seen this question addressed (my apologies if I've overlooked it). Costs for the demolition of Hughes stadium, or it's conversion for other uses, could be substantial and need to be included in the budgets for options 3 and 4."

Colorado State Alumni

It baffles me how many people are against an on campus stadium. To me, it is a the obvious choice for many reasons. I would be much more likely to fly back to Colorado to go to games, we could look more attractive to the power 5, and recruiting would improve, etc.

Parent of CSU Student

I totally disagree with having a new stadium on campus in any form. The university's main focus should be on academics and space on campus should be devoted to future acadmic expansion -- classrooms, labs, dorms, housing or other academic uses. Parking is already a huge issue on campus, which would only be made worse on game days. I'm 100% supportive of a stadium -- new or renovated - in the current Hughes location. The location there is iconic - Rocky Mountains in background, huge A displayed, no parking issues, outside of town thus less disruptions to campus and Fort Collins. I would gladly donate to an off-campus stadium.

Colorado Community Member

CSU needs to push through whatever resistance their is to building this stadium and get it done. Hughes is an embarrassing joke and I don't see how any rational person could argue that a new stadium is not needed. An on-campus stadium would engage the student body and community to support the program and it would highlight the campus. I live in Denver and would consider purchasing season tickets at the new stadium but would never consider purchasing tickets at Hughes. Get it done!

Colorado State Alumni

I believe that this is the best option for the university. Hughes is a great stadium. It allows for ample amounts of parking as well. Putting a stadium on campus will cause problems with people that attend the campus on a regular basis. With construction, students and staff on foot, on bicycles, and in vehicles, it is hard to maintain a good flow of all the traffic. With a stadium being put on campus i believe this will just cause more of a headache. I think with Hughes 2050 we should add more transportation to the stadium from campus.

Colorado State Alumni

I like the idea of improving Hughes and keeping it where it is, i love the tailgating possibilities and parking out there but moving it on campus provides so many added benefits right away as well as in the future. Being able to show prospective students, athletes and donors the stadium without having to drive for 15 minutes outside of campus will increase the overall value of the school. Not to mention, with the stadium on campus, the attendance will sky rocket, even though a lot of the residents of Fort Collins thing that it will just be a nuisance. For freshman to be able to walk to the games, or upperclassman able to walk (as many live near campus) this will make it so much easier to get to and from the games. As someone who worked in sports for multiple years its simple to understand; more students will bring a better and louder environment at the game, which will influence more people to purchase season tickets and thus drive higher payer sponsors to want to be a part of the stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

"I believe option 2 is the best option for the school and the city. Building a stadium on campus would break up the exceptional wide open fields that I enjoyed so much while I attended CSU. For the sake of current and future CSU Rams, I believe the stadium should be kept where Hughes stadium stands now.

I do still believe the current stadium is dated, however, which is why I support 'Option 2.'"

Colorado State Student

"Option 1: this is Ideal for me

Option 2: this is also an appropriate course of action

Option 3 and 4: I find crowding the campus would be very detrimental to student wellness and there are many safety concerns when the stadium is in use. The road infrastructure is inadequate for the flow of traffic as the campus currently is. Adding a sports stadium will make traffic a nightmare to students and community members who need these roads. Hughes is in a good location because it diverts game-day traffic and overall rowdiness far from the functional parts of Fort Collins. Furthermore, massive construction projects on campus impede easy access to class rooms and housing. This can directly affect academic success and adds stress to already stressed students."

Colorado State Alumni

"Option 2 costs just ad much ad either of these, and I want my school to considered a true fbs school. Better recruits +better facilities = more alumni support.

A new stadium continues to be the best option long term."

Spouse of Alumni and Colorado Community Member

"We plan to purchase season tickets for the 2015 season. Knowing that a new stadium built on campus in the future would secure those plans.

GO RAMS!"

Colorado State Alumni

"I have always thought that CSU should have a campus stadium. Even going back to my time as a student at CSU (1996-2000), when the football program was a perennial top 25 team and conference power, there seemed to be a lack of local enthusiasm and spirit behind the team. I have been to very few games over the years where the attendance at Hughes Stadium was near capacity. I really think that a campus stadium would help bring some much needed enthusiasm and pride to the program, that is necessary for CSU to remain relevant in relation to the FBS world. The possible opportunities to enhance the game day fan experience with a stadium on campus are exciting. Watching college game

day pregame shows on TV, you see programs that have campus stadiums that provide opportunities for unique traditions, etc. that are a huge part of what college football is about.

I believe that building a football stadium on CSU's campus is vital to the football program's long term success, which in turn benefits the entire university by raising our national profile."

Colorado State Alumni

We need the stadium on campus. Better for all. CU games are much more fun to attend than going to Hughes stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

"Hughes supports a great game day experience. If you consider the costs to maintain or renew or improve Hughes span over the next decade or more, it is by far the least costly option, while keeping a great facility. It is disingenuous to suggest that annual maintenance costs are an upfront cost such as in the other options. Plus the University has gone out of its way to dissuade this option by deferring maintenance and telling possible donors half-truths. Present this option in an honest way and donors will appear along with community support.

I am an alum, donor, volunteer and supporter of CSU, as well as a community member."

Colorado State Alumni

Renew hughes

Colorado State Alumni

It makes no sense to pump money in Hughes Stadium. Love the memories I made there, but let's be honest, it's a sub-par stadium. Why try to preserve it until it's nearly 100 years old when we can get a brand new state of the art stadium right on campus. Parking might be tough, but it has to be assumed majority of the attendees will be within walking distance of the stadium. It's also a great selling point for both athletes and students looking to attend CSU.

Colorado State Alumni

I would love to see an on campus stadium. Not only would it be great for our school but for all businesses in the surrounding area. This is something we need to make happen.

Colorado State Alumni

All or nothing.

Parent of CSU Student

"Don't ruin the green space that gives peace and serenity . Use our hard earned \$ to improve academics and technology.

A new stadium is a waste of \$"

Colorado State Student

It makes going to games a lot funner and a lot easier. More students would be more likely to go. Also, knocking down the old stadium provides opportunities for apartments or even another extension of campus to be built. The new stadium will be beautiful and will offer the opportunity of greater competition and even more likely to get better players.

Colorado State Alumni

This is the best common ground option. I truly believe an on campus stadium will help with recruiting, both athletically and academically. It will bring more awareness to CSU nationally and help make us a better school in the long run.

Colorado State Alumni

Also a FC community member and highly likely a parent of a CSU student in 2016

Colorado State Student

"Who can say they have a stadium that hugs the foothills?
Fewer complaints about noise, drunken people and parking
A new stadium will not make our football team better"

Colorado State Alumni

Build it right the first time.

Colorado State Student

I think an on-campus stadium would help our university become an even more premier University no longer in just academics but also in athletics

Colorado State Alumni

"I believe option two allows CSU to hold onto the tradition of going out to Hughes Stadium. We will still be the Rams under the A. It's a beautiful area for tailgating and holds so many memories for both new and long standing alumni. I want future Rams to carry the memories as well, as it's apart of the CSU experience.

I believe option 2 also allows the campus to keep improving, and keep up with 21st century expectations. It brings in the modern feel and architecture to our old stomping grounds.

I am 2012 CSU Liberal Art School graduate. I've had the pleasure to watch CSU grow in recent years, and am nothing but proud. I would love to see an idea along the lines of option 2 take place."

Colorado State Alumni

Building this is what is best for CSU, Option 4

Colorado State Student

The stadium is needed on campus! Attendance for football games would go up, and CSU spirit would as well.

Colorado State Alumni

"Having only graduated only in 2012, I know that CSU's football culture is very low. Hughes is very empty during every game. We need to improve the stadium, improve the experience, more shops, more variety.

I think the University needs to be VERY conscious about the building, groups, and areas that they would be affecting with this stadium, and work with all groups on a one on one basis first and foremost. My sororities chapter house was in danger of being demolished, and invaded by drunk college kids. That will not happen. However, if the University cared about all groups as much as they care about the horribly-performing football team and this whole thing was handled with more care, then more people would have been on board.

Fort Collins is too small to be ruined by a gigantic stadium. Let's just make that loud and clear."

Colorado State Alumni

The fact that Hughes is set in the mountains makes the stadium beautiful. Don't take away that uniqueness from our campus. There's nothing wrong with a remodel but I don't think it should move to On campus. Our campus is beautiful as is.

Colorado State Alumni

Hughes has great tailgating, and is a great venue. If CSU is looking to spend money, lets dump that money back into making CSU affordable as tuition has more than doubled in the last 13 years, that is not cool.

Colorado State Alumni

Best option!

Colorado State Alumni

CSU really needs an on campus stadium. You would get a great fan base and more revenue would come.

Colorado State Alumni

I believe all of the following schools have more national recognition than CSU: Boise State, Oklahoma State, Kansas State, Mississippi State, Oregon State, San Diego State, NORTH DAKOTA STATE, Northern Illinois, Iowa State. I believe CSU has a superior offerings in academics, location and community. Holding all other things equal, without recognition, CSU will not be considered by out-of-state students, faculty and investors (studies, philanthropy, etc.). There's a reason why you see CU apparel worn in every single state. People think highly of Colorado - especially the young and informed - and that's their way of associating with the state. CSU is missing out on more opportunities than a Coloradan is capable of recognizing.

Colorado State Alumni

"Please get this stadium put on campus. My biggest regret during my time at CSU was not choosing a university with an on campus stadium. The buzz on campus during the back to back NCAA tournament appearances for the basketball team were the two best semesters of my academic career. I can't imagine it would have been that way had Moby been located 3 miles from campus. I've been dreaming of an on campus stadium at CSU since attending my first Rams game in 2002 during the height of the Sonny Lubick era. BE BOLD! If CSU decides to keep/maintain Hughes, I can say with the ultimate assurance, my collegiate athletic allegiance will head to Boulder, where they're investing in athletic facilities because it's obvious they understand the importance of competing in an ever increasing competitive landscape that not only is collegiate athletics but University recognition throughout the nation. I was embarrassed when I watched the Boston College-CSU game and the announcers referred to CSU as the Buffs on several occasions. If you want people in the national landscape to respect and know the Colorado State name, you've got to take it by the proverbial horns. Once again, BE BOLD! Or get left in the dust.

Colorado State Student

Option 1 and 2 are the best options for CSU to incorporate into our campus. Option 3 and 4 would simply make the campus too crowded and take up too much space. Hughes Stadium is an important part of the CSU tradition and it should not be abandoned.

Colorado State Student

Option four is the best option to generate better game attendance and greater school spirit. As a cheerleader for the school, this would be a dream come true. But, lacking a partnership, option 2 would be the best fallback.

Colorado State Alumni

I love the atmosphere of tailgating along the mountainside looking up at the A. I am a recent grad and feel an on campus stadium would be nice, but isn't CSU. CSU's football and tailgating experience is unlike any other and I am proud of that. We live in a beautiful city and being able to enjoy it in ram game days is great. It makes us stand out and ultimately, made my college experience at CSU.

Colorado State Alumni

It's a lot easier to get support while the team is good. Do it now when people are willing to support athletics. I missed many games as a student due to lack of transportation options to Hughes. On-campus stadium would have been nice and convenient.

Colorado State Alumni

I would like an on-campus stadium built. Option 4 sounds better than option 3.

Colorado State Staff

"Even more than renovating Hughes to get us to 2050, I'd be all for completely razing Hughes and building the new stadium, as envisioned in Options 3 & 4, on the site of Hughes. The foothills location is beautiful and dramatic and THERE, it just makes sense to utilize that space with a state of the art stadium. The impact on the City of Fort Collins would be limited, but CSU would get a NEW stadium.

I just think there's no point to having a brand new stadium on campus when we've got the space already to the west of us. But I do think a brand new stadium is desperately needed!"

Fort Collins Community Member

One other option that I haven't seen: Build the new stadium in the parking lot at Hughes. Once completed, Hughes would be torn down to restore the parking capacity to its current size. When I have mentioned this as an option to friends, everyone has agreed it would be better than trying to build it on campus for a variety of reasons.

Colorado Community Member

It is the right thing to do for the future of CSU. The university will get a return on this investment and stay competitive with other academic institutions around the country.

Colorado State Alumni

I am a former student athlete at CSU and the parent of a current CSU student. I strongly urge President Franks and the Board of Governors to move forward with urgency on developing the stadium on campus.

Colorado State Alumni

"I think Hughes Stadium is a wonderful location (and stadium) to play high level D.I football. We do not need a stadium on the main campus, why put such an expensive and non-needed stadium on our main campus? Also, I'm a big supporter of the football team and attend numerous games each year (I was even at the New Mexico Bowl game in December, 2013). Let's not make the mistake of putting multi-million dollar stadiums over the beauty of our campus.

Fort Collins Community Member

"Hard to pick the first one, but been a Fort Collins resident for the past 7 consecutive years, off and on for the past 25, attended CSU as undergrad, and currently in the MBA program. As a undergrad going to Hughes was fun, with tailgating, hanging with friends, etc...and the football was OK, Earl Bruce days and then Sonny. With that said over these past 7 years, I've been to only 2 games, but have watched and listened to 100% of them. Why don't I go? The time it takes to get in and out of Hughes being off campus and through the city, and once there, facility conditions are bad...I will never take my kids to the rest rooms for example. My best friend (from CSU) and I have made it a mission to visit as many stadiums as we can...and the only one I can really compare Hughes to is the Rose Bowl. All other visits have been to on campus stadiums including UNC in Greeley...who saw a huge increase in attendance by moving it on campus...and the old one was only a couple blocks away, and not in sight. I went to UNC my freshman year and what happened at 2:00 on Fridays...kids went home and didn't go to the Saturday game...that has changed.

Having an on campus stadium from my view would increase student volume at games, increase CSU awareness...visitors would be walking through our incredible campus, vs driving down Drake or Prospect. Walking as seeing the facilities, buildings and culture...driving increased interest academic programs. Let's show off CSU!

When it comes down to it, academic programs will always be strong here...but remember a bulk of the collegiate experience is what you experience, not learn...and this experience isn't just for the student, but for the community...I hope someday I can hop on my bike and attend all of these games in person...vs TV. The increased revenues will also be great...for old town, mid town and the surrounding areas. Now when I talk to folks that live in Denver that come to games...their mode is to leave early, beat the traffic at Hughes and eat in Loveland...Let's keep the revenues here, increase our student interest in CSU programs (athletic and academic), and let's create a community that is passionate about everything we have to offer....Let's get the new stadium built... Just go visit University of Washington, Lincoln, Austin, and yes even Boulder if you want to see how this impacts the community...

Thanks for the time and the ramble.

Colorado State Alumni

Just from a safety standpoint, CSU needs an on-campus stadium that is easier to access and that doesn't require as much travel as Hughes.

Colorado State Alumni

"My family has a rich history at CSU. My great uncle was Dr. Charles A. Lory. I know that there used to be a stadium on campus. My dad used to climb a tree outside it to watch the football games. Hughes was built because there was not enough room in town for a stadium. Hughes was packed with students when my brother attended school there. Hughes was packed with students when I attended there. Hughes has been a fabulous venue for state marching competitions. The location is amazing being at the foot of the "A". Hughes needs updated yes, but Hughes needs to be kept as CSU's stadium.

Thank you!"

Colorado State Alumni

"I'm on the Boston Ram Network Alumni board. I've always been a supporter of a new, on campus stadium. It was great to be at the Boston College game a few weeks ago! Lot's of green and gold representing. Why does a new stadium matter? Because keeping our football team relevant matters. Why? Ask anyone in New England about Colorado State University and they will reference what they know of our football or basketball programs most likely. In a part of the country dominated by some of the best higher education schools in the country, we are at least a bleep on the radar, due in part to our athletics going out and representing our university. If you want out-of-state students to attend, then they need to know about us. Maybe seeing a Ram team play or watching a commercial about the University during a televised game will be the seed that prompts an application to be filled out and sent in.

A better football program helps build alumni networks. This is a fact. Our watch parties are our biggest alumni events every year. A stronger alumni network means more donations, more out-of-state applicants, and more job networking for grads.

Colorado State Alumni

"My wife and I are alumni, 2000 (me) and 2002 (Dr. Bridget Brown), we have also been season ticket holders since we returned to Northern Colorado (past 3 seasons). I will say that the tailgating experience at Hughes is great, but a lot of that stems from our undergraduate experiences (nostalgic). I like that there is space to grill, play cornhole or Jenga, toss a ball around, and drink some beers. However the rest of the experience is sub par. Each time I enter Hughes through the South entrance I see the massive cracks with the concrete stairs, I see the abundance of concrete everywhere. Then I look at the new buildings all over campus, the beautiful stacked stone architecture...very few buildings that are all concrete bomb shelter looking structures.

I really like the idea of using the new on campus stadium as potential class rooms for Exercise Sport Science classes, possibly student athlete dorms, and student athlete study rooms. I think we can make it more than just a football stadium that is used 8 times a year. I see it as classrooms, living areas, restaurants, places to hang out and study. I think when it is approached this way, suddenly there is vibrancy and excitement to the project. That's why I don't think you can phase any of it in, I think you go for the big score. I think you get the amenities that the upper level donors seek, you get the classroom and dorm space that parents seek, and I think you get the pulse and the buzz that alumni seek. Here is an observation, I was walking around the CSU tailgating area at the Rocky Mountain Showdown this year. The scene was just crazy, it was packed shoulder to shoulder with Ram fans excited about the game, grills and tents set up everywhere. It was a blast. Now take a look at the tailgating for UC Davis and Tulsa recently. Yes it is enjoyable, and I know many people are nostalgic Alumni like myself and my wife, but the energy is clearly different. That's why I think if CSU were to build this grand new facade, bring up all those Denver Alumni and fans to truly partake in the EXPERIENCE of the new stadium, then you would really have something. At the end of the day at Hughes you are left in an unpaved field, with nothing to do but try to assess the fastest route out of town. Build them something that will keep them here, something that will excite the fan base beyond what our awesome team is doing on the field. I think it's what a lot of alumni crave, and I feel like it is a long time overdue.

Now do you mortgage the universities future for this? No. But I don't think you have to, the big time university donors had agreed to donate roughly \$70 million in the stadiums fundraising campaigns. That was, from my understanding, the "big fish", open up the donation process to Alumni and I can see a lot more money being contributed. I know I was on the phones the next day, after the announcement of a fund raising campaign for a new stadium, trying to donate my money for the cause. I can't be the only one, there has to be thousands out there like me willing to donate for the cause. But realistically the "small fish" can't cover the remaining money, which is why I think the P3 option is the way to go. Look at your basic homeowner, I love my house but could I afford to write a check for the whole thing? No, so I have a partnership with my bank. Look at how we as Americans finance our lives, for better or worse we are in partnerships with lenders for school, cars, credit cards, everything! I don't see how this is different for the new Stadium. Come to an agreement that both sides can live with and build the stadium as it should be built. Not some scaled back version, not refreshing Hughes, but the Full Monty, the whole enchilada. Make it something that fans will clamor to, make it something our student athletes will be proud of, and make it something that the community can rally behind.

I know that if you had a dollar for every time you are about to hear this you could pay for this stadium upfront out of your own funds, but "If you build it they will come" really is an apt phrase for this project. I believe in it, and I think it really is in the best interest for my beloved university. My kids are 10 and 8 and I can't tell you how many times I have taken them past Parmelee Hall where I used to live, past the biology building where Mommy got her start in medicine, past the lagoon and the student center. I can easily see meeting them after the big game for dinner when they are Rams in their own right. I really don't want to give my daughter a hug and kiss goodbye in a dusty weed infested field. Make this stadium happen, and know that a significant base of alumni are standing behind you 100% on it!

Fort Collins Community Member

I think an on- field stadium would bring revenue to the college as well as to the city as a whole. Most schools have an on field stadium, so it is also necessary for recruiting.

Colorado State Student

"Anything BUT a new stadium on Campus. Campus is awesome how it is. Getting rid of the greenhouses/orchard is far from "green." A lot of people bike right by that spot on campus to get to class, no one wants to have to deal with that construction for over a year.

The location of Hughes is great, keeps traffic out, and is in a beautiful location.

With that being said, I know VERY few people that are actually for a new stadium. NO ONE WANTS A NEW STADIUM!!!"

Colorado State Alumni

"If a single teacher is laid-off, or another faculty position is not-renewed once they retire, or there is a SINGLE impact to the quality of education, which should be the focus, at CSU, then a new stadium shouldn't be built.

You want to be smart about it? Spend the hundreds of millions that it will take to build a stadium (Likely with much of it coming straight out of my taxes as FoCo homeowner) on starting a light rail from Campus to the current stadium, which will continue to promote CSU as one of the greenest universities in the nation, will be a better investment for the community, and will demonstrate a true progressivism, as opposed to wasting hundreds of millions to replace a perfectly good facility."

Colorado State Alumni

Stadium in the middle of campus will reduce living space and increase traffic movement around campus. There is enough room for expansion of Hughes stadium. As CSU and it's community grows over the coming years, i feel Hughes will be assimilated as a part of the expansion and will no longer be considered an off-campus location. It's better if the high volume of money is used for other productive purposes rather than demolishing an already existing stadium and constructing a new one!!

Colorado State Alumni

"I love Hughes Stadium. I grew up going there, and I went to every home college football game during my years at CSU. But I do believe it is time for something new. If we want to grow as a football school, we have to do something to keep up with the other schools in our conference, and in the nation. I agree with the aspect that it will give CSU as a school more recognition. When our games are televised, they show the ""A"" and the foothills. If our stadium was on campus, they would show more of the school than the surrounding area. CSU has a beautiful campus and it needs to be the focal point. I opted for the P3 option simply for one reason. While I would love for the stadium to be the school's, and the school's only, I would prefer for the stadium to be done once, and not have to be phased. I can see the future phases and the cost for them being argued at every junction. If it's going to be done, I'd prefer it just be done."

Out of State CSU Alumni with property near campus

I believe that Option 1 is not worth it's weight in gold and this is why the push for an on-campus stadium proceeded as such. Option 1 should not even be a consideration. Option 2 is the best option out of all of them. It maximizes the facilities that CSU currently owns/maintains. It keeps the Stadium right where it is, which is highly functioning for the city and the surrounding areas. Option 2 prevents the elimination of already diminishing parking capacity on the CSU campus which Option 3 and 4 will promote. If CSU wasn't such a land-locked campus I would fully support Option 4 because after being at Texas Tech University I see the benefit of having an on-campus stadium supported by a private institution, (We have the Jones AT&T stadium that is co-supported by AT&T and the Jones foundation which is a big supporter of Texas Tech University, their sports, and academics) however there just is not the space needed for the stadium on the CSU campus. If CSU purchased all the property between college and shields north of Prospect then it would have the space for an on campus stadium. Discussion of a parking garage to assist the on-campus stadium was floating around at one point in time and is not reasonable. TTU co-funded a parking structure right next to the stadium under the assumption that it would immediately sell out and took a huge financial loss because it didn't sell out. People want to tailgate before a football game and that does not allow for tailgating. The on-campus stadium where it was originally proposed would decrease parking for commuters which is already limited, this also decreases the amount of parking allowed on campus for football games. Big commuter parking lots that are empty on the weekends are ESSENTIAL to the success of an on-campus stadium. Decreasing on campus parking means the surrounding communities will be greatly affected by CSU football games. Graduation has a big enough impact on parking for the neighbors surround CSU that is already a frustration. Adding the stadium to campus will increase frustration with community members in the area surrounding campus and will decrease community support for other CSU functions and expansions.

Colorado State Staff

Comes down to getting alumni back on campus for an incredible, nostalgic experience with the CSU brand, which opens the door for so many additional support channels. As an alumni, I want an INCREDIBLE stadium for CSU, not a watered-down or cheapened stadium. The public/private option #4

puts the risk on the partnering company and has the most private donations of all options with potentially the least risk. If we can find the proper partnership, this option is a no-brainer. Be bold! CSU fans worldwide are rooting for this stadium, and look forward to the day that we get to cheer on our stalwart Ram team from a stadium that embodies excellence and inspires contagious pride. Can you imagine the first homecoming game... when the game is actually played at home!?! Holy cow – that's going to be AMAZING!!!

Colorado State Student

Here is my question: do we really need it or is it something we want really badly? Could the money be better spent improving the old stadium? Could the money be better spent improving buildings or Replacing old and out of date things on campus? I would love to see desks that hold my notebook and a pen, or more resources for students. More study rooms and more up-to-date residence halls for the ones that haven't been renovated yet.

Colorado State Alumni

N/A

Colorado State Student

We need this stadium!

Colorado State Alumni

Putting money into Hughes would be stupid, it's a crumbling dump. On campus stadium would increase attendance, revenue and showcase the campus.

Colorado State Alumni

An on campus stadium is key to the long-term viability of the football program, which is key to developing strong affinity for CSU and maintaining this with alumni. Keeping Hughes relegates CSU to third-tier status in D1 football and could eventually undermine CSU's other efforts.

Colorado State Alumni

Prefer option 3. I strongly support an on-campus stadium option.

Colorado State Alumni

As a former student I think building an on campus stadium would hinder the learning

alumni, foco community member, & colorado community member

"I believe this is the best option for CSU. We may have to pay a little more but overall the cost will be less compared to the phased construction of the stadium.

Hughes stadium is a disgrace to our university. It pains me to walk up the steps to attend a game and see that the stadium is falling apart."

Parent of CSU Student

This option would be great for the football program at CSU.

Colorado State Alumni

Keep it at Hughes and bring into the future. Parking for a 30,000+ attendance football game on campus would be a nightmare. A mass graduation can still be held at a "new" Hughes stadium if wanted. Keep campus green.

Colorado State Staff

This is the best plan hands down and I'm excited at the prospect of it becoming a reality! Go CSU Rams!!!!

Colorado State Student

I was originally for an on-campus stadium for a couple of years. But as our football team has improved tremendously, I think Hughes has become a great location. The parking and driving is extremely easy. The tailgating and atmosphere before the games is great with the big dirt parking lot. I do think that as our football team improves we should look at making Hughes a much more high-quality stadium rather than maintaining it in its current state.

Colorado State Alumni

"The advancement of intercollegiate athletics in the USA will continue for decades to come. Television contracts are reaching the billions of dollars for any given athletic conference, which a lot of that money is returned to the member schools. If CSU wants to get inside the bubble they cannot think that fixing a stadium that has multiple flaws is the right answer. Look back on CSU history to 1952 when Colorado Field was in poor condition and slated for replacement of a new stadium to be built where Moby Arena is today. Administrators felt it was not worth spending the money to build a new stadium and let the 1912 facility limp by. Then in 1961 the Western Athletic Conference was formed, CSU was told they were not wanted due to poor facilities and left out of any athletic conference. Not only was revenue lost on the aging facility and lack of a conference to share costs, it took until 1968 when Hughes Stadium was opened and CSU allowed to join the WAC. That placed CSU football and several other athletic teams several years behind other schools and with little support from the administration they constantly remained behind in intercollegiate athletics versus schools of similar size.

In order to move forward and keep this school on the forefront of intercollegiate athletics and not on the outside looking in, an on campus stadium may not produce winning teams but should create more revenue and allow for a greater university experience. Option 4 allows CSU to invest in the future and not pay for it all up front. In theory this stadium if built properly should last 80-100 years, this is a project for the long term. By building the stadium all at once and not in pieces, it will also allow the opening of a brand new stadium to make a larger impact on the athletics as a whole greater than the unimpressive nature of a stadium built slowly. If CSU is to become the university for the 21st Century, it needs to make an impact. If the school pays a higher interest rate from the private partner, it can be made up in the long run over time rather than the massive hit to donors and advertising.

Last, CSU must investigate moving out of the Mountain West Conference and into a power five conference to help off-set these extra costs and possibly pay off the building earlier. Take a look at the University of Colorado and the large amount of money they are receiving since moving to the Pac-12 to pay off improvements to their 90-year-old stadium. Large conferences generate large revenue from TV and bowl games. A fixed up Hughes Stadium will not allow CSU to move conferences, will keep CSU in the ""new division II"" of college football and continue to impact other athletics by doing so. Our history proves this, let's learn from our mistakes of the 1950s-1980s and fix the problem by building new and on the campus like more than 90% of other schools nationwide.

I have more thoughts, this is all I can write for now but available to speak in person."

Colorado State Alumni

Option 4: On-Campus Stadium, Public-Private Partnership (P3)

As long as the Football program/coaching staff is financially supported to keep all the coaches, and keep them winning it will bring revenue. I support option 4, but would support option 3 as well as long as the Football program stays financially supported and keeps winning bowl games, and makes it to a top 15 team like it was when I was there.

Colorado State Faculty

I love these new strategies in options 3 and 4. Both options minimize the impact to the general fund. This would bring such a great energy to the campus and would allow CSU to benefit in so many different ways for many decades to come. It could be a major center for all kinds of activities that all of northern Colorado could benefit from. WELL DONE! THINK BIG, CSU!!!

Colorado State Alumni

This is the only option where we can see CSU grow. CSU needs this if they want to see any success as a football school.

Colorado State Staff

A stadium on campus will transform the university in more ways than just the athletic department.

Colorado State Alumni Option 1: Maintain Hughes Stadium

As a former Ram football player, I have mixed feelings about the stadium discussion. I have many memories of playing in Hughes Stadium and I always thought the location was great. Nestled in the foothills, below the A, watching clouds roll in. I know that there are benefits to having the stadium on campus as student availability will theoretically increase for games and back in the days when I played there were times when the students were a no show. A stadium on campus will increase visibility for the school. My daughter graduated from the University of Central Florida and they recently built a stadium on campus and the environment on game days is electric.

Colorado State Alumni

"http://www.thrillist.com/travel/nation/worst-college-football-stadiums-america-s-worst-stadiums-to-watch-fbs-college-football?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=thrillist

Hughes is awkward."

Fort Collins Community Member

"I grew up in Fort Collins from the time I was six. I'm now twenty. I love our city and I love everything about the city, and I'm absolutely TERRIFIED of how this will change if we build a ridiculous stadium in the middle of town when we have a perfectly good stadium just outside of town. There's no reason for an expensive, large, noisy stadium. Right now I go to school in a town where the stadium is on campus. And sure, it's cool that I get to walk there. But the thing is, no one goes to the games anyway. It doesn't make the team better, it doesn't give the students more moral. They just continue on their way as though there was no stadium. The only people who care are the football players, and that's a very small portion of the school. So small that it's not fair to the rest of the students when the school puts so much money into one aspect.

That's what's happening here. Someone got into their head that football is the way to a better school. It's not. There are so many other places that CSU can put that kind of money! For instance, holding lectures, working on getting the Vet School ranking back up and maybe expanding the school, expanding the engineering program (I have a friend here who didn't go to CSU because the engineering department was too small and not diverse enough). Work on foreign language and economics. Why is it, when we have a beautiful, perfectly good stadium, is CSU even considering building a new stadium, in the middle of town, is frustrating. It's going to change the personality of Fort Collins, and I have yet to meet a single person who likes the idea of it.

And the thing is, building a stadium on campus doesn't just affect the students. It also effects the citizens. My sister (a student at CSU), has been telling me horror stories about parking that is already occurring in Old Town. What's going to happen when parking is taken away? Parking in Old Town is already horrible as it is. There's a reason I don't go there very often if I have to drive. The traffic will get worse (which I didn't think was possible) and it's going to be months of construction that we already need. On top of that, people drink at football games. Walking down College after a game at Hughes Stadium is bad enough. Now the school wants us to deal with even more drunk students? As a young woman, I'm terrified of that. I'm absolutely terrified for myself, my sister, and for all my female friends who still live in Fort Collins during football season.

We HAVE a stadium. We have a gorgeous stadium that's close to town. The football players could run there as a warm up it's so close. There is no reason for CSU to spend not only their money, but taxpayers dollars, to build this thing. As I stated, I don't know a single person who supports it. Faculty, staff, students, and citizens. None of them think its a good idea. But it's not being put up for us to vote on. The city has no say, and as a long time citizen of FoCo, of a young woman who grew up there and loves everything about it, I find that that's unfair. We are not allowed to be heard, yet this stadium is going to affect the citizens more than anyone else. Students come and go. Citizens live there for decades, in some cases. Football does not always raise revenue for the school and to change an entire personality of a town because it might? I hope it doesn't happen.

Fix Hughes Stadium. It's already there and it works perfectly well. Either that, or just let the stadium be and give that money to another part of the school. But please, please don't build a stadium in Old Town. I cannot think of a single good thing that would come about from building it."

Colorado State Alumni

"As a former player in the 80's I have appreciated the improvements made to Hughes over the years - just wish they would have happened sooner.

That said, playing road games at on-campus stadiums had a completely different feel to it. The buzz and excitement that surrounds Game Day is what college football is all about. However, I also believe in being fiscally responsible so I believe the Phased option represents the best decision considering all the factors.

Colorado State Alumni

The only answer is a multi function on campus stadium,

Colorado State Alumni

It is time to move CSU forward. Building the on-campus stadium will provide benefits to the University and city of Fort Collins. The time is now for leadership from the Administration and Ag Board.

Staff & Alum

Though I work in University Advancement for Athletics I am writing this as an alum. Hughes Stadium has served its purpose and has provided a nice setting for many years and it's an important part of the Fort Collins landscape. But, it is now an inadequate delapidation that requires too many bandaids making it not worth saving. We need a new facility on campus. What an opportunity we have as a University and constituency to make a splash, nationally. This on-campus stadium project is dynamic and will indeed yield many wonderful opportunities for engagement, growth and progression. I may be a fan of sport but I understand this building to be 365 multi-functional asset to the University, as it should be. I worked at SMU in Dallas, TX for 7 years prior to coming back home. I see what the on-campus stadium does during gameday for engagement and all of the pageantry that is college football. I also saw, first hand, how the facility was used year round for administrative office space, study space, sports medicine and so many classes, meetings, private parties, etc. It provided a venue for many outside organizations to come in and use, producing revenues as well. It was also the ending point for prospective student tours - they know how to attract students to SMU. Dr. Frank and many others have all the information and understand more than I could possibly input about this project. We've come too far to back away from building a new on-campus stadium. If we move forward with the "phased in" option I hope that pending phases are not compromised or circumvented because of other University standing priority or politics. I am more proud than I have ever been as a CSU alum and this project keeps our trajectory upwards and onwards. GO RAMS!

Colorado State Alumni

I feel like an On-Campus option is going to be best for the University in the long run. We have an opportunity to heighten our visibility in the NCAA and recruit higher caliber athletes. Whether people like it or not, athletics drives admissions so it's important to the University that the football program stays relevant. Hughes is an outdated stadium and even with renovation it's not a long-term solution that will help increase the visibility and success of the athletics program.

Colorado State Alumni

Option 3: On-Campus Stadium, Phased

The culture that is afforded with an on-campus stadium is unbeatable and will make a huge difference in CSU athletic support. Minimizing costs the general fund, while still building a great facility on campus in phases would limit the impact on students and the surrounding neighborhoods. Plus you can always expand again later if demand warrants it.

Colorado State Alumni

Option 2 is the only one which aligns with the spirit and goals of CSU. We are a green school on every level of our operation from energy usage to recycling to food sourcing to curriculum. Sustainability is our culture. To do a make-over of Hughes would entirely be within our green credo. We have the land. We have the beauty and the wide open space. We have the parking and the area for the tailgating (which is a major fundraiser). To put the stadium in a tiny shoe-horned spot on campus does not make green sense. The cost in money is staggering but so is the cost in good will of the surrounding community. I have been actively following this first as an alumni and a Fort Collins resident and then as a returning nontraditional student. Between my husband, son, daughter, and I, we hold six degrees from CSU. We are heavily invested in CSU on so many levels. This is why Option 2 is so exciting. It is building on previous CSU efforts and will bring new green technology. As the number of students rise and Fort Collins continues to grow, the oasis of Hughes will be more attractive than ever.

Colorado State Alumni

First choice is option 4. Second, Option 3. It's time to move forward with an on-campus stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

i have voiced my opinion since this idea was first conceived. There is no reason to put a new stadium on campus. First of all there is no room. I can understand how it would be better for students to get to but I had no problem getting to Hughes. There is plenty of parking there, it sits below the "A", and quite frankly, I don't feel that the football program is warranted a new stadium. I come from the time of Sonny Lubick, when we were actually good, going to many bowl games. Hell, my first year at CSU we played Michigan in a bowl game. I was very happy last year when we won a bowl game again but until CSU is able to sustain their winning record for a few years I will have to continue to voice my objections. Dump some money into Hughes.

Fort Collins Community Member

Renewing Hughes will have roughly the same impact on the general fund that building an on campus stadium will. With all the advantages of building an on campus stadium why would you not?

Colorado State Alumni

Go big or go home. Coach Mac has done an amazing job turning the football program around, it's time we do our part to turn the sports culture around. Option 3 is the most practically and fiscally responsible thing to do. Build part of it to see the positive impact it has on the sports program, university, and community, then complete the entire construction later on down the road. Smartest option in my books. Go rams!

Colorado State Alumni

Although I dislike seeing Hughes Stadium abandoned as it still has some life to it; however, to have a stadium on campus would allow more students the option to readily attend games. Too, with a stadium on campus would certainly lend to its being used for other activities such as graduation. Thanks to a discussion with a former Rams Athletic Associations board member my view of thinking on this matter changed.

Colorado State Alumni

Renew Hughes Stadium, the majority of the fun at games occurs during tailgating. If you build a stadium on campus, the tailgating experience will be drastically reduced. It will be like going to a buffs game. You have an amazing location with the foothills backdrop. How many colleges have a view and location like that. None, I have no idea why you would to run away from this sight when you should embrace it. As an alumni I will be severely disappointed with an on campus stadium. It will detract from all of the wonderful open space and amazing improvements on campus that highlight our academic programs not only athletics.

Colorado State Alumni

Option 4 is the best option to showcase what CSU campus has become over the last10-15 years... it's amazing the changes and will bring alumni, ft. collins residents and fans back to campus.

Colorado State Student

"I want to see an on campus stadium because it will help pack out with fans and students because it is in a more convenient location. My only hesitance is the lack of parking that may happen. I would like to see a plan of action to fix that."

Parent of CSU Student
please keep the campus open.

Colorado State Alumni
Let's get this thing built already!

Colorado State Student

"Many of my friends and I have been against an on-campus stadium since it was first introduced as an idea. I even know an alum who stopped his donations when he heard that CSU was starting to collect donations for the stadium.

I remember when feasibility reports were done to see if CSU could afford to create and maintain an on-campus stadium. All but one of the reports came back with CSU in the red after 10 years! That is not a good sign for this kind of project.

We are an agricultural science and sciences school with one of the top veterinary programs in the state. We have buildings that need desperate updates and other programs that would benefit the school more than an on campus stadium.

And then there's the community impact if we were to build an on-campus stadium. Any home game would create massive traffic jams all around Downtown Fort Collins, we would have to make new parking garages to support the fans coming in to see the game (which were not included in the budgets), and since the main revenue from football would be alcohol sales, there would then be intoxicated community members and students on our dry campus! Not to mention that the proposed area for the stadium would take the place of existing parking lots and longstanding agricultural spots.

And then there's the turmoil, delays, and interference that would be caused by even *more* on campus construction, especially for such a large project.

An on-campus stadium is just not a very bright idea for campus located in the middle of a city, and in the crowded downtown area on top of that, especially when we have an already existing stadium with lots of history and in an out of the way location.

Your first option, maintain Hughes, is the most reasonable in the short term. It would be funded by dues and donations spread out over several years, and most of that would be going into updating the areas *around* Hughes, not just the stadium itself.

Option 2 is the best for Hughes in a longer-term plan, with funding and work spread out over several years to make Hughes a better place for the various sports that use it, and would help sustain higher revenues in the long run as well."

Colorado State Alumni

Bringing the stadium to campus has endless dividends. Make it happen! In my opinion the pros dramatically outweigh any cons. Athletics and academics should go hand in hand as a publicity tool, school spirit avenue, and an alumni incentive to get back to campus. We will need a new stadium at some point. Hughes is already on the decline. Make the initial investment now before rising costs affect the feasibility of the project in years to come.

Colorado State Alumni

This option has the most value and will be a great tool in recruiting athletes and students and hosting other events. I really hope that all parties can see the benefits of this option.

Colorado State Alumni

We can't even fill the stadium we have, maybe some improvements will help. An on site stadium will cost more and will have empty seats.

Alum and retired staff

Go for the new stadium! It looks like you will have to dip into the general fund if you keep Hughes going under option 1 and 2. This is not certain under the on campus options and it could be less of an impact. I'm not sure if option 3 or 4 is better. I am thinking the phased approach might have an advantage of getting the stadium built quicker so that folks see the advantage of a stadium on campus and then we can add to it over time. Not sure how this partnership with a private firm would work?

Colorado State Faculty

Please put our CSU resources back into education! We have so much more to sell potential good students than football, whose bubble is in the process of bursting.

Colorado State Alumni

It's time to get this done. When I was a student, it was inconvenient to get to Hughs, as it was too far away as a student without a car, making my interest a moot point. Additionally, once I did have a vehicle, having the stadium on the far west side of town, the traffic in and out created gridlock that affected the entire town, and not just the area surrounding campus.

Colorado State Alumni

"Build it! CSU squandered the last time we had any momentum around the football program. Specifically, we had an opportunity to capitalize on what Sonny Lubick was able to accomplish, but the University decided to settle for mediocrity. The consequences of that mentality proved costly when conference realignment was underway. 2 MWC programs moved on to bigger and better things...both TCU and Utah. Had we positioned ourselves better in the early 00's, that could have been us. As has become all to clear, membership in a power conference translates to more revenue. Let's take advantage of what Coach Mac is building here and position ourselves well for any and all future opportunities.

A RAM through and through!"

Colorado State Alumni

If you do this both myself and my network of friends (strongly dominated by CSU alumni) will not only lure us to come back and visit Fort Collins much more frequently, but would also encourage me to purchase season tickets (in support of this athletic program) as well as become more involved with other investments (in support of the education departments) to the University. Right now I chose not to support the University because I fear CSU football is going to get left out in the ever changing landscape of college football, and lets be honest if a quality product is put forth the return on investment could fund many many other programs, education based, at the University.

In other words if CSU is not committed to investing in an athletic program (in themselves) that, would likely provide a significant return on investment to the school both athletically and research/education, then why should I invest in CSU? Show me your commitment and i will show you mine."

Colorado State Student

This does not make sense. It's perpetuating an existing problem with no solution. We would be handing our problems off to the next generation

Colorado State Student

As a CSU student, I believe that options 1 and 2 would be the most logical and appropriate. Many students, myself included, are simply not interested in the sports programs at CSU. I am there to make the most of my educational opportunities and have never been to any CSU sporting events. To prioritize the off campus stadium assumes that football is a core value to many CSU students and this is simply not true. Furthermore, there are other areas of campus which should be receiving attention. Why would a fancy new stadium be built when there are literally buckets needed on the third floor of the Clark building to catch the dripping snow and rain in the winter? To prioritize a stadium when there are other areas of CSU in desperate need of update and repair seems irresponsible. I also personally believe that the current issue CSU has with rioting will be exacerbated if a football stadium is in the heart of the city . The location of Hughes gives crowds a chance to disperse. Overall, football is not a priority to thousands of students at CSU. I can think of numerous issues that CSU should use its time, energy and resources for over football.

Colorado State Alumni

It is important to bring private business into the equation here.

Colorado State Alumni

I don't care how they do it but build an on campus stadium. It is a huge advantage CU has over CSU.

Colorado State Alumni

After spending three years at CSU as a student and two year's working for the athletic department I believe option four is the best option because it puts CSU in the best position to be successful for the long term.

Colorado State Alumni

I have no reasoning - just my gut saying, " Go with Option 3."

Parent of CSU Student

I am a graduate of Oklahoma State University and was a former OSU Dance and Pom Squad member. If you want to play in the big league then you have to go through the sometimes uncomfortable growth process. I am a firm believer that by having the stadium on campus it will not only add to the whole game day fun it will increase participation by students and the community. OSU has grown their football program significantly and I believe that CSU's coach and team deserve to have their dedication appreciated. It will put CSU in a whole different league!!! Is there a T. Boone Pickens in the CSU community? I will gladly donate what I can but I hope that a wealthy contributor will come forward. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to weigh in!!!! Amy Anderson, Proud parent of my very own CSU Ram!!!!

Colorado State Alumni

"At CSU we have a very unique stadium that I feel both fits our heritage as a school and represents the good things about both our population and our area. At Hughes we have a location with amazing views, enormous parking capacity, and good traffic flow.

I have always been a fan of the grass parking lot since I was a child. Being from an agricultural background and going to the land grant university in our state, I felt like things come full circle by stepping onto that grass before games to begin tailgating.

I agree that Hughes needs improvements, and I agree with those you have set forth in plan 2.

Please don't ignore our history. Please don't ignore our heritage. Please understand that families like mine who have been going to CSU for three generations have deep roots and ties to that simple stadium against the foothills, and having something in common like that is a powerful thing for a family."

Colorado State Alumni

"Time frame and rate of return need to be reasonable. If not, the option 3.

Trying to maintain or improve Hughes is not cost efficient. It is going to be a money pit."

Colorado State Alumni

We need this stadium to bring visibility to CSU. People in Colorado already know that CSU is a great institution; we need to bring in students from all over the world to increase revenue. A stadium is the most cost effective way to do this.

Colorado State Alumni

on campus is the way to go

Colorado State Student

Being able to have the stadium on campus will benefit all students, faculty, fans, and the community. With the stadium being off campus, school spirit on game days is not as high as a school with their stadium on campus. Being able to get to the stadium easier will result in more students attending the games and fans to support our sport teams. Although the up front cost is indeed costly, I think that it will be well worth it in the long run. Go rams!

Colorado State Alumni

"New stadium would be great for recruiting in all sports. Just make the playing surface REAL grass!! There is a great turf program at the school and it would open up internship opportunities for turfgrass students.

Why not bring concerts and other large events to Hughes to raise money for construction of new stadium?"

Colorado State Alumni

Time to enter the big time

Colorado State Student

Stadium brings more students, students bring more money, money bring more books, facilities, etc. No brainer.

Colorado State Alumni

This option is the best idea for Colorado State University long term. it will provide an on campus location for football games and other activities and will be implemented without adding the additional relationship of a private partnership. It will be implemented and demonstrate to the community the benefits of having an on campus location. it allows for growth as need for the football program and other events.

Colorado State Student

Let's not be wasteful. If we Really Are a Green Campus, let's represent that image by maintaining Hughes Stadium. Waste not, want not. And it's time to Get Rid Of Tony Frank. He's ideas are wack. The Cube? What a waist and eyesore to campus. It's not utilized and ruined the look of the library. Frank doesn't care about the students but his legacy. Why not push for lower tuition rates? O wait, that would make him look like he actually cares. CSU wasn't founded on football but academics. It's time we go back to our roots, education and research. Let's set an example for the rest of the country and not coddle those who need to make up their penis sizes by building a stadium that has no educational value. It's time for a new dawn and it's time to let go of these ideas is grandeur.

Colorado State Student

Football will never be that big at csu, put the money to use somewhere else.

Colorado State Alumni

Must build it and they will come. Hughes as outdated and no amenities to attend games.

Fort Collins Community Member

"This has been a PR nightmare. Tony Frank doesn't seem to have a clue.

My wife is a CSU alumni and we (+ 2 kids) have had season tickets until this year. We will not support anything related to CSU ,moving forward, if the Fort Collins communities opinion is not considered. Fort Collins is overwhelmingly opposed to this idea."

Colorado State Alumni

The purpose is to get the stadium to campus to get alumni and community members to view it on a regular basis so option 1 & 2 are not valid. CSU has not demonstrated, with athletics, that Option 3 is reliable (the IPF, the original Hughes Expansion) so the only remaining option is 4.

Colorado State Alumni

Based on the 4 options regarding a new stadium, two are being considered on campus. However, what I cannot find in the proposed plans is where this stadium will be built on campus - what is going to be torn down, moved, or replaced for such an expansive project as a football stadium and parking? As an alumni of CSU I do have concern for what is being compromised on campus in order to make these two options work. A few years after graduating one of my favorite green spots on campus, near the Student Center, was torn up and a new building was built. How much of CSU's open campus and green space will be lost for this project? It would be appreciated if the plans detailed the proposed location of these options so the community could make a more informed decision. Thank you.

Fort Collins Community Member

I believe that the best option is to build an on-campus stadium through the phased in financing option. I've lived in college towns (Lincoln, NE, Ann Arbor, MI and Lawrence, KS) where the on-campus stadium

enhanced the campus and the community, and I believe that such a project at CSU would provide an extraordinary benefit for both the University and the city. We go to Hughes Stadium every football Saturday, and it does not have the same energy or feel that an on-campus stadium has. Please promote CSU in this positive way. I support the bold vision of CSU's future as not only a premier research institution, which it is well on its way to becoming, but also a great community presence that can be demonstrated by a vibrant on-campus stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

As alumni and a community member in Fort Collins, I agree that the current stadium needs updating but also would like to keep the stadium in its current location. I do not feel the city's current infrastructure could handle the traffic that an on-campus stadium would incur.

Colorado State Student

I am a big proponent of building the on-campus stadium, whether it is phased or through a public-private partnership. I think building the stadium would immensely grow our football program and allure better recruits as well as generate more revenue for the school. I believe our attendance would grow considerably at games and create the home-field advantage that we currently do not boast at Hughes. Also, the better our athletics programs are, the more recognition CSU will receive through media outlets. This in turn will help get CSU's name out nationwide and boost our out of state student population. I feel this is a huge chance for CSU to continue our positive culture change around campus. CSU football is on the rise and so is the university, and I feel that an on-campus stadium is going to help cement our legacy for generations to come.

Colorado State Alumni

"Option 4 appears to subject the university to the least possible risk while offering the greatest potential benefit.

As a season ticket holder, Ram Club member, proud alum, and potential stadium donor, the on-campus options are the only ones I support."

Colorado State Faculty

General/Other "The whole process has engendered serious legitimacy and transparency issues and continues to do so. The latter because we are asked to comment (not decide or deliberate) over two months on a stadium option -rather than what are the best options to enhance CSU's future. Had there been a transparent deliberative process that led to a stadium I would have acquiesced (despite my opposition to public universities subsidizing private industry (through semi-professional sports), the brutality of contact sports, football's sexism and the fact that football could well go the way of smoking). That has not happened and is not happening.

If the information coming from the previous AD and the media is accurate then President Frank has expended a lot of social capital since the idea of a new stadium is fully his. Over the years most critics have sought to insulate him from this responsibility whether out of fear or out of a desire to protect his authority. He has done a great deal of damage to it himself and has create a university in which deliberation has been muted.

This is unfortunate because now that we are out of the recession we could and should dream and plan about CSU's future. President Frank would go down in history as a great president if he really pressed

the reset button and started a systematic and broad deliberation about our future. Public relations exercises in this and other issues (adjuncts, for instance) are not adequate.

Colorado State Alumni

A new stadium shows that as a university we believe in fostering excellence in athletics as well as academics and we believe in providing the tools to make excellence possible!

Colorado State Alumni

#4 is the preference. Hughes is a non starter, and option 4 provides the ability to engage alumni and bring in greater revenue.

Collins Community Member

I will admit that I'm not a huge college football fan, but I have attended numerous games @ CSU and other stadiums with my husband (CSU Alum) and family. I'm sorry, but Hughes is probably the worst I've been to. Even my school (UC Davis) has a better game day atmosphere. I am a fan of olympic sports and do understand what the revenue drivers are at a university (primarily football and basketball) that help support those olympic sports. If your choice is to consider what is in the best long-term interest of the university, I can't imagine why you would not choose to a multi-use facility on campus vs. anything at Hughes. As a community member, I would be excited to attend other events such as soccer, or even bringing in large groups of K-12 students to witness a solar eclipse and hear from CSU faculty on the subject (CU did this a year or two ago at their stadium).

Colorado State Alumni

"There is only one option and that is to build the new stadium NOW. I am tired of all of the delays trying to appease everyone. The NEW stadium is needed and the university needs to do what is right for the university. The majority of the people against the stadium do not go to games and do not understand that the stadium funds are not taking away from academics.

BUILD THE STADIUM !!!!!"

Colorado State Alumni

"By far the best option if the partnership is feasible and fair. Low general fund impact and finally modern infrastructure for all the athletic programs who would use this multi use facility to compete and grow on equal footing with their peers which is all I want for every single program, be it academic, club, social, or athletic at CSU as an Alum. If we can do this I would love for us to be progressive and work with the engineering, marketing, sociology, and psychology departments on a joint research project to create social media interaction never seen before in a stadium to drive attendance above what we get at Hughes for ""just football"" even more than the bump we will get just by nature of being in town and on campus. Ideas could include social media boards for fans in the stadium only, with real time feeds. An alumni board on one side and student board on the other side with fun, trivia, postings, competitions, polls, etc. Of course this requires the best wifi, video and ribbon boards, phone charging stations, etc as infrastructure and not scaling back on these items.

Not sure if this is the right forum or not but I would love to see a ""tour de rams"" try to be implemented if we move forward on campus as well. I see this as much like the tour de fat that is so popular but instead with bike riding fans/students following the team bus to the stadium and then parking in a massive tailgating and bike parking area where the bus enters and team unloads, possibly

with a local brewers beer garden for 21+. (but this part not a necessity) Benefits include reflecting Fort Collins well know bike culture, unique branding tradition for CSU , limiting parking and traffic impact to neighbors, and cross leveraged marketing with fat tire if it makes sense, but I don't see that as a necessity if we don't want to be associated that closely with a beer company as a university."

Colorado State Alumni

We have been doing half way (phased) in athletics for over 100 years. It's time to stop! Go big or go home...I am ready to purchase that paver brick with my name on it!

Colorado State Alumni

I believe that the on campus stadium is vital to maintaining the appeal for alumni to visit and reinvest in CSU. With the current set-up at Hughes the Alumni is disconnected from the campus culture and thus the donations back to the school are minimized. I feel that with building this stadium the alumni will reconnect and start donating more.

Colorado State Staff

I completely support a new stadium. Just not on Campus. As an Engineer, it is a completely irresponsible plan that has far ranging and detrimental effects to the administrative, cultural, and community operation of the Downtown district. Similarly, if CSU truly wishes to reach its goal of increasing enrollment by 8k students by 2022, it will need buildings to support these students, buildings that will depend on the land that the Stadium intends to occupy. By giving up such a large portion of primary-campus space, CSU is deliberately hamstringing itself in an effort to create glitz and glam in advertising, a boon that will only last for 10 years, won't even come close to recovering costs, and will ultimately impinge future construction efforts at a University that is already colloquially known as 'Construction State University'. Combined with overpriced, ineffective renovations to Morgan Library (the cube), the LSC (the new white prison), and the new Scott Engineering Building (nice new building, wish it had more than 3 new classrooms, then you might not be in this nightmare with Eddy Hall being out of service), I cannot in good conscience trust the leadership of CSU with regards to physical property improvements, especially when cornerstone buildings on Campus fall into disrepair.

Colorado State Alumni

The stadium needs to be built on campus and fully built all at once. The on campus stadium will add to the character of an already outstanding campus and it will bring many alumni back home when they attend various events at the new stadium. Many alumni, myself included, spend precious Saturday hours driving from Denver to take the family to a football game at Hughes but rarely have the time to show off the beautiful campus to family and friends. Events hosted at an on campus stadium will also present marketing opportunities to people who wouldn't normally be on campus. When/if an on campus stadium is built, it needs to be fully constructed as the original plans outlined. My fear is that a scaled down version might look like Hughes Stadium 2.0 and when it is time to expand there will once again be opposition and possibly an administration that doesn't have the "Be Bold" mind set. If there is ever an opportunity to be included with the power conferences, trying to add on to an existing stadium might be too little too late - especially if there is opposition and delays. Begin with the end in mind and build the stadium with an eye on the future and while there is momentum. Go Rams!

Fort Collins Community Member

"I believe in two options for the CSU stadium. The first is to renovate Hughes and bring it to modern standards. This is such a unique stadium in University athletics. Nobody has a stadium up against the

mountains. The Hughes location is beautiful and functional. There is plenty of space for tailgating and parking. Best of all it doesn't take away from the CSU campus. As the University grows that real estate becomes ever more valuable, far too valuable to place a giant stadium in the middle of it that will only be used a few times per year.

My second recommendation is to build a sports/entertainment complex at the Hughes site. CSU could build a new stadium at the site while utilizing Hughes. Then demolish Hughes and build an athletic/entertainment complex in tribute to the accomplishments of CSU and the Rams. This is something that could be utilized year round and would provide the alumni and sports fans with an experience that is not rivaled in any campus. Along with the beautiful view and special location below Horsetooth and the Aggie A. This could be phased in thus keeping costs under control and project delays to a minimum.

thank you

Colorado State Alumni

This will be the greatest building CSU has ever built. We need to do this right.

Colorado State Alumni

"As an alum who no longer lives in the State of Colorado, it is less frequent that I get to visit Fort Collins. However, when I do, I usually go to visit friends and go to a football game. I've been doing that over the past 5-6 years, and yet I have barely stepped foot on campus since my graduation 8 years ago. Having an on-campus stadium would get me more involved with the school and the campus. To me, that is a big thing and would probably equate to more donations in the future (just thinking of the emotional tug of seeing campus and wanting to give back).

Additionally, game day experiences would be much better and would allow those who are in town to enjoy Fort Collins, and not just the outskirts of town. It could be a huge gain for the economy and would probably have the least impact to the University's general fund...that is a BIG deal.

So overall, I'm all for an on-campus stadium. I can't wait to come back for the opening kickoff in a few years!!!"

Colorado State Alumni

"Please consider the students and Alumni who are craving an experience worthy of sharing with family and friends, an experience that we have never had on our campus. An on-campus stadium could be the beginning of traditions that we have never witnessed e.g. A game-day walk from the Oval into the stadium led by our band and student athletes or a tailgating experience that stretches from College Ave. all the way to Shields. I have read many articles and listened to a multitude of arguments and positions, none of which have convinced me that not building this stadium is what is best for our University. Conversely, it is my opinion that our current estimates outlined by Dr. Frank on Oct. 2nd to the Board, are not only conservative, but they also underestimate the excitement of incoming students in years to come- students who will have only seen the success that coaches McElwain, Eustachy, Hilbert and Williams have had and will continue to have through their remaining contracts and beyond.

Lastly, to the student body and RAM fans everywhere, not building a new stadium will send a message, a statement,- Colorado State University does not believe in its ability to excel in athletics. Student's, Alumni, fans, and supporters will hear that message, loud and clear."

Colorado State Alumni

I would prefer option 4, but option 3 would be better than having to be at Hughes. An on-campus stadium would greatly increase my desire to drive up from Denver to see a CSU game!

Colorado State Alumni

"A stadium should be built to accommodate the needs 15 years from now. And beyond. The realities of D1 Football are part of that equation - you are either in the conversation or an afterthought. Revamping Hughes does not change the conversation. Students simply will not go out there, whereas they will gladly walk across the IM field - that may be a difference of 2-4 thousand kids per game on a bad night. We have to build on campus. I would not, and will not support general funds to go to Hughes, it is not fair to opponents and serves no purpose outside of football 6 days a year. I think a multi purpose accessible on campus stadium does justify use of the general fund.

I will go see Ram football wherever it is played. Right now I am a game by game basis. Announce an on campus stadium and I will purchase 4 Season tix the next day."

Colorado State Student

Our campus has no room for an on campus stadium. There is no need to make parking even worse than it currently is.

Colorado State Alumni

If option 4 is a reality, please build it! I'm in a group that travels to Ram away games and we have seen some beautiful "On Campus Stadiums". The atmosphere can be electric in these towns, cities and campuses and I would certainly hope that CSU and Ft Collins could become one of the most anticipated travel sites for visiting teams. The go ahead for this stadium project could be one of the greatest decisions made by this University.

Colorado State Alumni

"Are the ""phased"" and ""P3"" options for an on-campus stadium necessarily mutually exclusive? That is to say: why couldn't a P3 concessionaire be contracted to build the slimmer first phase at a lower overall ""mortgage"" commitment while guaranteeing a minimal or null impact on the general fund? Then, based on whether the on-campus stadium actually generates the hoped-for attendance and revenues, plan for supplemental expansions/improvements accordingly. Build the initial stadium with expansion in mind so that a quality after-project can be integrated and not just tacked on. Folsom Field is a good example, as is Soldier Field (to a lesser degree, of course).

As with any large-scale public project, I think it would be very wise to analyze and apply the lessons learned by other projects with similar challenges, namely the Regional Transportation District and its approaches to the financial and prioritization challenges of FasTracks. For instance, the district could have saved millions of dollars by establishing contract pricing on concrete, steel, and other materials for its contractors at 2005 prices thereby insulating the project from that impact of the 2008 economic scenario. The Eagle P3 Project and CDOT's US36 expansion P3 project are both examples of getting a project rolling, but their funding sources are more secure and easy to project than CSU's. Moreover, public transit infrastructure can afford to be mortgaged for a longer period than any campus facility.

To sum up, my personal recommendation would be to explore a hybrid of the proposed on-campus options, making sure to study and anticipate the challenges of phasing and a P3 concession. Having done due diligence, upsell all of the advantages of this plan to break the gridlock and at least get a

decision made. While any of the four proposed options may benefit the University and the community, the surest detriment to both would come from indecision and deferment for too much longer.

Very best wishes and many thanks to you much for your hard work and service to us all!"

BOTH parent of CSU student and community member

"Diplomacy and peaceful co-existence are a matter of compromise. Option 2 is the only one that creates a viable compromise between stadium opponents and proponents. There are 2 objections to the OCS : 1. Location. The advantages of an on-campus location are nil. It will be much more difficult to access for the general public due to lack of parking. There will be more students, but students get in for free, and most of these students will be so burdened with debts incurred by their education that they will not afford to make donations in the future. In addition, the cost of education can be only held in check by online courses, so there will be far fewer students on campus in coming years (cf. the recommendations of The Economist to keep education affordable in the U.S.). As for helping local businesses with an OCS: what businesses are near the proposed location: those on West Campus (hairdressers, kinkos, etc.), or those on Prospect between College and Whitcomb ??? Old town is far more accessible from Hughes than from the proposed OCS because patrons will only have to walk a few yards to their cars, rather than half a mile. I can't imagine fans walking from OCS to Old Town, and even taking the Maxx requires a long unpleasant walk.

The other objection to OCS is cost. The figures given for projects 3 and 4 do not include two necessary costs: relocating PERCs, and deconstructing Hughes, which any self-respecting green university should do. (Think of the eyesore of a decaying Hughes!)

Project 2 is the best compromise. Football fans will have their new stadium, and it will give as much visibility to the university as an OCS (more in fact because our gorgeous foothills will be visible on TV), while stadium opponents will not have to suffer the inconvenience of an OCS. We will maintain the location that is so truly unique to CSU and that symbolize our identity : where the plains and the Rockies meet.

Project 3 is the worst of all worlds. While it compromises on cost, It is still expensive, creates chaos in town, and it will be aesthetically even more disruptive than the original plan, since CSU will have to cut corners (such as stone and glass exterior) on appearance. It will be truly ugly. Plus, cutting corners will not provide the enhanced stadium experience that is wished for. We need much more info on what features will be delayed, possibly forever, and we need an cost estimate to the ""general fund"" that includes Hughes demolition and PERC relocation.

Project 4 is unfeasible. Good luck in finding a company that would accept the risk!

Project 1 best reflects the uncertainty of the future of college football for those schools that are not in the top conferences. It's good for 10 years, then we can reconsider. I find it strange that its cost to the so-called ""general fund"" goes up and up, while the cost of the two OCS goes down and down. I feel a very strong bias there. Plus, since CSU should have spent that money in the past 10 years, it is just a normal part of CSU's operation, and should not be credited against the ""general fund.""

Parent of CSU Student

Highly biased analysis. Not a blue book at all, but barely disguised promo, full of unproved assertions, a stacked deck. No consideration that womens facilities are worst in league unless shared w/men's. No recognition of unpopularity of campus option, and reasons, and such issues as surrounding 30 dorms w/drinkers, buying booze on campus. No recognition of economic benes of building off, only on.

Renewing Hughes has the same benefits of the phase in aspects of Option 3. ICON and Populus survive, not by accuracy, but by giving stadium building folks what they want, highballed revenue figures and lowball cost figures. The ARE often wrong. Check Wembley. Populus knows 250 million is the number, for wherever it is built, whatever materials: concrete, steel, moonrocks. Con artists. Ask the two companies to sign a "bad judgment fund" to match their numbers if wrong and watch them squeal. Do you really believe sports economists are wrong and salesmen are right? I got swampland... There's no more enhanced game day than Hughes last week and you know it. If that takes 85 million for 35 years of stadium life, it is worth it. On campus, I go once. You also know the "7 th worst rank" for Hughes is based on attendance, right? Yup! It rates the crowd, not the stadium. Bleacher Reports. They also studied the 50 worst, as facilities, separately. Hughes is not on that one, of course. Attendance up, rating up. Period. A soccer/lacross field, field house, and stands costs only 2 mil, and does not justify 300 mil. Besides, there are reasons no schools do multisport (occasionally track and field, oldies) that are economic, and athletic. Costs too much to operate that way, well beyond 2 mil, violates NCAA Title IX guides for appropriately sized venues, since 35,600 empty seats at a soccer game is a bummer for fans and players, different grass, crown, you name it. You know Bay Farm is where that is going anyway, unless you are gonna do it just cause. Bay Farm is a good choice. (SDSU, the only multi sports fb in the MW, does do it to womens soccer because they have no land and are built on a cliff.) You discount all Hughes revenue, which at 6 mil/year pays for it. You just did not use it. Spend 30 mil but earn 60 is a NET GAIN, guys. Besides, to use it three years means spending on it anyway. All the FBS stuff is F BS, made up. Who you been talking to? Try your Chancellor who said league up is too unrealistic to justify a stadium. Wyo gets those opponents now. And the instability there cautions, as one commenter said, to "Don't just do something, stand there." Where's the full cost of a phased in option? About double. You also know perfectly well that the Peterson study of student recruitment, showing it exists, concludes the impact to be not worth any expense at all !! No quality improvement ever, unless you win Nationals. (And how hard was it to improve Alabama's academic quality anyway?) Finally, look at what a project like this costs elsewhere. Baylor, 260 mil, but steel, not like this. Concrete, they'd be at 400, but would have almost 700 more toilets, they report. Cal, 325 mil plus 40 years interest. UM, loans of 400 mil, plus interest. Tell Populus and ICON to go fool someone else.

Colorado resident and former student

Option 1, simply put, is kicking the can further down the road and does not benefit CSU in any form. No additional revenue streams are created for the university and it will put the final nail in the coffin of CSU athletics having an opportunity to become a member of the Resource 5 Conferences.

Option 2 does create the revenue streams but does nothing to address the inherent problems faced by having a stadium that is removed from campus and the downtown area of Fort Collins. Given the cost of Option 2 being very similar to Options 3 and 4 I can see no viable reason why it should be considered other than the need to mitigate potential impacts on areas bordering the proposed site of the new stadium. I have to believe, given the proposed site, these impacts can be handled in such a manner that leaves all stakeholders satisfied with the outcome.

Options 3 and 4 provide the greatest upside and opportunity for the university, the athletic department and the business community of Fort Collins. The ability to re-engage the alumni on campus has the potential for so many benefits beyond just football games, from philanthropy to merchandise sales to non-athletic events, I believe the opportunity is there for an on-campus-stadium to provide a greater level of exposure to the CSU campus than it has ever had in the past on top of the additional revenue for the university and the businesses in Old Town and surrounding areas. The benefits to the athletic department are harder to quantify but at a minimum student attendance should increase greatly and

any time the football team is on regional or national television the new stadium will attract recruits and new students. A further benefit is the increased visibility and commitment of CSU to athletics in an effort to achieve invitation to one of the P5 conferences. I likely don't have to elaborate on why CSU should do everything it sensibly can to push in this direction given the current landscape of collegiate athletics and the educational funding issues in the state of Colorado.

I routinely make it back to Fort Collins for a game or two a year. From my perspective Hughes is an adequate facility but it is not a very inviting facility. Given the location of Hughes I very seldom get back to campus or Old Town during game day. Contrast that to attending an event at Moby where it's very typical to walk through campus and down into Old Town or across the street to Jim's Wings/Fuzzy's/Pott's before and/or after the event. In simple terms: I arrive and then leave for events at Hughes and for Moby events I come and then stay. If the OCS were built I can safely say I would attend far more games and also patronize far more local businesses than I do now with Hughes.

I understand there are many things to consider and many groups to appease when undertaking a decision such as this. It would seem Tony Frank, the BOG and CSU are doing everything they can to make sure the decision reached is the right one and applaud all of their efforts. Thank you.

Colorado State Alumni

The on-campus stadium is truly what CSU needs. It would encourage me as an alumni to return to CSU and greater support not only our athletics program, but the University as a whole. I despise the location of Hughes stadium. It is way too far from campus and reminds of a crappy dirt field with a strip of green grass in the middle. It does not represent the direction this University is going and we need to be bold and make a drastic stadium change. BUILD THE ON-CAMPUS STADIUM!!!!!!

Fort Collins Community Member

A new stadium is not necessary. Hughes should be maintained as are other buildings on campus. Hughes is a beautiful location with ample parking. An academic education should be CSU's first priority not football. I can't imagine the traffic and parking problems that a new stadium on campus would create for the town/community. I am totally against building a new stadium and have been since the idea was first presented.

Colorado State Alumni

To me the best option is #4, I can understand option 3 and would support it if chosen, but in no way shape or form will I accept nor support Options 1 and 2.

Colorado State Alumni

Option 4 is the best option for CSU moving forward. If it is not feasible then option 3 is my vote. The must be an on campus stadium if CSU is to truly shine in the national spotlight

Colorado State Alumni

"It's time our beloved school move forward. Hughes has served well for many decades but it's time has passed. In my viewpoint, the risks of building an on-campus stadium are far outweighed by the positive impacts it will certainly have. Build it. Build it now.

As a class of '02 alum, you can probably imagine the sense of wonder I had at strolling around the almost unrecognizable campus just a few months back - multiple, beautiful new facilities that stand as a testament to the commitment our university has always shown to supporting the world-class academic

work of our faculty and students. Now an educator myself at a top-10 engineering university, I certainly value the quality of a school's academics above all else - but it's time CSU show the athletic programs the attention they deserve as well.

That's not to say there haven't been investments made to athletic facilities recently because there certainly have, but while the Stryker-funded improvements to Hughes, renovations to Moby, construction of the McGraw center, etc, are all things for us to take pride in, from an onlooker's perspective we're still a small-time also-ran when it comes to the high visibility sports. No disrespect meant to the incredible work being done by athletes and coaches in such programs as volleyball, cross country, track and field and others (I'm an enormous fan of them too!), but we must be realistic and call a spade a spade - a competitive football team with visible outward support (i.e. investment in facilities, quality scheduling, etc) is paramount to improving a University's image and visibility to the greater public.

I've seen the athletic programs at CSU evolve a great deal in my time as a member of the CSU community, but this evolution has largely occurred with few changes in how our university is perceived by the greater public. A University's health is dependent not only on the fine work being accomplished by its constituents, but also on how this work is communicated and appreciated abroad. To sustain ourselves, truly we must continue attracting the interest of an even broader variety of constituents on a national and international scale. Now I'm not foolish enough to believe that an on campus stadium is the silver bullet in doing so - in fact it may not even be necessary - but in the opinion of this alum, it's long overdue.

It's time we take the next step in transforming CSU into an athletic powerhouse that rivals the quality of our academic programs. It's time our facilities start to reflect that level of quality. Who knows what may follow - increased donor attention? Invitation to a power 5 conference? My excitement for these possibilities far outweighs any trepidation I have about the very tangible risks involved with this endeavor. Build the stadium now."

Colorado State Staff

"Please do not do this! We do not want to be a football school. Build academics, and you will not need to rely on football to attract students. The financial (and cultural) risks are MUCH too high. We (taxpayers, students) will be stuck with the financial obligation forever.

The Build It And They Will Come philosophy is misguided. People here do not care that much about football. Why assume attendance will increase even as tickets will probably become more expensive? This reasoning implies the reason people do not go to football games is because they do not like Hughes. Do you have data to support that? After the novelty of a new stadium wears off, will people still want to pay?

On a larger level, Tony Frank has been a relatively popular President. But this issue threatens his ability to lead. The Faculty and Staff do not support the stadium. The process has been atrocious and dishonest. By continuing down this path, the administration is losing the trust and support of Faculty and Staff. Credibility is difficult to recover once it is lost. Right now, I think most people see this as Jack Graham's debacle. But it is quickly becoming Tony Frank's debacle. This loss of trust, by itself, causes great harm to the University.

Please let this go!"

Colorado State Alumni

The on-campus stadium is the only way to go. This would correct the error that was made when Hughes was built. This will draw alumni to campus, increase donations and help bolster enrollment.

Colorado State Staff

"Two years ago I was mildly in favor of the on-campus stadium, but mostly neutral. Now I strongly favor the on-campus option, after considering the other options available. It is clear that we/CSU are at a crossroads, and the on-campus option is really the only one that makes sense. As I drive across town to Hughes, it strikes me how much easier it would be to get to the game if it were in the center of town. Specifically, I would ride the Max.

Prospect Road is inadequate at this point, and will need to be tied up in construction in the near future, regardless of any decision made by CSU. It has nothing to do with the stadium. I watched the CSU/Tulsa game on my computer, and listened several times to the announcers commenting on the beautiful day in Ft. Collins. As the camera panned the area near the stadium, I was struck with how beautiful the campus would have looked in those shots. Of course, all of Ft. Collins is beautiful, especially on such a day, but the views out at Hughes (the Hughes views) did nothing to showcase our lovely and inviting campus.

I am looking forward to the next move forward in this project. I do not believe there will be any more discord with the Ft. Collins community about this project than others on campus. It is my feeling that most residents do not feel strongly about it, and for the few who are so passionately against it, I believe they will come to realize that their dire projections do not materialize."

Colorado State Alumni

Love the idea of on campus stadium with room for addition in the future. I currently live in Loveland, and would love to come back to campus for football rather than going to Hughes and having no reason to go to the campus again. I love csu and my wife, who is also an alum, occasionally drive through the oval, but that is currently the extent of our on campus visits these days. It's such a great campus and I think a new stadium is a great way to get alumni like my wife and I interested in the campus again. Go Rams!!!

Colorado State Alumni

I prefer Option 4

Colorado State Alumni

Prefer option 4, but would be ok with option 3. Option 1 is not an option at all in my book. Option 2 looks nice, but ultimately would be a waste of money. Option 2 is basically putting gold plating on a pile of dog (expletive redacted).

Colorado State Alumni

"Given the information available it would seem to be in the best interest of CSU to move forward with Option 4. Option 4 would result in the least amount of impact to the general fund and allow CSU to move forward with an on-campus stadium as soon as the partnership is finalized. Bringing the stadium to campus provides the greatest benefit by reconnecting alumni and the community with the great campus. It also allows easier attendance for students resulting in a better game day atmosphere.

Attendance is a problem at universities across the country and students play an important part in increasing attendance numbers and providing a great atmosphere. Among the complaints that students have about the off-campus location of Hughes are; difficulty getting to and from Hughes and an inconsistent and hard to find bus schedule. As well as a lack of amenities such as WiFi to allow them to broadcast their experiences on social media. While Option 2 may improve the amenities it does not solve the issues relating to the ease of attendance and allowing other events.

Options 1 and 2 in my opinion do not solve the primary goal of having the game day experience on-campus. On-campus allows alumni and the community to experience what CSU has to offer and will improve the relationship with academics by reconnecting alumni with their colleges.

While Option 3 may get the stadium back on campus, I fear that the scaled down version will not provide the amenities needed to provide a quality game day experience. I also fear that the second phase will not come to fruition. I would be in favor of Option 3 over Options 1 and 2, but the best solution at this point in time is Option 4.

Option 4 allows CSU to have a showcase in the middle of campus for both the residents of Colorado and those visiting from other states to see. For better or worse, athletics (football and basketball primarily) are how a lot of people first hear about a university. In order for CSU to continue to grow and meet the goals set forth by President Frank, an on-campus stadium of the best quality is needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Colorado State Staff

"I believe the studies have shown that Hughes is no longer viable, and having an on campus stadium provides a significant enough improvement that, if possible, CSU should proceed with the goal of an on campus stadium either through a phased construction plan (which I believe to be the better option) or a Public-Private Partnership. Besides the positive impacts on the university as a whole of an on campus stadium, I believe that our football program has proven in their recent history that they can be a competitive team, and they deserve to have a competitive stadium. Also I believe an on campus stadium would provide much more utility than what Hughes can currently provide, such as office space for teachers and administrators, classrooms, marching band facilities, and more. None of those would be possible with even a renovated off campus stadium due to the distance from Campus.

Thank you for your time."

Colorado State Alumni

"Dear Dr. Tony Frank & Distinguished Stadium Committee Members:

I have organized what I believe are the Pros and Cons of each CSU Stadium Option for you to review and weigh in developing your recommendation. I have tried to incorporate as many of the pros and cons that I have heard directly over the last 2 years from stadium supporters, stadium opposition, and members of the community. It is a very extensive list, but if I missed a Pros and Cons, feel free to contact me if you would like input on how I view them. Based on this info, I have summarized my personal preference of recommendation which I hope you will consider. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to this important task you are undertaking. As a CSU Alumni, Donor, Season Ticket Holder at Hughes Stadium, Ram Club Members, and Fort Collins home owner, your commitment makes me proud to be a CSU Ram! Go Rams!

Option 1 - Maintain Hughes Stadium

Pros (7):

- Lowest total cost option
- No impact on community around CSU main campus.
- Could start most maintenance items immediately upon receiving funding.
- One major parking lot around the stadium as opposed to multiple lots.
- No increased traffic impact in Fort Collins caused by a larger capacity facility.
- With the always uncertain landscape of college football, this assures no major investment is made to maintain CSU at the status quo.
- Located in a unique location next to a hill and the "A".

Cons (16):

- Provides no increased revenue potential for CSU or future maintenance of Hughes Stadium.
- Cost will almost entirely come from the General Fund of CSU and this option does not have donor support except for some potential minor upgrades that could garner future support. This option guarantees that the majority of costs would be paid for by the academic General Fund.
- Location of facility - not easy to access, this option does nothing to increase engagement of students, alumni, donors, and the community with CSU's main campus.
- No public transportation access to facility. Thus most people must drive to and from the stadium, increasing the risk of drunk driving by students.
- Stadium is not designed to be used for other sports (field is designed so that soccer and Lacrosse fields don't fit on it).
- Stadium is not designed to be used for other events & programs - no events center, poor audio and video, city ordinance restricting use.
- Cost does not include longer-term likely maintenance costs that could arise in the future to a 46 year old facility.
- Maintains Hughes Stadium as what is regularly considered one of the 10 worst stadiums in the United States.
- Hughes Stadium in its present condition, which is being maintained in this option, has a history of poor attendance and poor support.
- There is an impact on the communities around Hughes Stadium on game days.
- This option provides no increased benefit to the local Fort Collins economy.
- This option does not support investments such as MAXX, downtown parking structures, Transfort, etc., that the city has made or plans to make.
- There is no academic benefit to this location or design.
- Stadium is so close to the hill behind it that it restricts views of the rest of the Rocky Mountains from the stadium and parking areas, not giving fans the true experience of the beauty of Fort Collins.
- The majority of the current parking area would remain a dirt lot which is not attractive to many people, especially in wet and cold games.
- Selection of this option demonstrates no dedication to increasing the excellence and visibility that football brings the university, while also not providing a facility for other CSU sports and events.

Option 2 - Hughes 2050

Pros (5):

- Upgrades Hughes to a much more state-of-the-art level for CSU football to compete at a higher level and meets many of the stadium desires of fans. Investment in football with major facility upgrades would increase the visibility of CSU football and should also help recruit top football players.
- Designed to provide revenue generating seating options to help pay back bonds.

- No impact on community around CSU's main campus except for likely more traffic on higher capacity game days.
- One major parking lot directly connected to the stadium as opposed to multiple lots; however due to the location, more fans will be required to drive and history has shown that capacity events at Hughes Stadium result in there not being sufficient parking in the present lot.
- Located in a unique location next to a hill and the "A".

Cons (19):

- Cost is similar (and possibly more when considering Option 3 versus the potential high cost of Option 2) to the cost of building a brand new stadium on-campus. Cost projection also varies significantly.
- Does not have the total donor support of a stadium on-campus . Overall, donors thus far have shown little interest in Hughes Stadium knowing a stadium on-campus is a feasible option that will provide CSU more future opportunity. This results in the highest potential cost to come from the General Fund and a higher likelihood than Options 3 & 4 that the General Fund will be necessary to pay back bonds.
- Revenue projections will be more difficult to achieve at the Hughes Stadium site based on the past and recent attendance figures of Hughes than it would be on-campus where projections show a 9-22% increase in attendance, thus creating more risk to utilization of the General Fund. Though the necessary revenue bonds maybe slightly lower, so would the potential revenues.
- Though larger (equivalent to Option #3) is it large enough to attract top FBS teams to Fort Collins which would be necessary to see consistent at-capacity football games?
- Location of facility - not easy to access, this option does nothing to increase engagement of students, alumni, donors, and the community with CSU's main campus.
- No public transportation access to facility which would come at a significant investment from the City of Fort Collins to add. Thus most people must drive to and from the stadium, increasing the risk of drunk driving by students.
- This option does not support investments such as MAXX, downtown parking structures, Transfort, etc., that the city has already made or plans to make.
- Based on the description, it is unclear if Hughes Stadium would be retrofitted to be used for other sports (currently the size of Hughes Stadium field is designed so that soccer and Lacrosse fields are not capable of fitting on it). To accommodate this may add additional extensive costs not yet accounted for, or this potential use may not exist.
- The stadium does not appear to be designed to be used for other events & programs. Based on the description, it is unclear if these costs would include the addition of an indoor events center. There are currently restrictions for use of Hughes Stadium beyond football and it is unclear if these would be able to be changed to allow the stadium to be utilized more than it is currently. This would be necessary to help maximize revenue potentials of this stadium option which would already be limited due to lower attendance figures than are projected by putting a stadium on-campus.
- It is unknown if this cost projection includes the necessary investment to make the stadium LEED Gold certified. If no, the cost to do this would add even additional extensive costs not yet accounted for, or the opportunity to have one of the most sustainable stadium facilities in the nation may not be achievable at Hughes Stadium.
- Very little increased benefit to local Fort Collins economy once construction is complete due to stadium location. Only benefit might come during construction and a very small increase during capacity games since this stadium is designed to be larger than Hughes Stadium is presently.
- There will be a larger than current impact on the community around Hughes Stadium when having potentially busier and larger football games.
- Hughes Stadium has a history of poor attendance and poor support.

- Stadium is so close to the hill behind it that it restricts views of the rest of the Rocky Mountains from the stadium and parking areas, not giving fans the true experience of the beauty of Fort Collins.
- The majority of the current parking area would remain a dirt lot which is not attractive to many people, especially in wet and cold games.
- There is no academic benefit to this location or design.
- Due to utilization of the same roads to access Hughes Stadium as to access campus, there is likely to be a traffic increase on the same roads as Options 3 & 4, however backups may be in different locations. As explained in stadium traffic studies, expect similar road changes and traffic issues necessary for Hughes Stadium as would be necessary for an on-campus stadium.
- By having football offices and such off-campus, are we further reducing engagement with campus when donors come to visit with athletic staff? If designs do include an indoor events area and the stadium could be used for multi-use, are we then taking those events off-campus and thus reducing engagement with CSU's main campus even more than today?
- Stadium design has not really been started yet so it will take extensive time & resources to plan, fundraise and design this Hughes upgrade plan.

Option 3 - On-campus Stadium Phased

Pros (19):

- Provides a state-of-the-art multi-use facility for CSU Athletics to compete at a higher level that, once both phases are complete, will meet the stadium desires of fans, and at Phase 1 completion meets many of them.
- Affordable and manageable cost to CSU, very similar to cost of Option #2 (and potentially less than Option #2), however has the second highest private donor support, minimizes impact & risk to the General Fund, and can be better and more often utilized by CSU than Options #1 & #2.
- Stadium is on-campus providing CSU with more opportunities for use (other sports, events large & small, graduations, etc.).
- The location increases engagement by students, alumni, donors (personal and corporate), and the community with the main campus of CSU regularly.
- The location increases visibility of the main campus of CSU.
- Investment in football with major facility upgrades would increase the visibility of CSU football and should also help recruit top football players. As opposed to Options #1 & #2, this also provides a facility that increases the dedication to the other sports that could utilize the facility.
- Stadium is easy to access with more than 75% of students living with-in walking & biking distance of campus.
- There is an extensive public transportation system that runs to campus which supports investments such as MAXX, downtown parking structures, Transfort, etc., that the city has already made or plans to make.
- Stadium would maintain the university's direction of building LEED certified facilities to advance its visibility as a leading university in sustainability. Facility is likely to be LEED Gold, one of the few LEED Gold college stadiums in the country.
- Design can include an 85k square foot academic portion that due to the stadium design will save the university 73 cents on the dollar for the cost of the space. This saves the university General Fund approximately \$11 Million dollars for space that will need to be built with or without a new stadium on-campus.
- This option can utilize revenue projections as determined. The size reductions don't affect the ranges of projections as they are based on lower attendance levels than the total capacity of this stadium.

- Creates the opportunity to create new alumni, student, community, and fan traditions on-campus which is something that is severely lacking out at Hughes Stadium.
- Designed to provide significant revenue generating seating opportunities.
- Will have a very positive economic impact to the local Fort Collins community.
- Costs include appropriate mitigation of city impacts.
- Stadium design is mostly completed.
- A stadium located on-campus provides fans better views of the Rocky Mountains.
- Parking availability was determined during the parking study to be sufficient and would be even more accommodating for capacity events than Option #4 which hold 4k more fans.
- With a capacity of 4k less than Option 4, traffic delays would be less than the traffic study projects and is likely to be better than that of Option #2 due to the availability of public transportation and easy accessibility by students.

Cons (6):

- Decreases potential capacity by 4k until later phases could be completed. This would be essentially the same size as Option #2, however is it big enough to attract top FBS teams to play in Fort Collins?
- Completion in phases creates potential that the 2nd phase may never be completed.
- Due to not having the 2nd deck on the East Stands, design may increase noise and light leakage into surrounding neighborhoods than Option #4.
- The aesthetic look is not as artistic as Option #4 with the tiered look of the West Stands, however is more aesthetically pleasing than the design of Hughes 2050.
- Due to capacity being reduced to 36k economic impact to the local community on capacity game days is likely to be lower than Option #4, until the second phase is completed.
- Due to potential for construction costs to increase in the future, the cost of Phase 2 may make it difficult and financially unjustifiable to actually complete.

Option 4 - On-campus Stadium Public Private Partnership

Pros (21):

- Provides a completed state-of-the art multi-use facility for CSU Athletics to compete at a higher level that meets the stadium desires of fans.
- Has the highest private donor support and minimizes impact and risk to the General Fund.
- Stadium is on-campus providing CSU with more opportunities for use (other sports, events large & small, graduations, etc.)
- The location increases engagement by students, alumni, donors (personal and corporate), and the community with the main campus of CSU regularly.
- The location increases visibility of the main campus of CSU.
- Investment in football with major facility upgrades would increase the visibility of CSU football and should also help recruit top football players. As opposed to Options #1 & #2, this also provides a facility that increases the dedication to the other sports that could utilize the facility.
- Stadium is easy to access with more than 75% of students living with-in walking & biking distance of campus.
- There is an extensive public transportation system that runs to campus which supports investments such as MAXX, downtown parking structures, Transfort, etc., that the city has already made or plans to make.
- Stadium would maintain the university's direction of building LEED certified facilities to advance its visibility as a leading university in sustainability. Facility is likely to be LEED Gold, one of the few LEED Gold college stadiums in the country.

- Design can include an 85k square foot academic portion that due to the stadium design will save the university 73 cents on the dollar for the cost of the space. This saves the university General Fund approximately \$11 Million dollars for space that will need to be built with or without a new stadium on-campus. Utilize revenue projections as determined.
- Creates the opportunity to create new alumni, student, community, and fan traditions on-campus which is something that is severely lacking out at Hughes Stadium.
- Designed to provide significant revenue generating seating opportunity. Most likely to provide the highest revenue potential of the four Options.
- Will have a very positive economic impact to the local Fort Collins community.
- Depending on payment structure, may cost less annually for CSU.
- Is designed to have the lowest noise and lighting effect on local neighborhoods.
- Costs include appropriate mitigation of city impacts.
- Stadium design is mostly complete and is the most aesthetically and architecturally pleasing of the 4 Options.
- A stadium located on-campus provides fans better views of the Rocky Mountains.
- Completing the facility 100% right-the-first-time, is likely to reduce long-term construction costs of a potential 2nd phase and assure that the facility gets completed.
- Has the largest size and complete design providing the best chance of attracting Revenue 5 and major FBS teams to play in Fort Collins while also providing the best potential for CSU to move to a Revenue 5 conference in the future. Revenue 5 teams travelling to Fort Collins would result in near sellout crowds making revenue potentials the most easily achievable in this option.
- Parking availability was determined during the parking study to be sufficient

Cons (2):

- Highest priced option, and (depending on the lease structure and final donation numbers) could have the largest long-term cost to CSU; however, could also have the largest long-term gain and potentially the best annual cost of Options 2, 3 & 4.
- Due to utilization of the same roads to access campus as Hughes, there may be a slight traffic increase on the same roads as Options 2 & 4, as explained in stadium traffic study, for capacity events due to a capacity of 3500-4k more patrons for this facility. However, the traffic difference between Options 2 & 4 may be negligible due to the access of public transportation and student accessibility to campus.

Summary:

I believe in completing things right-the-first-time. I believe that saves you in the end and gives you all of the opportunity for success in the future. Option #4 maximizes benefits, minimizes risks, reduces noise and lighting impacts to neighborhoods, and provides CSU with everything it needs to be successful. Option #3, however also has a lot to like. The difference between the two options to me comes down to the deal regarding the public/private partnership. If the deal is favorable to CSU, then I think Option #4 is the best opportunity for success and likely the lowest financial risk. If the deal results in a lot of potential for CSU to not be able to take advantage of the revenues that this facility can bring, then stick with Option #3 and finish the stadium later. The small risk to the General Fund by Options #3 & #4 is at least guaranteed to be partially made up for with the \$11 million in cost savings that a stadium on-campus provides academics in generating 85k square feet of classroom space at 73 cents on the dollar. This savings does not exist with any option at Hughes Stadium. Option #2 does nothing for CSU or Fort Collins but prop up CSU Football for a cost as much or more as Option #3 with greater risk that revenues will not be achieved and the highest potential cost of the CSU General Fund. That is an unwise investment that should not be supported unless the City of Fort Collins tax payers are willing to

contribute tax revenues to pay for it (to assure it's financial success), public transportation to access it, and eliminate the ordinance restricting use of Hughes Stadium. And I think the question would become in the future is, was it even enough? Plus it still does nothing to increase engagement with CSU's main campus or extensively supporting the Fort Collins local economy. Option #1 should not even be an option in my opinion. It is essentially at least a \$2 million annual cost to students that does nothing to help CSU, CSU Football, or Fort Collins. In fact it devalues CSU Football by demonstrating CSU is not committed to it the way other universities are. If giving students a guaranteed \$2 million annual bill is an option, then why wouldn't CSU just commit that money to the difference of the cost between Options #3 & the design of #4 and build the completed on-campus stadium right-the-first-time without a public/private partnership? At least this way, the General Fund may be able to re-coup some or all of that money and potentially reduce student future financial support of the athletic department. Option #1 is simply a \$2 million bill to CSU academics. Risking long-term student dollars based on conservative revenue projections is one thing, but to guarantee its use to maintain a facility that is considered one of the worst in the country is simply not acceptable. It is time for everyone to get behind the support of building a new stadium on-campus. It is the right thing to do for CSU's athletic, academic, and financial future. It is also the best thing to do for the City of Fort Collins."

Colorado State Alumni

"For Colorado State University to fulfill its mission as a Top Tier institution and be competitive and the best in all facets and offerings of such an institution, this is by far the best, most forward thinking, and progressive option and really only option.

I did not chose CSU because I sought mediocrity; nor do I support CSU to be mediocre. As a donor to both athletics AND academics, I want CSU to strive always to be the best and most competitive she can be.

Thank you, and GO Rams!"

Colorado State Alumni

go rams!

I am faculty, alum and FC community member

Either of these two would be acceptable to me. It is impossible for me to support the on campus stadium because we have never been given a clear assessment of the benefits. We have been told the costs (but please consider the history of cost estimates for large projects like this and the actual costs when all is said and done). However, we have never been given an accounting of the expected benefits to the University. I think we deserve something more than "will help with recruiting", "better prospects within the NCAA football environment", greater visibility", etc. I would like to see the assumptions behind these projections together with estimates of the financial gain to the University from them. The cost of the new stadium is a huge investment to enter into without a clear cost/benefit analysis to inform the decision.

Colorado State Alumni

"Of these options, option 3 seems the best, providing a new, on-campus stadium that is affordable, provides capacity that matches the needs of the program right now and in the near future, and retains full control of the stadium by CSU. I would, however, like to see a lot of input from the Fort Collins community about this option and the impact it has on campus neighbors and the city as a whole.

One option I have not heard addressed is a phased building of a new stadium on the current Hughes stadium property (possibly adjacent to the current stadium so that it can be used during construction of the new stadium)."

Colorado State Alumni
Hughes Wil cost less and is already in a great location

Colorado State Alumni
"The 2050 plan doesn't put us ahead of our current competition and it doesn't reflect the overall goals of CSU as a whole.

If we want maintain our current status then keep the cinder block out at Hughes."

Colorado State Staff
I like option 2 the best. While I believe an on-campus stadium would be great I think the time has passed. A bad decision was made 50 years ago and we have to be realistic about the consequences of that decision. I have been very disappointed in how much of the dialogue at CSU has been around the stadium and not around more important issues. At one of the public forums I heard someone who appeared to be a white senior citizen say "this is the worst thing that has ever happened in Fort Collins". I was disheartened to hear someone suggest that this stadium was that bad when we have racism, sexism, homophobia and gender inequality alive and well on a daily basis in our community. The idea of an on-campus stadium has become a distraction that takes our focus away from the real issues an institution of higher education should be focused on.

Colorado State Alumni
"As laid out in the blue book Option 4 seems to be the best for the financial aspect for the school. The OCS will get built fully at today's low financing rates and building costs as compared to doing it in the future. Option 1 seems like the university is just giving up on athletics and throwing money in the trash can trying to maintain Hughes. Option 2 seems like it will cost the most of any option and the end result is a nicer Hughes that defeats the purpose of upgrading facilities by still being off campus.

My view of what option 4 will accomplish is to make a centerpiece facility for a growing campus. This facility will obviously enhance our image for the athletics programs by providing new state of the art training facilities and game day venue. As a facility that can be used more than 6 times a year the revenue generated on a daily basis is probably the most important. Having the ability to rent out parts for business meeting and conferences along with hosting community activities and concerts will make maintain the facility much more cost effective and also bring people to our beautiful campus. This will also help in recruiting high level athletes that want to have the newest and best facilities and equipment available. Young athletes whether it is a good thing or not want the newest and best of everything and choose schools based on this; Oregon is a great case study in this. They have only been a national power for about a decade due in large part to the constant uniform changes and brand new athletic facilities.

Option 3 seems fine also but drawing it out over time seems like it would get much more expensive to complete it, perhaps even doubling the costs associated with it. The other part is not having a completed facility will downgrade the overall appeal and use of the facility.

Go Rams"

Colorado State Alumni
Build it!

Colorado State Alumni

I have been to several other college campuses for football games, & I think we definitely need an on-campus stadium. The experiences at schools that had a stadium on campus were totally different than here. I also know that recruits are very critical of Hughes, and I think that may be the largest obstacle we face in our pitch. I like going to campus when I go up for games (I'm a season ticket holder living in Denver), but it's a pain to have to go out of the way to make the extra stop. I don't know which option I prefer: 3 or 4. On the one-hand, I don't think building out the full stadium right now would be necessary since we have trouble filling Hughes right now. On the other hand, it would be very nice to have some major programs come here right away & I think a bigger stadium would allow for that to happen. It also seems silly to build a new stadium & not go all the way with it, but I understand the cost implications of building too much too soon. One thing that I think needs to be addressed is tailgating. I know it may seem minor, but when my friends & I discuss the new stadium this ALWAYS comes up. Tailgating is a big part of the game day experience, & I haven't heard anything about how it will work with a new stadium (location, alcohol policies, parking, etc).

Colorado State Alumni

Option 1 is preferred. Lowest cost. Academics should be priority unless the football can pay its own way.

Colorado State Staff

A phased approach sounds like a good plan!

Colorado State Alumni

I think it is critical that CSU moves forward with an on-campus stadium. We have to invest in athletics as it is an important part of our University. One of the aspects that is often overlooked is the positive benefit that this stadium will have stimulating the local economy of Fort Collins.

Fort Collins Community Member

"In this day of global competition, educational changes and monetary constraints football should be considered a game and not the focus of so much time and energy. In fact, I see no reason to have a football team, period, but as the NFL is not going to establish a professional minor league and college football is not going to disappear I would urge the CSU decision to focus on maintaining Hughes as the preferred option.

Priority 1 is education not providing a fun place for sports and entertainment. As for recruiting out of state students to increase revenue.....I'm not convinced that the students so attracted to CSU are the ones you want."

Colorado Community Member

The only realist way CSU can remain a viable FBS program is to build a facility that can attract the interest of Power 5 (P5) conference schools to play games in Fort Collins. CSU has often been mentioned as a possible expansion candidate with one or more of the P5 conferences (Big 12, PAC 12, etc.), so without this facility the best case scenario for CSU is to remain in a watered down MWC. The future of the MWC and other non-power 5 conferences looks bleak, or similar to the current FCS conference schools (e.g UNC). With the continual population grow of the front range and the amount CSU alumni in Colorado, their is no reason CSU should not be competing at the highest level. Colorado

can easily support 2 major College Football programs and the construction of this proposal would be the first step to achieve this goal.

Parent of CSU Student

I do not want to see a new Stadium built. What a waste of resources, land and money for a sport. We have many needs in this community and beyond and a new stadium is not needed, when we have Hughes stadium which has never been used to its potential. Shame on this community for thinking it needs a new stadium to stay in the GAME.

Colorado State Alumni

Hughes is in the perfect location, has plenty of parking, beautiful views. Don't damage our town by building an unnecessary over-sized stadium that will lead to traffic congestion, noise issues, parking problems, and take up way too much of the campus.

Fort Collins Community Member

General/Other --- The on-campus stadium will not be a revenue source for CSU, and with the O'Bannon case and the loosening of "amateur" rules for the power 5 conferences, the gap between the haves (BCS conferences) and the have nots (CSU included) will widen. Do not l

Colorado State Alumni

"Hughes 2050 is the best option for our community and CSU and more fiscally and socially responsible. The Hughes Stadium site has ample parking and land for development. it is continuous with equestrian and atmospheric science. That land could be used to develop an athletic campus focused on sports performance and research with more emphasis on Olympic sports. The model could be the IMG complex in Florida or the Olympic training Center in Colorado Springs. This could be a revenue generating campus that does athletic testing, conferences, education and athletic training, including team training. There would be research opportunities that could generate research dollars and work study and internships for students. Olympic sports in aggregate are highly visible to a diverse global audience with Olympics every 2 years plus world championships, leagues, and on going events. This would also include equestrian sports in honor of our ranching and farming heritage. These are sports we do in Colorado. this vision could be the seed to raise money to rebuild Hughes and add other sports facilities such as a velodrome.

I am in the majority of alumni that isn't interested in football, will not be engaged on campus and will question continuing my donations if CSU chooses to spend money and impose on CSU, the students, the city, the faculty and the taxpayer in such an irresponsible way. Football is a diversion from education , not a complement to it. that appeals to a largely white male demographic. They are the ones insisting how important it is to ""engage alumni (football fans) on campus. These are the ones insisting how important football is to the success of CSU. Why spend so much and impact so much for football fans that are a highly limited demographic - but in positions of power to abuse."

Parent of CSU Student

"We need to better communicate the future economic impact this would have for not just FTC , but all if NOCO and Colorado. I believe there could even be partnerships outside of FTC.

Example should be given of other football programs where stadiums are centrally located to both the campus and towns/cities.

An example of this that was local was at university of northern Colorado where they built the new on campus stadium and used the old facility for women's soccer.

Three on campus stadiums that would be good examples to use and study economically that I have been to is univ of Nebraska and Michigan.

Cheers to csu. !!!"

Colorado Community Member

My wife and I have don't missed a game since the beginning of the 2008 season. Hughes is the worst option. We live in Windsor and usually spend the day down town before the game. Hopping the mad to campus, walking by the Warner building? Sound a lot better than driving down Harmony. Get it done.

Grandparent of CSU student

There is a problem with traffic now and will increase dramatically if stadium is on campus. The location at HUGHES is great besides a beautiful location.

Colorado State Alumni

So stupid to waste a great facility !

Colorado State Alumni

De emphasize football. Spend money on inclusive, participatory activities.

Fort Collins Community Member

I believe the stadium located on campus would be an incredible boast to CSU's prominence, to the downtown economy and beats repair costs for the current project that would cause a tuition increase from Dr Frank's comments.

Fort Collins Community Member

Even though construction costs increase annually, the phased option seems feasible. Not as much upfront money, and more can be built as additional funds are raised. However, wouldn't want the stadium to be in continuous construction mode (like our roads) - hence, the term Phased. Would like to see an architectural rendering of the Phased option, i.e., what is initially built, then what each phase brings to the table and its benefits.

Colorado Community Member

"As a 30 year member of the Fort Collins community and parent of 2 CSU graduates, I am all for an on-campus stadium. I believe a new stadium can be the centerpiece of our great community. The ability to utilize an on-campus stadium for additional sports, as well as, community events is a big plus in my mind. While I am in favor of controlling the height of our city's skyline, an architecturally creative stadium can become the anchor for the community and skyline. The outcries over traffic and related issues to me are a moot point, as we already host 5 home games a year in Fort Collins today. Having recently attended CSU football games at Boise State and New Mexico, those community embrace the stadiums, the event and made everything work. I believe Fort Collins and CSU will achieve the same.

Under the leadership of Dr. Frank, we have seen CSU rise in its national ranking for so many categories other than sports. I have heard Dr. Frank speak on a few occasions and have the utmost belief that he and the Board of Governors will move forward with the entire Colorado State University's best interests at heart in any decisions. I feel that if there is a correct and appropriate way to accomplish building a new stadium then it should be exercised by the university. Be Bold, build the new stadium!"

Parent of CSU Student Option 1: Maintain Hughes Stadium

We have the most beautiful setting for our stadium. There is plenty of room. The view is gorgeous. Let's upgrade this facility in this location! Most of the student body lives off campus and mostly on the westside. I'm a community member as well as a CSU parent. I love where Hughes is situated!

Parent of CSU Student Option 1: Maintain Hughes Stadium

I love to tailgate at Hughes, being able to bring grills, campers etc. as well as the fact that there is plenty of parking. I believe that the campus would not be improved with the addition of a stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

Keep Hughes where it is... gorgeous setting, room to tailgate, minimal traffic around campus on game-days, less kids going into Old Town to drink and cause riots after games, etc.

Colorado State Alumni

Build it! It's the only way. General fund money towards Hughes would be a gigantic waste.

Fort Collins Community Member

"As a resident of Fort Collins, who also happens to live within walking distance of Hughes (in The Ponds) and impacted by game days, I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE that the Hughes 2050 plan be implemented. Traffic is less of an issue on the far west side of town, for game days. The setting and surrounding environment is GORGEOUS and should be highlighted as the fantastic backdrop that it is for games. (How lucky we are to have such amazing scenery surrounding this stadium!!!) The property and land surrounding the stadium are PERFECT for tailgating and parking.

As far as the issue of students getting there from campus:

1. They need to get their butts on their bikes and GET TO THE GAMES! They need to show school spirit!! And stop bellyaching about how far it is. It is NOT THAT FAR!!! Typical lazy Millenials!
2. How about using the huge CSU buses to shuttle the students from campus, and maybe one or two more gathering sites around town, to shuttle them out to the stadium if they are too darned lazy to use man-power to get themselves there, or the weather is not conducive to walking/biking/etc.

And finally, we are blessed to live in such an amazing, beautiful place. Highlighting Hughes should be top of the list, when it comes to parent tours, and tours for prospective athletes. Put parents on the CSU bus, take them out there, show them how glorious that location is, and how NOT FAR FROM THE SCHOOL it is. Sing the praises of the location of the stadium, instead of trying to hide the location from them. No more night-time tours for prospective athletes to try to minimize the (perceived) distance from the school. (Yeah...we know you do that, by the way.) Instead, make those athlete tours in BROAD DAYLIGHT, and show off what an incredible location it truly is!

Putting a new stadium on campus is a horrible idea, for so many reasons. Not the least of which is the impact on the surrounding neighborhoods, the snarling of traffic and parking issues this will create in the heart of town, and the potential for noise, litter and other nuisances that are associated with people attending a game in town and on campus.

I fully support Hughes 2050 and will do so with my hard earned \$\$ (via donation to the school designated for the Hughes 2050 project), if that plan is implemented!!!"

Fort Collins Community Member

"Hello- I have lived here for over 20 years, but didn't attend CSU. I am from Nebraska, so I know the comparisons are not equal, but here is what I can say: Hughes Stadium, even with money poured in, will become completely obsolete soon. It is inevitable that something new will need to be built. The aura that an on-campus stadium brings is immeasurable. Just ask Stanford (newer) or any other school with an on-campus stadium. Or ask UNLV without one. You just cannot compare the excitement and enthusiasm an on-campus stadium brings.

CSU is on the verge of becoming a have-not in the world of college football. I know that football is not what school is for, but, like it or not, it is how a school is defined and perceived. The 5 power conferences are about to revolt from the NCAA, and for CSU to be relevant, they are going to need the MW to become part of that group. Otherwise, CSU is going to become like the old division 2 in the NCAA hierarchy. The reason to do this is money. The amount of funds that will be generated by this is going to be enormous (just look at the Big 10 network, SEC network, etc) CSU will not be considered for a piece of that \$ pie without a new stadium.

I know some people hate the notion of sports running a University, but the fact is it does. The amount of revenue generated (along with publicity, advertising etc) far outweighs other sources of income, so, like it or not, successful sports teams help support a University.

I have friends that live in and around the area the a new stadium would be built. I understand their concerns, but also look at the fact that the amount of time the stadium would be used is actually pretty minimal. With the additional parking being built, it would also take some of the strain off the parking situation in the area they are now having. I won't go to a game at Hughes as it really feels like a glorified Texas high school game. I would however, attend a CSU game in a new stadium, as the experience would be tenfold over what Hughes would ever be able to offer. Thank you"

Fort Collins Community Member

I went to CSU and both of my kids ,The new stadium is a waste of dollars, Hughes serves us well, I am tired of our throw away society because of Bi Egos!

Colorado State Alumni

"Tony Frank should resign over this debacle.

His discussion in front of City Council Tuesday was an embarrassment."

Colorado State Alumni

Please keep beer available at the stadium. Please also keep tailgating!

Fort Collins Community Member

Do it, what a great thing it will be. MAX to the games then MAX to old town for dinner. Does not get any better than that!!

Parent of CSU Student

"Keep the existing stadium is the only viable option. Money does not exist to build a new one."

Colorado Community Member

Thank you

Colorado Community Member

I think the new stadium would be a boon to the funding of the University as a whole. It is important to get Alumni and guests on campus so that donating becomes top of mind. Hughes is too far removed.

Colorado State Alumni

I love Hughes like my 1st car. I no longer drive that car, times change and we need to upgrade.

Colorado State Alumni

I think this is the best option!

Colorado State Alumni

"The time is now to ""Be Bold"" and bring a much need University centerpiece to the main campus - let's build the On-Campus stadium. Since I graduated in 2000, and left Fort Collins area in 2003 and move to the Pacific Northwest I've been fortunate to be able to come back for a CSU Football game every couple of years my last being in 2011. Of all of those visits, I can honestly say only once was a stop on campus including on my agenda, all the other times it was drive up from Denver while visiting family and head straight to the stadium and then back. I know from reading and following news about CSU, there has been a ton of changes and improvements to campus, and really would like to see how they have morphed since I was there - but it's just another step for an alumni visiting from out of town with a football passion. Now if the stadium was on campus, I'd be that much more inclined to arrange time to see the changes, walk back over to Rockwell and revisit my old stomping grounds at the College of Business - I'd turn the visit into not only for football, but a all encompassing CSU visit.

In all honesty, I would love the see the fully built stadium as outlined in the (P3) scenario - it is unfortunate this option can't be achieved in the timeline we need with 100% private funding but this option seems to have CSU on a path for success for years and years down the road. The time is now to showcase our success, and push the external powers that be that Colorado State as a university both academically and athletically, should be included in a Power Conference. As much change as there has been in collegiate sports, and it's sad to say, but without access to the revenue streams/TV contracts/notoriety that comes with the association of a Power Conference I'm worried that eventually the financial differences will be too much to overcome.

I have full faith in the leadership of Colorado State University to drive the right decision that will not only impact past, present and future Rams - build the On-Campus Stadium."

Colorado State Alumni

"It is imperative that CSU build this new stadium correctly and completely the first time. CSU can't afford to miss the opportunity to capitalize on the benefits that a new stadium on campus will bring at its fullest capacity. Let's build this stadium with all of the amenities it has been designed with so that we can start to enjoy them as quickly as possible. Nothing in life is guaranteed. Students, fans and alumni deserve nothing but the best as demonstrated by the amazing upgrades to facilities all over campus.

Do it right the first time. Don't procrastinate and miss out on the low cost of money, materials, etc. I want to see CSU have the best of everything from engineering to the arts to athletic facilities. We must take care of this campus and we must give this university everything it needs to be successful now and 50 years from now.

Option 4 is the only way. Build the new stadium at its full potential and never look back. Go CSU and GO RAMS!"

Colorado State Alumni

I love CSU and have always enjoyed coming back to Fort Collins to watch football games. While Hughes has been a good venue it's time to move the stadium on campus. I will attend many more games if the stadium is on campus.

Colorado State Faculty

Keep Hughes Stadium. It is foolish to toss so much money and resources at an "on-campus" stadium. We are supposed to set an example for environmental stewardship. Building a new stadium goes completely against this."

Colorado State Alumni

"To me the best option is #4, pursuing a P3 to get the currently designed stadium on-campus. I'm a firm believer in delivering quality up front, and I don't think we should go into this project with the intention on making major renovations/upgrades. We should build this facility to serve us for the next 50 years with only maintenance. I know that's not always realistic, but it should be our goal at this point in time. I would love to see the academic space included in this deal.

I would still prefer option 3 over 1 and 2 because, for me, the issue with Hughes is location. If we decide to lower cost, I'd rather see us re-design the stadium to a new target \$ than build the current design in phases. The rendering of option 3 looks a little funky because you can tell pieces are missing. Let's learn our lesson from the IPF, we knowingly built the facility 50yds short with intentions of expanding in the future. Now it's boxed in, with no option to expand, and has reduced value for FB, soccer, and lacrosse. It's an embarrassment when compared to facilities our peers are building. Again, design the final product up front, even if it's to a smaller price tag.

Option 1 is a non-starter. Option 2, while I'm sure it would look nice, still doesn't solve location and connecting back to campus. Also, how much utility would the multi-use aspect hold miles away from campus? It seems to me that benefit would be reduced."

Fort Collins Community Member

General/Other I am in full support of building the on campus stadium. I believe the new stadium will greatly benefit CSU and the City of Fort Collins. Do not let the opposition derail the countless hours of work that have been conducted towards this project.

Colorado State Alumni

"BUILD IT!

People that actually support the university and university athletics should have a say. Not people that do not care about CSU. Build it!"

Fort Collins Community Member

Common sense solution. The cost of improvements and renovations will be spread out over a period of time.

Colorado State Alumni

Keep available space for any future classroom needs on campus.

Colorado State Alumni

Having grown up as a CSU fan (Knot Hole season ticket 1969) and then going to CSU I always thought Hughes was great. Recently, I have had the opportunity to experience college football at on campus

stadiums, and we as CSU fans, Alumni and Students have been missing out on the true College experience. Bring the stadium back on campus.

Colorado State Alumni

"I view the entire stadium situation as deciding what makes the most financial sense given CSU's future goals and expectations. This is how this issue should have been framed to begin with, versus being only about getting sports back on campus (which I am in favor of anyway).

Using the general fund to make basic repairs, forcing CSU to have this same discussion down the road, or for a major renovation sounds unappetizing. This might be palatable, viewed as a necessary evil, if there weren't other options that would reduce or eliminate reliance on the general fund, which both options 3 and 4 seem to accomplish because of increased donor interest and new revenue streams providing the options for financing. Options 3 and 4 make the most financial sense for CSU, still result in a nicer stadium than options 1 and 2, and move sports and fans back to campus where they belong. These two routes are better for CSU in every way.

My preference would be option 4, assuming CSU could negotiate terms that don't threaten CSU's sustainability. Doing the stadium right the first time has its benefits, you only get one chance to make a good first impression. While I wouldn't be upset with option 3, the obvious concerns are that anything not included in the initial build out will never get done.

I appreciate the time and effort CSU has put into this. I'm looking forward to watching football (and other sports) on campus in a few years."

Colorado State Alumni

"I believe the our football team is on the path to deserving a new place, and an extremely updated place to play. I like the idea of an on campus stadium, it allows the community to come together on a beautiful plot of land. We can start new traditions, and make game day something special for all.

The option of Hughes 2050, does seem enticing. I think that area has its own appeal, that just needs to be uncovered. I believe we should either completely redo Hughes, or my personal favorite, build a new stadium out there. However, once either option is complete, make the rest of the area nicer. Plant some shade trees for the tailgaters, build a playground for the younger kids that come, add some restaurants. Make Hughes worth driving those extra 3 miles."

Colorado State Alumni

I feel strongly that the stadium needs to be on campus. The overall experience of having the stadium on campus will enhance alumni relations, student support for the sports teams and university pride. Hughes Stadium is too far removed and a lot if the fun of attending college games is lost being so isolated with no restaurants or anything else around. We need to connect alumni back to campus and the stadium will do that.

Alumni and Parent

option 4 is first vote, option 3 is the second

Fort Collins Community Member

"The proposed new stadium cost is, in a word, ""obscene"". It seems logical, reasonable and most importantly, responsible, to put the new stadium design & construction costs out for bid. Let MANY

proposed designs be up for consideration, let numerous contractors bid the cost to build the stadium. If a new stadium can be built for 100 million- then build a new stadium on campus. The 100 million isn't arbitrary- it's based on the figures floated by the administration (whether they are to be believed is another story) that 70 million has been ""pledged"" by donors in favor of an on campus stadium and the 30 million in the general fund. If a new, state of the art facility cannot be built for 100 million then fix up Hughes and move on to the business of what college's are meant to do- educate.

This whole issue is nothing but a distraction."

First and foremost a community member, but also a two-degree alum and staff member
"I do not and never will support the construction of a new football stadium on the main campus of CSU. This part of Fort Collins is one of the most congested parts of the city. CSU's proposed/anticipated growth over the next several years will certainly result in the continued degradation of the neighborhoods which surround campus. Current construction project have already had a negative impact on our neighborhood. A project of the scale of a stadium will be even worse. Operation for football games and other events will result in traffic and other problems.

Supporters have never addressed the clear conflict between the assertion that a new stadium will result in greater attendance, but will have no negative impact on the neighborhoods or traffic. This is an impossible scenario.

Supporters cite a ""need"" (it's a want really) to get alumni on campus for events, but fail to acknowledge that alumni do come to campus for volleyball, basketball and lectures. Why does football have some magical status? Are football fans the most important alumni? Do they donate more than other sports' fans or for that matter non-fans?

This proposal has all along been fraught with lies. You said ""privately funded"" from the outset and now when that didn't work out you are trying again with public money.

It is fiscally impossible for football to both pay for this stadium and add to the CSU general fund. It will end up being a net loss.

DO NOT build a football stadium on the main campus. I would tepidly support a new stadium at the site of Hughes. But again this should still be built with private donations, and groundbreaking should not take place until it is fully funded.

Football and all athletics are extracurricular activities, they should be treated as such."

Colorado State Alumni

"The site of Hughes Stadium is rare, unique and beautiful. The thought of moving the stadium in town has had me puzzled from the start. Why give up a site that could make a large statement (or trademark) for the university? Utilizing this site that sits below Horsetooth could help ""brand"" the stadium and make it recognizable.

In addition, moving it on campus would require parking garages. Some of my best memories at Hughes Stadium were the tailgaters. I do not believe that they would be fun - or safe - if held in a parking garage. My guess is that the utilization of grills would be against fire codes. In addition, who would want to deal with the traffic all trying to leave a parking garage after the game??? That alone would certainly keep me away. It would encourage many people to leave the game early in order to miss the traffic,

rather than supporting the team until the end. Then, once out of the parking garage, the main roads within Fort Collins would be overloaded, which would discourage people that are not interested in the game from wanting to be anywhere near the area. The campus stadium traffic would have a much higher impact than the current site, because the typical traffic on the roads near Hughes Stadium is much lower than on the roads that surround the campus.

Parking garages have an extremely high cost - to build, but more importantly to maintain. In the end, the students will have to pay for either choice... Even if, somehow, the money is found to pay for a stadium without using General Fund money, the on-going maintenance costs should be considered. The cost of higher education is already becoming out of reach for many people. Simply continuing to raise tuition is not a long term solution. Already, studies show that young adults that do not have a college degree can qualify to purchase a house sooner than college educated adults, due to their student loan debt. This is just wrong!!!

I highly discourage the choice of building on campus. Please keep the unique site that Hughes currently sits on. Utilize its natural beauty to help make the revitalized Hughes a statement for the university, one that both students and alumni can continue to enjoy for many more decades."

Parent of CSU Student

Either of these two options to go forward with an on campus facility are unequivocally the best options for this university. I have attended numerous football games on campuses across the united states over the last 15 years. Without exception, the most gratifying experiences are those at on campus facilities. While at these events I am able to observe and engage in the networking opportunities that abound on the campus. I also get an appreciation of the campus and atmosphere of academics and student life while there. The off campus stadiums are disengaging from the universities, even when they in and of themselves are considered a destination such as the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA. After attending one of those events, one leaves with a void regarding connection to the university. I have no doubt that all colleges of Colorado State University will reap monetary benefits by improved connection with it's alumni as I have seen everywhere, particularly exemplified in my opinion by Stanford University.

Fort Collins Community Member

This is the only financially feasible option. The current physical setting is unique and special, and the stadium should stay where it is. Invest the money it would take to build something new into providing an education for those who need it most.

Out-of-state Community Member

An on-campus stadium is a huge draw for me as an alumni to return to campus on a more frequent basis. This will move CSU forward in both athletics and academics by attracting the best students to a thriving, proud, campus environment!

Colorado State Student

We've invested over 500 million in other building. Football helps university's get recognition. Use money from general fund

Colorado State Alumni

"Option 4 seems to be the best natural option to have a functioning, 21st century stadium in place as soon as possible. The only details, of course, would be to see the financials. That said, Colorado State needs such a stadium on campus. We're being left behind other programs of comparable size and we

need to be a school coaches come to win as opposed to using as a springboard for what will eventually be an amazing career (McElwain).

I like Option 3 and Option 4."

Colorado State Alumni

I support the concept of moving the football stadium to the campus. I grew up in Atlanta, GA, and got my undergraduate degree at Georgia Tech which has one of the oldest on-campus stadiums in the country. Grant Field has always brought a high level of excitement and interest in Tech as alumni and community members return for games. I understand the concerns in Fort Collins about impacts to surrounding neighborhoods on game days, but I believe the benefits to CSU and Fort Collins exceed the adverse impacts. Issues like traffic and parking can be managed just as they are now. Light and noise are expectations of living in a city. Please take the long view and do what is best for the university and the community over the long-term future.

Fort Collins Community Member

"1. Hughes 2050 makes the most sense to me, especially if underwritten by a renewed fund-raising campaign. There is an untapped potential in the community for support of the Hughes site. That potential was neglected while the rush was on to develop an on-campus option. If the on-campus site were removed from the table, I believe the community would respond generously to a campaign for Hughes. I understand why Hughes was downplayed before--but the on-campus option has been a failure in the eyes of the majority in the public.

2. It would be wise to open a meeting of the current Community Advisory committee for a back-and-forth discussion of the various options. Otherwise, it just looks like another rigged ""advisory"" group. Although I personally believe that it is not stacked or pre-determined, the public perception is contrary. Thanks for making this form available.

Colorado State Alumni

Let's build it!

Colorado State Alumni

Be bold and build it right the first time.

Colorado State Alumni

As a proud alumni an on campus stadium would be a fantastic and long overdue.

Colorado State Staff

Hughes is a uniique stadium with a beautiful, unique Colorado setting! Why would we not want to revitalize it?? I would be for an "on-campus" stadium if we had a bunch of room and space for it. However, we don't! The Around the Horn buses would easily provide transportation on game days to and from campus. Make it fun!!! People will want to ride the buses if you make it fun!!!

Fort Collins Community Member

works well at present location, use funds for research and development instead

Colorado Community Member

"I moved to Colorado 7 years ago and have become a big fan of CSU. and Ft. Collins.

I believe CSU has the potential for a bright future but they need to quickly adapt their culture to embrace change. The broad University and College sector is undergoing great challenges and 50% will be gone within 10 years.

Who would have thought the famous Thunderbird School of International Finance would go under, but it did.

As a real estate investor who specializes in P3 I have been meeting with schools all over the country who are embracing change and forging new partnerships.

Arizona State, Cal Berkeley, UC San Diego, and many many other schools have already completed P3 partnerships in parking, student housing, senior housing, and mixed use.

But CSU has been very slow to adapt. I have met with some senior officials and it seems there is no one willing to accept the challenge of drastic change. After meeting with CSU and completely revising their parking strategy and vision CSU declined to move forward and frankly showed a lack of understanding of the advantages of P3 and an insular bias to the status quo claiming ""we can do this ourselves"". Except CSU does not have the parking expertise to do so and they rely on consultants versus investors.

Now the first attempt is a very difficult P3 for a stadium? CSU needs to embrace P3 across all campus opportunities and put in place a culture and process that allows CSU to adapt and win. The stadium funding can result from this broader focus, but a P3 for just the stadium is off the mark and again shows a misunderstanding of P3.

We have offered to meet with the President or Regents and have been turned down. We can help, but only if we have people at CSU that are willing to listen."

Colorado State Alumni

I believe that either option 3 or 4 would be feasible depending on finances, but it is critical that CSU proceed with the on-campus stadium. We are on the verge of becoming a top notch program and this is the next step. We have excellent practice facilities, workout facilities, coaching staff, and an excellent university. We need to find a way to close the loop by constructing a first class stadium on campus.

Fort Collins Community Member

"I think the money spent on this venture would be better spent to reduce tuition !"

Colorado State Alumni

For the good of the student body, the athletic program, and the caliber of events that can be supported in a state of the art, on-campus venue, I just don't see the logic in pouring even more funds into decaying Hughes Stadium. Let's be honest, it's most redeeming value is not the game day experience, but as a tailgating venue. Student attendance would be far greater if those living on campus, and those in immediate surroundings, were able to walk to games on Saturday, not to mention how much safer it would be. As the former coach of CSU's women's lacrosse team, It'd be great to see our men's and women's lax teams step to the D1 level. With LAX being a spring fixture on the ESPN networks, there's another opportunity to show your product to the country, and to young recruitable athletes in multiple sports. On campus stadium=more alumni ON CAMPUS=nostalgia=more donations to the University. The athletic department has really scored with outstanding hires in Football and basketball coaches. CSU is putting a product on the field worth watching; something I haven't been able to say since I graduated

in '03. It would be a shame after such progress in the past 3 years, to pull the rug out from something that can make CSU a premier athletic and academic institution. Keep Hughes stadium: you'll likely lose Jim McElwain, and that would be a real pity for Ram fans.

Fort Collins Community Member

I think the only people to gain from a new stadium on campus are downtown business owners and construction businesses. Losers would be CSU finances and neighbors that have to deal with parking, etc.

Fort Collins Community Member

I'm very concerned about the non-public nature of this new process. It makes Dr Frank look like a poor sport who is stacking the deck to get what he wants. If you want an on-campus stadium, build "Fort Collins Field at Dr. Frank Stadium" by asking the people of Fort Collins two questions: 1) What does a Fort Collins friendly on-campus stadium look like. 2) What does a tax-payer friendly stadium look like. Then, ask the people of Fort Collins and students to submit suggestions. Personally, I suggest starting with 10,000 home bleacher seats (like a Texas high school stadium). Over the years add 10,000 visitor, and 10,000 end-zone. As revenues come in, replace the 10,000 home with 15,000 concrete. Repeat every 5 years or so. Now you have a phased stadium that can be maintained in phases. Further, 10,000 seats now is the same as Mobby, so now new traffic issues and stadium traffic grows with the city.

Colorado State Alumni

I think you should contact a student housing REIT to develop the stadium with built in student housing and street retail.

Fort Collins Community Member

It is time to build a new stadium on campus. As a season ticket holder for basketball and football, former student, and Fort Collins resident and native I can say that a new stadium is well past due and although Hughes has been a good facility, it has never been great. The game day experience is lacking, the connection to the university is lacking, and the stadium is dated. Pumping money into a facility that will continue to need ongoing maintenance and repair is an unwise financial decision. I understand the concern of those in the community who complain of the on campus stadium, however I would argue that they are out of touch with reality if they think it is fiscally responsible to pump money into a facility that is over 40 years old. TCU just spent \$164 million in 2012 to renovate their old stadium, the Rose Bowl has spent almost \$200 million on renovations since 1980, Texas A&M is spending \$450 million on renovations, Oklahoma is spending \$370 million, Cal is spending \$321 million, and this is just a few of many "Renovation" projects going on in college football. I know we are not these programs with this type of money, but the point is that for a fraction of the costs of some of these renovations, we can build a new stadium that requires less maintenance, operates more efficiently, provides a better experience for fans, and can be utilized in a number of ways besides just football. I don't disagree that parking needs to be addressed and I think it would be wise of the university to provide better transit options to and from the games from multiple points in town besides city buses. Traffic congestion and parking seem to be the primary complaint of opposition, so addressing this could ease some of the concern. Regardless, those who do not support the stadium are entitled to their opinion, however I would imagine that a majority of those who are against the stadium are not fans who attend every home game and have done so for the better part of 20 years. CSU is a great school in a great city and as loyal CSU fans we deserve a great new facility on campus. Go RAMS!

Colorado State Alumni

I support an on-campus stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

The stadium will bring new business to Fort Collins and increases the attendance at games its easy to see what the right choice is. Maintaining Hughes is not an option!

Fort Collins Community Member

"To everyone involved with promoting and supporting this project:

You know very well that FC residents overwhelmingly oppose an on campus stadium.

To Tony Frank:

You have stated that if the proposal divides the community, you will have failed. Do you now deny that you have failed?

You have stated that you would abandon the project if you failed to reach your private funding goal.

The fact that you are not keeping this promise indicates that you are dishonest and unprincipled.

You are ruining the reputation of a formerly reputable academic institution.

You should abandon the project and resign."

spouse of faculty alumni

I have lived in Fort Collins for 40 years and have felt this was a very progress town. It is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. When we look back in another 20 years I think no one will remember all the contention that has occurred today, but will say how fortunate we are to have this wonderful stadium on campus and when someone says I think there was a group of people that actually opposed this stadium, the response will be "YOUR KIDDING ME, NO WAY!!!!!"

RAM Club Member

"I have been a Ram Club member for several years but I am an Alabama grad. And after getting used to games in Tuscaloosa...or Auburn or Knoxville, etc. The idea of having games at a stadium several miles from campus, and sorta in the middle of nowhere, as opposed to an on campus stadium...well I just cant get my head around it.

Colorado State Student

I firmly believe that having an on campus stadium would be extremely detrimental to the already disastrous parking and traffic situation at the university grounds and surrounding areas. From a student perspective it makes much more academic sense to utilize the land that we already have for Hughes Stadium rather than trying to squeeze a stadium onto the already crowded main campus.

Colorado State Alumni

I am good with options 3 or 4. A stadium on campus needs to happen and I am ok with either method. As an alumni, Hughes stadium was not the experience I hoped for.

Colorado State Alumni

In relation to many other schools of our size and stature, Hughes is pretty dated in several aspects. Notably, the locker rooms are cramped, concession stands are undersized and restroom facilities inadequate (particularly for women). Back in the mid-90s when the place was full, getting in and out of the parking lot was nightmarish while all the shortcomings became glaring examples of a team out of its league. Pretty easy to overlook such things now that were back to pre-Sonny attendance numbers. As a 20+ year season ticket holder, the tailgate experience at Hughes is above average - if traffic control were to ever figure out basic concepts of ingress and egress it would be top notch! Given most fans I've talked to over the years would be hard-pressed to consider significantly higher ticket prices or Ram Club fees, it is very hard to imagine hitting the revenue projections for the new stadium. Unless, of course, the pro forma assumes higher penetration of corporate purchasers, thus defeating much of the point to a new stadium. Student attendance is down significantly across the country - even at high profile schools, so let's not kid ourselves about the idea of attracting out-of-state students through a shiny new stadium. It's about marketing and revenue. So how does the school generate the greatest and stickiest exposure in the most cost-effective manor? A decent football team helps. But how about a high-profile campaign that touts how the administration is making hard choices that is bringing DOWN the cost of obtaining a post-secondary degree? We're NOT dropping millions on athletics at the cost of classroom instruction. We're paring back administrative bloat and reeling in tenure in favor of working professors. We're narrowing our scope to those colleges that demonstrate significant value to the educational experience. We're NOT new and shiny, we're a cost-effective institution of higher learning with a national pedigree for research and development that will launch your future. If Dr. Frank is willing to upset the apple cart, which I heartily endorse, I would hope it delivers enduring value rather than a multi-million dollar gamble on a dubious proposition.

Colorado State Alumni

I believe this option takes the best of the on-campus benefits, without the risk of losing potential income in option 4. If the impact of the stadium is indeed what on-campus supporters believe it will be, than the other phases can be rolled out as the demand warrants.

Colorado State Alumni

"Built it and get it done.

We've spent millions upgrading facilities for academic purposes over the last few years. Time to upgrade the stadium. Hughes is an embarrassment to bring family and friends back to and takes away from the on campus experience and novelty of coming back to campus.

If we want people to take us seriously then we need to walk the walk. This phased build out is a happy medium that will allow us to move forward now with ability to expand later, but we need something new now."

Colorado State Alumni

General/Other I will keep my comments short and to the point. I strongly support an on-campus stadium and am strongly opposed to anything dealing with Hughes Stadium. If you decide to move forward with some form of an on-campus stadium, whether option 3 or 4 , it should be option 4. It should be built right the first time. Colorado State University deserves this. Move forward with option 4.

Colorado State Alumni

While I think it is important to collect gathering feedback, I thought Dr. Frank laid out the vision for why it is important to build a new stadium on campus. The runway to raise half of what would be necessary

to green light the project was insufficient and it is clear that traction was made. I suppose there is some debate as to how much was raised, what the realistic goal of the campaign was and ultimately which version is the truth as it relates to Graham and Frank. Having said that, campus looks much different from when I graduated 14 years ago. Buildings have been completed in forms of academic facilities, upgrades to the student center and changes/updates to student living. Fort Collins has also changed quite a bit (except Midtown but I understand that is under review as well). Why are not being just as ambitious about the athletic vision as we are the academic vision or even the vision that the city has? Okay, loaded question, but I see no reason not to explore alternative methods to raise funds so that Colorado State can be an elite university in every aspect, be it academics, athletics and otherwise. If the goal is to restore something that is already widely accepted as inadequate, then that really flies in the face of what I learned at the University and what I believe what should be our shared vision which his to reach new heights, to build, to look forward and to grow. Financially, this can get done. The consequences of not doing so would be put CSU football and perhaps athletics as a whole of being so far behind that it may never recover. I believe the last 10 or so years have been difficult enough in that regard, let's not ruin the momentum just as it begins to turn.

Colorado State Student

I think the proposed on campus stadium would be a great addition for our athletic program, as well as increase the popularity and appeal of the University as a whole.

Colorado State Alumni

As a CSU Alum and 21+ year resident of Fort Collins, and after reviewing in detail the analysis available, Options 3 or 4 are the only viable solutions to the long-term best interests of the University. Not only is Option 1 a complete waste of money, but I would seriously consider re-evaluating revenue projections in Option 2 as I don't think they will be as high as indicated. Working in an industry where I'm confronted every day with risk/reward analysis, using the low-end of the revenue projections for the on-campus options was certainly reasonable and the significant increase in the intangibles such as game-day environment, pride in our University and increased visits to campus, would certainly lead to future tangible benefits, not only for CSU but the community as a whole. I certainly appreciate the due diligence that has been completed in the decision making process. It's now time to make the right decision for the long-term best interest of CSU and that is to move forward with an on-campus multi-use facility.

Colorado State Alumni

"In 1987 I moved from Denver to Baton Rouge, LA. as a partner in a real estate development company. Our development interests covered a territory from South LA. to South FL, which is still intact today. My family is still in the Denver area and I make a number of trip back home each year; however, it was easy and somewhat necessary to follow the LSU Tigers if I was to be successful in dealing with my Southeastern business contacts. I have watch the success of the Southeastern Conference over the year as the alumni enjoys the on campus activities with Football on campus, as well as all other sports. The money that is raised for the members of this conference, as well as other Southern schools is unreal. When the alumni, outside fans and students interact on campus at any event everyone has a big boost in their connection to the school. A on-site stadium is a must if any school is going to have regional and national attention, success, and have an active alumni base from which to gain contributions that will improve the overall health of the school. An off campus

stadium like Hughes lets everyone escape seeing what is happening on campus and to have a high degree of pride in their school. Hughes has served the school well given the past. Today CSU has the opportunity to be the Best in the West. It is time to build that success. Thank you, Phil Foster, '63."

Colorado State Alumni

Having an on campus stadium is vital for the advancement of Colorado State University Athletics. As stated by many proponents as well as Dr. Tony Frank, the visibility of the University as a whole would be increased significantly with an on campus stadium. We have the academic facilities to rival any Power 5 University, but that never gets displayed with games 3.5 miles west of campus. Many argue that academic should be held higher than athletics, which I completely agree, however since I arrived on campus for school in the Fall of 2006, many buildings on campus have been built to cater to all students: Student Rec Center, Lory Student Center Expansion, Computer Science Building, Library Expansion, Engineering II Building, CSU Transfort Center, Academic Village, Eddy Revitalization, Laurel Village, Lake Parking Garage, Behavioral Science Building, Animal Sciences Building, Rockwell Hall expansion, Durrell Center, TILT, and the Preconstruction Center. We have better facilities than many Power 5 conferences, and this stadium will be a huge component in making the university desirable and relevant in the changing athletic world. It doesn't make sense to pour more money into a crumbling stadium. Like the real estate market, it's location, location, location. No matter what we do to dress up Hughes, the location will always be the a detraction. We are not a University that settles. We have the ability to further enhance our University. We have the ability to start a great tradition. We have the ability to showcase our campus, our history, our great programs, our institution and our athletic programs to the country.

Colorado State Alumni

Having a on campus stadium would draw more alumni and future students and athletes to campus. This will lead to a better game day tradition for the school. The stadium could also be used to help in recruiting top caliber student atheletes.

Fort Collins Community Member

Because cost will continue to go up, it is my opinion that it is most cost effective way is to complete the project as proposed now rather than phase it.

Colorado State Alumni

Recent CSU Alum, now live in Denver. Driving up for games and driving home afterwards I never see the campus. Would love to be able to walk around campus and walk to old town after/before a game. Hughes is too far gone to save and if this school and program want to raise our national status an on campus stadium is the first step.

Colorado State Alumni

"I think a centralized on-campus stadium would benefit not only the football program and the university, but also the business community in surrounding areas. As long as it is built appropriately encompassing and promoting local large/small businesses (Otter Box, New Belgium, etc.), as well as non-football events, it should be a good fit.

From a community perspective, you can create a place that is accessible during off-season, non-game days similar to the way Red Rocks treats their facility. We are a proud local community that promotes healthy living. Make an experience that can be enjoyed by everyone outside of football. We are not

going to be the SEC in terms of pure football passion. If this is going to work it has to include everyone to get on board.

From a football perspective, this will be a dynamic upgrade to the game day experience simply by the proximity to the campus the team is affiliated with. Right now, it seems like a minor league football program that is in town as opposed to belonging to the University itself. We should be able to attract larger conference programs to come out for a game (which brings in money to the community) as well as see a boost in attendance (which brings money into the community).

The fact of the matter is Hughes served its purpose well for many decades. Times have changed and money will need to be spent either way maintaining that facility or building a new one. Although the upfront investment will be more expensive, the long term benefits, in my opinion, far outweigh the alternatives."

Colorado State Alumni

Building an off-campus stadium was short sighted in the first place; this mistake needs to be corrected as soon as possible. Now is an excellent time to do so with the lower interest rates that could be achieved on the bond issue.

Fort Collins Community Member

I had two sons that went to CSU, my wife worked at the CSU vet hospital, and prior to retirement, CSU was one of my customers I called on. My wife and I both believe it is in the best interest of CSU and the city to keep the stadium we have and improve it. The setting is beautiful and tailgating will never be the same if it is moved into the city.

Fort Collins Community Member

Prefer phase 3...

Colorado State Alumni

General/Other Off Campus Stadium, golf course and new building satellite at Prospect and I-25

Colorado State Alumni

"To improve the reputation of our university we must improve the Athletics, and the fastest, most effective way to do that is to empower the football program. In addition, cooperating with private business enterprise is a must that is demonstrable throughout the college landscape - look at any successful Div 1 football program. Option 3 would be my plan B. Options 1 and 2 are not options at all. It's time to be bold, not fearful. A spirit of fear has kept this institution in CU's shadow for 100 yrs. A new stadium means more football success, and success equals exposure, and exposure equals higher enrollment."

Colorado State Alumni

Let's do this!!

Colorado State Alumni

"As an alumni, former player and now real estate development professional, I understand the complexities of a P3 scenario, but also the fact that football is woven into the fabric of the college

experience and acts as a vehicle for university involvement by the community, students and alumni post graduation.

After CSU, I attended Texas A&M University which is the perfect case study showing the massive financial impact a stadium can generate. Right or wrong, football program can be argued as one of if not the primary marketing tools for the university.

I feel as though the P3 structure is often abused, but if there were an ideal situation to implement it, this would be that opportunity."

Colorado State Alumni

With attendance decline CSU football has become a joke. Let's build a new stadium and return to the glory of when I was a student. I'll gladly support the university with continued donations to make this happen.

Fort Collins Community Member

A new on campus stadium is not necessary. Rather develop the foothills location and add a transportation system to campus, if necessary

Fort Collins Community Member

On campus stadium is the only way to get attendance. But we MIST win games and start performing better or you still won't get the attendance. You definitely need to figure out the game day traffic but this gets handled at every on campus stadium that exists.

Colorado State Alumni

If CSU had a world class football program then sure an investment in a new stadium will be appropriate, option one or two is the most feasible considering our state. If CSU spends a ridiculous sum of money on athletics instead of the decomposing academic buildings you will never see a cent of my money in support of the institution.

Colorado State Alumni

The University should pursue this option, if it's main interest is profits.

Colorado State Alumni

One word: Parking.

Colorado State Alumni

I only wish there was an on-campus stadium when I went to CSU. I can't wait to invigorate the main campus and build a game day tradition.

Colorado State Student

"Before a stadium can be considered, I think it's important to discuss transportation and how CSU will ""move people around.""

I ride a bike. Everywhere. And honestly, I would love bike/pedestrian overpasses on:
Prospect and Shields
Elizabeth and Shields
Laurel and the Oval

College and Lake

What happens with a stadium, is for bigger players than me to figure out and honestly, the discussion will eventually get around to what is most profitable for all parties. I'm more invested in non-car traffic to the main campus anyway. Parking is a scam which is why I ride a bike at the age of 55 everywhere I go. Let's figure out how to get people on/off campus whatever the draw; stadium, performing arts, whatever. Let's look at that picture first."

Colorado State Alumni

The on campus stadium needs to happen if CSU wants to be a relevant program in the NCAA. This would be a great step in changing a culture of mediocrity to the expectations of a winning program that our head coach is working hard to create. We need this stadium!

Colorado State Alumni

I favor an on campus stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

"As a member of CSU's Alumni and a loyal Rams fan who has traveled from New Jersey to several home games, Bowl Games and east coast away games (most recently Boston College), I would like to forward two comments:

- 1) let's get going on the Public-Private Partnership Option! Get this program out of the pasture and into a facility that says ""We are CSU and we're damn proud!"" We should glean something from a school the size of Boston College whose tailgating atmosphere outside of their on-campus facility was very exciting and would take Ram tradition to new heights. Don't stall on this issue. In recruiting one of the nation's top football coaches along with outstanding student athletes, CSU has demonstrated it's commitment to excellence. Shifting our acceptance of mediocrity as represented by a facility that is ranked as one of the worst in the nation to that which houses a program second to none in the State of Colorado fully compliments CSU's commitments in talent along with an emerging enthusiasm for who we are and the recognition CSU deserves. We are Colorado State!
 - 2) the new uniforms look terrific, especially the new ram horn design on the helmets! It looks ""tough"" just sitting there!"
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Colorado State Alumni

Need this stadium to compete at high level

Colorado State Student

It's fine how it is.

Colorado State Alumni

"It is totally unnecessary to push more money into CSU athletics. CSU does not have a national reputation, nor does will it anytime soon.

Don't waste funds on new projects just to have your name engraved on it. Hopefully, people will remember Dr. Tony Frank for the positive budget adjustments that he made with respect to student employees and graduate student salaries. NIH grants are not given out like candy and those tuition dollars could go towards furthering the successful natural sciences and statistics programs that CSU was founded with."

Colorado State Staff

I work at rams Horn at csu, right across the street from where the new stadium is supposed to be built.do you realize that at this time , we cannot park in the rams Horn parking lot, and have to park across the street, which means we would have no where to park, if this is built. traffic on campus is already bad , and you would make it a nightmare on game day .i think you need to fix Hughes and use it.you are only thinking of yourself in building the stadium, think more of the academics of the students. thats what college is for, not the spoiled athletes. Spend the money supporting education, and not athletes. Plus that stadium is way to big for campus, it would ruin the beauty of the campus.

Colorado State Alumni

The new stadium must be on campus. Hughes' time has come to an end.

Colorado State Alumni

It would be nice to see a stadium to match the other campus area improvements since 2002. Drinking and driving to and from Hughes is dangerous...

Colorado State Alumni

Think big picture what this does for the University and for the community. Look at a school like CU -- even durring "tough" years people come to games support the town. They come to stay, they eat at the local places and shop at the unique experiences they can get in Boulder -- the same could be done in Fort Collins. The stadium naturally attracts the crowds away from the heart of Fort Collins -- from the perspective of someone the not only grew up in this town but also is an alumni, think big picture on this stadium. It seems that a lot of these people that want to keep Hughes don't truly appreciate the direction in which the CSU athletic program is truly to go, these same people want to pay nothing to watch a Division 1 great football team. We have one of the best coaches in the country and one of the most beautiful bakdrops -- the campus is completely redone, show the country!!! Go anywhere else in the country people pay to watch football games. The last subkect that I am not sure how keeps getting over looked is the amount of drunk driving that happens to and from Hughes -- we as a community are ok with this??? Students are going to drink how about have the stadium in a central location to student population. And lastly, the city did it's part by investing in the Max -- now it's the University's turn to invest in this city!

Colorado State Student

I am a student assistant for the Men's Basketball program at CSU. I know that building an on-campus stadium would create the kind of school spirit and environment that many students are looking for when going through the college selection process. I know it will not be easy to accomplish such a great task of building the on-campus stadium, but it is necessary for the future of the CSU campus. May I suggest creating some more fan support for the athletics at CSU. Increase distribution of flags, posters, awareness around Fort Collins, Old Town and Colorado. Also, when I was a prospective student, I noticed and really enjoyed seeing CSU flags on light posts from I-25 north to College Ave. on Prospect Road. Where have they gone? Create buzz around campus and Fort Collins on Game day or Friday before to increase attendance. Convince the people to show they want improved athletics. Building a new stadium is not out of reach for this community and would be beneficial to the educational value of our university. It would help us to potentially move to a Power 5 NCAA Conference and become a household name and eliminate the "little brother" mentality that many people have about CSU when compared to CU. I would love to help to create awareness about CSU athletics but would need the help of the University to do so. Lets get this stadium built!

Colorado State Alumni

"Necessary option to improve the future of Colorado State athletics

- Recruiting and overall product on the field
- Alumni involvement and attendance at the stadium"

Colorado State Alumni

Let's make this happen!

Colorado State Alumni

By far the best option. Very exciting!!!

Colorado State Alumni

"Options 1 and 2 should not be considered an option. Please do the right thing with moving forward with option #3.

I know there are many issues that need to be resolved, but would ask you to consider the installation of a ""fanwalk"" similar to that being installed at Levi's Stadium. <http://www.levisstadium.com/plan-your-visit/fanwalk/>

Fort Collins Community Member

I do not want to deal with the traffic congestion and hassle an on-campus stadium will bring to the community. Repairing Hughes is a good use of an existing facility with generous parking available. Using on-campus space for academic buildings is more in line with the essential purpose of a university; football is not more important than the academic aspects of university life.

Colorado State Alumni

Option 4 is my favorite option. Option 3 would be acceptable as well. I believe we need to start working on this immediately. It's unfortunate for academic purists, but the reality is that football (and secondarily basketball) are the best and easiest ways for a university to gain national prominence and recognition. I definitely understand the want/need to establish a firm academic foundation, but this requires money. A nationally acclaimed football program can bring money to the university. By establishing that CSU is going to build an on campus stadium, we are signaling to the rest of the country that our entire university belongs in the national spotlight. This is increasingly important as the power 5 conferences get more autonomy and influence. Ideally, we would hire a new AD with ties to the Big 12 and with an improving football team and impressive on campus facilities, we would be positioned to be included in the big 12's likely expansion.

Colorado State Alumni

"This is a huge opportunity to show the Alum and supporters of CSU Football that this University CAN and WILL hold true to their vision of excellence by seeing this project through. It will completely change the way we are viewed in the mountain west conference, both from our peer level and within the state. Option #3 also gives control of the stadium to the University. Do the right thing. Be Bold.

Colorado State Alumni

Build it!

Colorado State Alumni

"I vote for option 1. My distant second choice is option 2. In either case it is very important to me that we stay at the Hughes location and maintain the Sonny Lubick name.

I do not support Options 3 or 4 because the location and tailgating tradition at Sonny Lubick Field and the fact that the Rams have played there since 1968 is the reason I buy tickets to about 3 home games a year even though I have to drive from Castle Rock to attend. We almost always hike up to the ""A"" before or after the game and drive around Horsetooth Reservoir and I don't like the idea of having to park in town for the game and drive out West to hike and drive around the reservoir. I cannot tell you the number of alumni who follow the same game day traditions but it is not small, we all talk about it in the tailgate area, you see them on the trail to the ""A"" and all around Horsetooth in their cars on gameday. Finally, my daughter is now a student, and my next daughter will be too. We love going to Sonny Lubick field and my daughters and I have done so since they were little. That family tradition would be forever altered. Realistically you probably already most of the distant fans you can get. You can fill the seats by making CSU football a regional draw. People are moving into the area in droves with no ties to CSU.

I will probably still attend on campus if it happens but I think the whole idea of leaving Hughes is a bad one for all the wrong reasons."

Colorado State Student

I would really like to have an on-campus stadium. I believe that moving the stadium to within the university boundaries would not only increase the fan attendance at each game, but would also allow us to receive better recruits in the future giving us a more competitive football team. Even though this project wouldn't be completed in the time that I am at the University I would still like to see it get done.

Fort Collins Community Member

Putting more money into making college affordable should be a priority over additional expenditures on athletics.

Colorado State Alumni

Option 2 keeps the amazing location of Hughes Stadium, the views and traditions associated with it. I sincerely hope that Option 2 is selected over the on campus options. I think that an on campus stadium would be a real loss for the CSU students, alumni and community.

Colorado State Alumni

I also live and work in Fort Collins.

Colorado State Alumni

"I graduated from CSU in 2008 with PhD in psychology, and am now working in Tokyo, as a person being proud of part of the Ram's community. But, I would not be proud of being a Ram, if you choose to build a stadium on the beautiful campus.

Noise, traffic, and everything else would become serious annoyance to the community surrounding the area and the Old Town, which is a wonderful treasure of the city. Plus, as an injury prevention expert, who got traumatic brain injury (TBI) in Fort Collins in a bicycle-car collision (I was on a bicycle, without no fault on my side) and is seriously concerned about TBI caused by any event, I cannot ignore the serious debates currently going on in USA regarding issues around American football. You should seriously take the future of football in consideration. Then, you should take many research of the effect

of football and other sports on university admission submitted by sports economists into consideration. CSU should show its strength mainly in education, research, and community-involved activities, and I think you can, and it will attract more students from Colorado, everywhere else in USA, and other countries (like me!), without dividing the friendly community.

As a person who loves CSU, Fort Collins, and people there, I would strongly recommend that CSU should keep using the Hughes with a bit of renovation. I hope that I can keep telling how beautiful the city of Fort Collins and the CSU campus is to people in Japan and others.

Thank you for your consideration.

Colorado State Faculty

Colorado State University, and nearly every other University in the country participating in D1 football, spends an inordinate amount of time and resources on football to provide entertainment to a small but vocal group of students and alumni. Football is a destructive sport both in terms of what it physically does to the players as well as the environment that it creates through the over-sized importance that has been created in our society regarding this game. Coaches paid millions of dollars and many players that are not good citizens on college campuses clearly point out the disconnect between these individuals and the rest of the University community. My question is why feed this beast? The case made for attracting students to the University is weak and generally unfounded. I choose option 1 because it more-or-less maintains the status quo which is bad enough but at least does not increase the presence of football at CSU. A truly bold move by the upper administration would be for CSU to put football in its rightful place and begin to de-emphasize its importance by dropping to a lower level of competition and begin to reign in what has become out of control across college campuses. Sports should be emphasized on campus as intramural and inclusive of all students not as an entertainment division of the school occupied by over paid coaches and pampered student-athletes. As college costs increase and more college attendees take on larger levels of debt, building up athletic programs that cost money and only serve to entertain small fractions of the university community seems frivolous and immoral.

Colorado State Alumni

I love Colorado State University. I love the campus, the student body, the faculty, and the sports. I attended every game but one when I was at CSU, and truly enjoyed the experiences. The stadium, though, needs improvement. When I was there, it was among the smallest I-A stadiums in the nation, with a gravel parking lot and extremely limited shopping for memorabilia or concessions. While it has since been expanded, it still needs either a major overhaul (option 2) or a full rebuild (option 3). As for option 4, I am concerned that a private entity would result in an organizational name added to the stadium. Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium may be a lengthy name, but it means something to the school and to the football program. This stands in direct contrast with, say, the Broncos playing at Sports Authority Field at Mile High, forcing the usage of a corporate identity in the name of the venue and detracting from the meaningfulness of the stadium (and/or field) title. I follow CSU football closely to this day and it would turn my stomach to listen to the Rams playing at Corporate Stadium. A Colorado State sponsored build, even at a slower, more spread-out pace, appeals to me in keeping the naming rights at home to honor the school, the coaches, and the players.

Colorado State Alumni

It's time to build on campus. Hughes stadium is not a desirable place to play games and is way too far away from campus.

Colorado State Faculty

Both of these options in my opinion can directly and indirectly have a tremendous benefit on the awareness of the university

Colorado State Alumni

Both of these options make good financial sense.

Colorado State Staff

I've been following the issue, and I think Dr. Frank has it correct - an on campus stadium is the way to go.

Fort Collins Community Member

Keep the stadium in its present location. Our traffic congestion is already getting more and more atrocious. The influx of students each August is already making a greater impact on our current roads and infrastructure. An on-campus stadium would make it nearly impossible to move through town on game days - we just don't have an infrastructure that can handle the massive increase in traffic! Hughes Stadium isn't that far away from campus and is actually a nice location for the games. Maintaining or improving the current Hughes Stadium would impact traffic and congestion in the middle of town less. It seems a more reasonable option. Let's save a little of CSU's history instead of abandoning it for something new. CSU is more than just a football team!!

Fort Collins Community Member

"I think having the stadium on campus will make for too much traffic and congestion in Fort Collins and the neighborhoods surrounding the campus, decrease quality of life, increase air pollutions related to stopped and idling cars waiting to park, and more trash, decrease property values. I'm against having the stadium built at the campus!

I would like to see the stadium stay where it's at - it's in a unique setting and either be maintained or improved."

Colorado State Alumni

We need to take CSU and the Rams to the next level. We are a much better school than CU and deserve a stadium on campus to compete with other top institutions in the country. The school doesn't revolve around football but it does bring in a lot of money as well as pride. Marketing dollars are well at work when you have a winning football program in a beautiful setting. We already know what a great town Ft. Collins is.....and the campus is hard to beat. To bring the stadium to campus would just push CSU over the top. I'M PROUD TO BE A CSU RAM and will do what I can to help!! There are so many successful companies in Ft. Collins that can help push CSU even farther. Let's use them....Otter Box, New Belgium, O'Dells, HP, Woodward Governor, just to name a few...and haven't even lived in Ft. Collins in 15 years, so I'm sure there are a TON more to help us. LET's do this!!!

Colorado State Alumni

"I am totally against an on-campus stadium.

Long an admirer of Dr Frank, I am now deeply hurt (yes, hurt...I thought him honorable) that he did not keep his word.

He declared the rules and consequences if the monies for an in-campus was not raised and then he did not follow through.

If a new review is under way, as we are told, then there may be many options, but none of them include an on-campus one.

All the arguments have been heard repeatedly, but for me it is a matter that with budget issues that we face we do not build a golden idol for a small group to worship within.

It is a poor business model to begin with and will only prove more so with the changes in conferences and the general culture.

If a new stadium is truly needed, then go with number 5....build it out on our west campus (yes, that is part of our institution); tear down Hughes once the new one is built; develop the whole area into a multi-sports complex that will make CSU known throughout the country."

Colorado State Alumni

upgrading Hughes is by far the best option. There is plenty of parking and the game day traffic has a minimal impact on the community and allows law enforcement to be more successful at limiting drunk drivers following games. An improved stadium at this site would be the best thing for the university.

Fort Collins Community Member

Rather than build a new stadium, we should maintain the current one and hand out 20,000 4-yr scholarships for the same cost and a much increased social and economic impact.

Fort Collins Community Member

I would love to see an on campus stadium! CSU is an amazing University regardless, but such an exciting prospect and venue encourages me to send my children to CSU and support more sports, academics, and other CSU activities. I believe the phased approach makes the most sense.

Colorado State Faculty

General/Other "My first preference is for CSU to abandon all, and I mean all, intercollegiate athletics and concentrate on academics. Any single dollar that goes to athletics, either from the General Fund or from donations, by definition is a dollar that does not go to academics. CSU is an academic institution - and needs to concentrate all of its efforts to support and enhance the academic mission of the university.

Failing that, I would support the building of a new stadium on the Hughes foothills site and then demolishing Hughes. I am totally opposed to any form of on-campus stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

Build and enhance the current Hughes Stadium. Bringing the stadium to campus would clog up all the roads around campus and bring too much congestion.

Fort Collins Community Member

Option 3: On-Campus Stadium, Phased Option 4: On-Campus Stadium, Public-Private Partnership (P3)

I would really like to see option 3 or 4. I would again subscribe as a season ticket holder with an on-campus stadium. Nearby MAX access is ideal to enjoy the game without the traffic issues.

Fort Collins Community Member

You already have a great stadium in a wonderful location. Don't clog up downtown with all that traffic and mess. Work on the football program first. Who wants to build a stadium for losers?

Fort Collins Community Member
Hughes Stadium is just fine the way it is. Plenty of parking and a great stadium

Colorado State Alumni
Maintaining and improving the existing structure is what I would like to see. Putting a stadium on campus would cause too many traffic and congestion issues. It would not have the mountain view that Coloradoans love and live for. The on campus option is not well throughout and sucks. Provided a park and ride system for students on campus to reach the games easier.

Fort Collins Community Member
I think Option 3 is the most reasonable forward thinking option.

Out-of-state Community Member
Let's just do it right the first time and make a first rate stadium

Fort Collins Community Member
What is the environmental impact on the surrounding community? Traffic, air pollution from exhaust, parking, walking, trash, etc.?

Colorado State Alumni
"Hughes 2050 reminds me of what they did with the library, where they will pay a bunch of money to put ""lipstick on a pig"". The phased route is interesting, because if they started it, there would be more of an impetus to finish it, but I can't help but think of a scenario where they run out of money and we are left to stare at a hole in the ground. Honestly, I think their estimate of \$35M - \$60M in philanthropic funding is low. With how well the team has been playing and the excitement surrounding the program I think there are a lot of people who would give \$100+. I don't think they reached out to enough of the smaller donors because they did not want thousands of small commitments that they had to return due to low fundraising. They went after the big money people, when the whole makeup of CSU is fewer large donors , but the scale of a large university.

Additionally, the future success of the the athletic programs at the university will have an uphill battle against other programs if we do not make the investment in facilities. The opponents of a new stadium are the most vocal, but based on everyone I speak with it seems there is a quiet majority of people that want the new stadium to happen."

Fort Collins Community Member
Opposed to any new stadium.

Fort Collins Community Member
"After traveling to several universities over the years for football games and having season tickets to CSU for 16 years. I see the benefits of having an on-campus stadium far outweigh, having one 3 miles west of the main campus. Having the stadium on-campus will create stronger ties between the students, alumni, and community. Hughes has served its purpose and now has out lived it lifetime. To do any improvement to Hughes at this point would be wasteful and not in the best interest of the university. In my mind the only way the Hughes site should even be in the conversation is if CSU was planning to build a new stadium on that site and tear down Hughes. I can't remember any university opting to build a new stadium off campus, but have seen where several relocated or are planning to relocate their stadiums on to campus.

Lastly, I am more in favor of option #4 if the money can be raised through a private-public partnership. This concept is very similar to what my company has in place with several universities for student housing. As a matter of fact I am work on such a project right now in Seattle. But if option #4 in not viable, then at a minimum CSU need to do option #3. My only fear with option #3 is that it will be built on the cheap and will never be improved upon in the future.

Thanks for the time and GO RAMS!!!!!"

Fort Collins Community Member

With the recent implementation of MAX, this opens up a great opportunity for area businesses on game day as well as serving the community at large in reducing traffic congestion and other hindrances to those wishing to attend. Think of the reduction in carbon footprint this would provide vs. parking lots full of commuting traffic for a single event. This would also capture attendees using MAX for an entire day downtown.

Colorado State Alumni

No stadium on campus. Doesn't allow for expansion of other departments in the future. Education first!

Colorado State Alumni

I fully support an on campus stadium. I have faith that Coach Mac is capable of rebuilding our football into a respectable and reputable program. If we want to create a tradition of not only academic but athletic excellence, an on campus stadium is essential. I have attended football games at some of the top programs campuses including a few teams from the SEC. All of them have one thing in common, an incredible game day atmosphere that thrives and centers around the fans spending all day leading up to the game on campus. Going to a game that isn't on campus is a major loss in the experience. People are naturally resistant to change and it stems from fear. To move forward though, change is essential. Reporters started the season saying our team should drop in conference. Now we are in the running for the conference championship. Let's make sure to build on momentum from our team doing well this season and ingrain a new tradition for athletic excellence, ram pride, and on campus game day traditions.

Colorado State Staff

"I feel the on ""campus stadium opt 3 or 4"" is by far the best option for CSU and the greater Fort Collins community. It would have short and long term benefits i.e. increased financial stability for CSU, improved city infrastructure (roads, parking and etc...) , needed/add resources for CSU providing space for venues (classrooms, event/venue services, conference services, business services, concerts, sponsored/hosting events and etc..) and lastly the most important reason of them all, if the on ""campus stadium"" is to generate revenue thru athletics is to provide them with the facilities to compete and attract more students and student athletes giving CSU the opportunity to be a part of today's D1 super conferences i.e. PAC12. The amount of revenue of just being a part of such a conference would be unmeasurable to the greater university. The exposure for CSU and being able to compete on a national stage would benefit the entire city of Fort Collins and being a part of same conference as CU, then the Rocky Mountain Showdown would be a game that matters state wide and nationally.

Colorado State Alumni

"I think that a new on-campus stadium is a must for a couple of reasons. To start, Hughes stadium is consistently rated one of the worst college stadiums in the nation (I believe it was number 7 this year), which is ridiculous because, we are not one of the worst programs in the nation. Sure, the football team hasn't been all that great in recent history, but we are making changes to become better. Coach McElwain already has this team going in the right direction to becoming a program that will be nationally recognized. However, he cannot continue to build off that if he doesn't have the tools to do so. From the perspective of athletes trying to decide where they want to play football in college, they are going to choose a school that has desirable facilities and a strong fan base to support them. If we stay in Hughes then we will be lacking in both of those categories, since Hughes is not a good facility (I don't care what upgrades are made) and that it is always less than full on game day, for a variety of reasons.

Having a new on campus stadium is going to attract not only the athletes that will continue to make our program better and better, but it will also bring the fan base that the team deserves. Universities are judged by (most) students, based on their sports programs' visibility. Whether we like it or not, a school that has a good football team is going to attract more students than a team that doesn't. Even if the school that doesn't have a good team is better academically, this still holds true (with the exception of Ivy League schools). With that, CSU will attract more students with a new stadium, which obviously benefits the university. A new stadium is also going to keep alumni more engaged in their alma mater. After we graduate, most of us don't have much of a connection with the school except for when we are being bombarded with calls asking for donations or when we are cheering on the team.

I will say that personally, I am way more prone to attend games if we have an awesome new stadium than I am if we stay at Hughes. I will also attend more games if continue to become a better program, which will only happen if we keep getting better players, which will only happen if we have the tools to attract better players (snowball effect). Having more people in attendance means more opportunity to generate revenue, which means more money for the university to use on improvements. The more CSU is nationally recognized, the more proud I am going to be to say that I am a Ram (I am extremely proud already). I think I speak for most when I say that the more proud we are, the more likely alumni are going to donate to the university and want to stay engaged.

I have been attending CSU football games since I was 3 years old, and I have a lot of memories at Hughes stadium. I do love it there, but CSU has always been a progressive school. My entire collegiate career, there were always improvements being made to all aspects of the university and community. So as much as I do love my memories at Hughes, I think its time that we are progressive in our football program and facilities, it is just time to move on. I appreciate that this is open for others to submit their opinions and ""vote"" on what they think is best, and that all options are being weighed. But lets not be stupid about this when it comes to decision time. Build the on campus stadium (whether its phased or not). It is clearly the best choice and a win-win for everyone."

Fort Collins Community Member

This makes the most sense to me. I think it would be a great addition to the Fort Collins community as well as help us stay athletically competitive.

Parent of CSU Alumni

CSU needs to remain competitive in all areas in order to recruit the best of students, faculty and positive growth in the community.

Colorado State Alumni

This is really the only option. No other option should even be considered.

Colorado State Student

I believe that this stadium will not only benefit the athletic department but the entire university. It would begin to show the nation how great CSU is as a university and Fort Collins is a town.

Fort Collins Community Member

"This option seems to be the best considering current financial situations. If you want to increase the CSU profile through athletics, why don't you invest in sports that are actually showing promise like basketball or volleyball. I think that college football will begin to dwindle in the future. As the mother of a young son, I certainly won't be allowing him to play football. I know many other mothers who feel the same.

I don't know how or if this survey will be considered, but please mark me down for the least expensive option."

Colorado State Alumni

Build the new stadium please, let's continue the momentum

Colorado State Alumni

We need a new on campus stadium period. Using funds to maintain or upgrade Hughes is short sided and a complete waste of money.

Colorado State Alumni

It is upon my belief that the option of an immediate stadium on campus is of the most benefit for the university. As I have considered each option, the revenue potential of option 4 seems to be the greatest. The PAC12 and the BIG12 could each be looking for new teams to facilitate increased competition. CSU provides a great media market opportunity.

Colorado State Staff

Build it! Hughes is a money pit and is not a sustainable long term option.

Colorado Community Member

Option 3 is definitely the best option for the immediate and long term future of CSU. With it, you get a revenue generating on-campus stadium in a short time at today's construction costs. It can be expanded for future needs. It would also be a little less burden initially on our state tax payers.

Colorado State Student

The stadium is necessary and is vital to CSU growth.

Colorado State Student

Keep Hughes.

Colorado State Alumni

Seems like the logical choice.

Colorado State Student

I think the plans look fantastic and as a CSU student, I really feel like it would encourage school spirit alone, tenfold. The revenue and exposure our school would receive, would be exactly what CSU needs.

Colorado State Staff

The students working for me would like to have the stadium on campus. I like the financing arrangement for this option.

CSU staff and Fort Collins community member

I really like the idea of upgrading Hughes . I like the amount of space that is available at Hughes where fans have ample space to tailgate and attend activities in Ram Town. The views of the foothills are amazing and I think the game-day experience is great there. I worry about traffic congestion and parking issues in town if the stadium is built on-campus.

Fort Collins Community Member

"Please do not destroy the character of Fort Collins by building a stadium that would cause congestion and an ugly crowding to an otherwise lovely town. The current stadium is in a great location and can certainly be maintained for millions less than a new structure. Thank you."

Colorado State Student

Hughes stadium is arguably one of the most outdated Division 1 FBS stadiums in the country, and renovating it does not sound like a feasible option. I believe having an on campus stadium will create more excitement for the CSU football program, and in turn will better the image of CSU that will benefit all aspects of the university.

Colorado State Staff

I support the on campus stadium. I feel we need the facility not only for football but for other activities - especially graduation as our student numbers continue to grow. As a community member, I would love to have the Homecoming Parade on game day again and I think having an on campus facility would help that. I have a question.....would the team be able to practice there? Could the on campus indoor practice facility be repurposed for something else?

Colorado State Alumni

Option 3 provides an affordable approach to bringing the stadium and additional revenue, visibility and economic impacts to the campus. As well it provides for safer and easier access for students to attend further building the spirit of CSU athletics.

Colorado State Student

Hughes is a bad place to play games. Its awesome to tailgate and everything outside but we do not attract that many people. The on campus stadium would change football and the School of Colorado State. It would promote better fans, players, and student. The school would continue to increase in ratings and I think the sports would be more marketable to in state and out of state students. I know myself, its a hassle to drive to games or find someone to drive. We all want to be safe and have a good time but the constant worry or DUI's is annoying for student not only if you are drinking but if other people are too. Lets do an on campus stadium!

Colorado State Staff

General/Other As current staff and alumni of CSU, I feel very invested in the future of this institution. Hughes Stadium is not sufficient for the quality of CSU and does not bring enough support for our football team - if anything, it discourages people from going to games. That being said, I think the idea of revamping Hughes for decades to come is a great option. While the current Hughes Stadium is nothing spectacular, it does provide the platform for a potentially fantastic, unique venue. The location, tucked at the base of the foothills, is wonderful for many reasons: it highlights the natural features of Colorado that we all love, it's unique to Fort Collins, and it is well enough out of town to not interrupt daily activity but also allows for the community to embrace CSU. If Hughes was improved upon, I believe it would be an amazing asset to the university. An on-campus stadium does not feel appropriate for the culture at CSU and the efforts to build a stadium would be extremely disruptive. Improving upon the existing stadium would fit CSU without growing too big, too fast. There are many top-notch NCAA teams with small stadiums - it's not the stadium that makes the team, it's the players and the community.

Colorado State Student

I would love to see an on campus stadium.

Colorado State Staff

Keeping the stadium where it currently is makes the most sense and its what the citizens of Fort Collins want.

Colorado State Student

We need to either build all new or work on rebuilding and improving what we already have.

Fort Collins Community Member

This seems like the best solution. Certainly the current stadium needs to be improved, but neither CSU nor Fort Collins needs a huge monster of a stadium located in town. Traffic and parking alone would be a nightmare. Making improvements to Hughes to be in line with other mid-21st stadiums would both solve the problem of an aging facility and would keep the stadium away from the rest of the campus. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Colorado Community Member

N/a

Colorado State Alumni

"During my time at CSU (2006-2010) tuition increased rapidly, and there was construction going on throughout campus almost constantly. The construction noise and equipment were prominent fixtures and an eyesore on campus. It's hard to believe that CSU's massive expenditures in recent years are not reckless and short-sighted.

The game-day experience at Hughes was and still is great- anything missing from the atmosphere is simply a lack of excitement and pride in a mediocre football team. Perhaps a winning/improving team would help with student and athlete recruitment. A winning team generates crowds (and revenue) that might warrant a new stadium but CSU is simply not there yet. This project is being tackled in illogical order- improve coaching and the athletic department first, then we might have a good team that would be fun to watch in a better facility that they've earned."

Colorado State Alumni

I am leaning towards the public-private partnership but in the end as long as we are green lighting an on campus stadium I am all on board. Hughes is a joke and a recent article from thrillist (not the most credible source but still a source) has Hughes at the 7th worst stadium in the nation and I completely agree. I attended roughly 75% of all football games when I went to school at CSU and even traveled down to UNM in 2011 to watch our season opener against the Lobo's and it is embarrassing how empty the stadium can be. I would want nothing more than an on campus stadium to help with attendance and signing potential new recruits to help with free advertisement for CSU when we make bowl appearances. Our program is starting to turn around with McElwain as the HC so lets give him the tools to get a better program and see what happens.

Colorado State Alumni

Build the stadium as quickly as possible. It will provide new enthusiasm and interest in CSU. An upgrade of the stadium needs to go along with the new facilities at Moby. It will help you to attract better talent and additional students to the University!

Colorado State Alumni

"GO BIG! CSU has never been one for holding back, we look and push full speed ahead!

I spent 4 years at CSU, working in admissions, alumni, orientation programs, and was a member of Greek life. CSU has an amazing culture that is contagious.

One thing missing from our university being at that next level is our traditions and athletics.

One part of college i really missed out on was having one large graduation. Most colleges of our size hold a large graduation ceremony with all graduating seniors together. It's a special time and memory that CSU students miss out on.

We need to expand our involvement, hold large scale concerts on campus, and of course create an athletic tradition!

Please please please build an on campus stadium! I know this will only draw a larger out of state audience and help show off how amazing CSU is."

Colorado State Alumni

An on campus stadium will solidify CSU's commitment to football and the atmosphere that so many other college towns enjoy with an on campus stadium.

Colorado State Faculty

Option 1: Maintain Hughes Stadium

"Before you spend money on anything please can you provide me with the tools I need to do my job

1. reduce my departments student to faculty ratio it currently runs over 30 student per faculty as opposed to the university average of around 19. We need more hires.

2. equity in pay for women faculty, not just a letter saying the university has a committee and is looking into it. I am still paid less than men with at the same grade and considerably less experience.

3. An internal funding mechanism to support pre tenure faculty research. NIH/NSF are out of cash and the time I spend writing grants to try to cover my research costs means I am not writing papers and putting my potential for tenure at risk.

On top of this please stop embarrassing the good name of this institution with the ridiculous debate. I am finding that people now ask me about the stadium debacle more than they ask about my research."

Colorado State Alumni

Moving the stadium to CSU main campus does not give anything extra to the stadium. With Hughes the landscape give the stadium more than just being a stadium, it gives it a sense of being. Additionally,

while I was attending the CSU the talk had been to build more out at foothills campus, especially the engineering school. With purposing the stadium on central campus I kept hearing it was to increase attendance, however if you read the studies on attendance a winning team is the best way to draw in crowds.

Colorado State Student

This is a happy medium. I've done my research on all of the options. I just don't see the benefits of building a brand new stadium when we have a beautiful one already. It's just not sustainable but I understand that CSU is all about doubling student intake, which in my opinion will ruin Fort Collins. I've watched it happening for the last four years and after I graduate I can already feel like coming back to Fort Collins will never be the same. CSU needs to consider the community impact as well as the impact on our precious towns resources before we turn into Boulder.

Fort Collins Community Member

Preferable to renew Hughes for many reasons: financial, environmental, philosophical, logistical, more.

Colorado State Alumni

Hughes is a majestic facility with amazing views of the foothills. It also has giant parking lots great for tailgating. With most students having cars, I don't think that keeps them from coming to games. There is not a bad seat in the house and it has a strong community feel. I fear moving on campus would jeopardize the ease of use of getting there, enjoying weather/family/friends prior to game, parking hassles and being too far to walk, more of an elitist feel, higher cost tix, food, and congestion. Please keep the stadium where it is and make improvements as needed.

Colorado State Alumni

"Don't build an on-campus stadium in a public-private partnership. If you can't get the money from alumni, there's your answer. And are your finances in appropriate order (i.e. bonds outstanding) relative to your peers? If not, then you probably shouldn't be taking on more debt either. All signs seem to point to ""no on-campus stadium"".

Oh, and an on-campus stadium with significant improvements in parking vs. Hughes? Right. hundreds of acres open field beats on-campus.

And it doesn't matter how sleek and sexy an on-campus stadium is, it'll never be as beautiful as a Hughes nestled up against Horsetooth.

Lastly, you want the student section filled? Make it easier to get there - hook them up with a bus system loop that drops them off at the corner of Prospect and Overland, having picked them up at a few locations on campus."

Fort Collins Community Member

"Hughes is by far the best option, perfectly placed to expand and how can that view be beaten. Plenty of parking and it only needs to be worked on to make it whole again, for a fraction of the cost of new! Hughes 2050 will face the same problems as a new stadium would by then and so this is just a ""red herring"" to make people think it will be more expensive than a new stadium.

On campus phased or not is a total waste of time and money. It will destroy the center of the town and gain nothing except a large expensive millstone. I see no reason more people will attend games here, in fact I think less will go as it is bound to cost more per ticket and to park(if you can find a space

anywhere). As to more students going, what difference does that make, they get subsidised tickets anyway, I suppose that they can get drunk and stagger there from the dorms though!!!
Keep it where it is and make it better if you want. Listen to the people who live here, I have conducted my own ""straw polls and have yet to meet a single person who is for a new stadium, ask the locals and watch out for their responses, not for I can assure you!!!!!!"

Colorado State Alumni

I preference is for the stadium to be kept at its current location but extensively remodeled.

Colorado State Faculty

"Option 1: I see this as an unacceptable option. It maintains the status quo (a status quo that is far behind our peers), yet does so at a high cost (funds guaranteed to come from the central fund for decades to come). It is throwing good money after bad.

Option 2: This option does not have some of the key benefits of an on-campus stadium (doesn't get visitors to campus, has limited possibilities as a multi-use facility and is in that sense more wasteful, doesn't serve students well due to its location, etc.), it comes at nearly as high of an overall cost as an on-campus stadium, yet because it doesn't have as much donor interest or revenue-generated capability, it comes with the greatest risk of all of the options in terms of how it may impact the general fund. So while I see this as preferable to Option 1, I see it as falling well short of and being considerably riskier than Options 3 or 4.

Option 3: Carries with it all of the major benefits of a new facility (modern amenities that fans want, etc.), would be multi-use and therefore better serve the university (multiple sports, classes, graduations, etc.), and has all of the advantages of an on-campus location (getting visitors to campus, showcasing CSU, better serving students, etc.). Moreover, it does so with a lower likelihood and lower degree of potential impact on the general fund than is true of Option 2. Although I think it would be better if we were able to construct the stadium to full specification right from the start (Option 4), especially given the historically low interest rates, low construction costs, etc., I see this as a reasonable compromise if the funding plan requires a reduction in the initial costs.

Option 4: As with Option 3, it carries with it all of the major benefits of a new facility, would be multi-use and therefore better serve the university, and has all of the advantages of an on-campus stadium. But above and beyond Option 3, it gets the facility built to full specification right of the bat while costs are relatively low (from a historical perspective), it would have the capacity to serve us well for many decades to come, it has greater revenue-generating potential, and would have the full bevy of amenities that are in the stadium plan that has been developed to this point. Like Option 3, this option also has a lower likelihood and lower degree of potential impact to the general fund than is true of Option 2. Provided that negotiations with a private entity result in terms that are favorable to CSU, I see this as far and away the best option for our university.

In short, I would rank these as Option 4 > Option 3 > Option 2. I do not include Option 1 in the rank ordering, because again, I consider that option unacceptable."

Colorado State Staff

Keep the stadium off campus. We as an education institution need to support our community, and our surrounding community is very much against an on campus stadium. I've not heard a positive comment from the community yet in support of an on campus stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

As a CSU graduate with CU parents and siblings I was always ashamed of Hughes stadium. An on-campus Stadium adds a lot to the college experience.

Colorado State Student

No need to build a new stadium that will cost millions of dollars. spending that millions of dollars on researches will higher the academic rank of the university which is more important than the RANK OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM.

Colorado State Student

The location and accessibility of Hughes are important to consider because the community can continue with their routines during games and do not have to worry about students and fans getting in their way or causing a disturbance. Putting a stadium in campus would be an enormous waste of money, resources and would simply detract from the beauty of our campus. Hughes really is the perfect size as the seats are never full and the student section never bleeds into ticket payers sections. If half the money proposed for the new stadium were put into maintaining and upgrading Hughes, I think the stadium could be a place that CSU could continue to thrive and still maintain a face of pride.

Colorado State Alumni

"I graduated from CSU in the spring of 2013. As an alumni of CSU, I believe that the students that are attending school currently are entitled to a college experience that is awesome! I know that the idea of an on campus stadium is appealing in terms of attracting future students and is a great idea on paper. However, I believe that the legacy of Hughes Stadium is one that should remain in tact. Apart from the immense inconvenience that construction has upon the community and the students at large, an on campus stadium does nothing to improve the student experience at CSU. In fact, I believe that the increased congestion and the construction that would come along with an on campus stadium are factors that should rule this idea unrealistic. Hughes stadium may be old and outdated, but I believe that with some carefully structured planning and organized development that is off campus would serve not only the community, but the students as well. after all, the students make up the majority of the attendees to the football games. Although stakeholders would like to see a stadium that is on campus so as to increase the profile of CSU, the overall cost and inconvenience that it poses on the students makes this a hot topic of debate. While I was at CSU, there were many construction projects that were in progress. I can speak from experience that many of them caused problems throughout the campus. Hughes Stadium 2050 is, in my opinion, the best option as it is a balance between cost effectiveness and convenience. If there is extra money that is donated to the school or there is a surplus in any way that it should be put towards making life for students more enjoyable so as to promote the best college experience possible. Things such as increasing the number of parking spaces on campus, decreasing the cost of parking passes, opening more of the roads and constructing them so that campus is more accessible to drivers and bikes, etc. There are many buildings on campus that are in dire need of maintenance and rehabilitation: Clark, Communications, Aylesworth, Administration, the Study Abroad Office, Wagar and many more. As an alumni, I know that CSU would be much more appealing to prospective students and stakeholders if there was a level of consistency between the buildings. If CSU is planning on admitting more students in the coming years, the current infrastructure on campus needs to be improved before moving on to the next big thing. I love the idea of having a really nice football stadium, but having one off campus will, in fact, increase the enjoyment that students get from attending school. While many of the big donors and stakeholders are concerned with the over all appeal of CSU from others. Students are interested in tailgating, space, ease of access, less construction, and

having fun. Adding a huge construction project that tears down the gardens, and the forest on campus will not only inconvenience the students, but will also cause huge problems with traffic in the city. The off campus Hughes Stadium 2050 is much more practical, it is cheaper, it will increase appeal to prospective students, it will maintain the legacy of Hughes Stadium, and, most importantly, it will allow students to enjoy attending CSU more! Please email me a personalized message stating that you have received this feedback as it is very important to me. I know that I speak for many of the students that are currently attending as well as many of my friends and alumni.

Thank you for reading!"

Fort Collins Community Member
Build it!

Colorado State Alumni
Continue to change the culture and direction of CSU. Build an on campus stadium. New traditions will be born, people will flock to campus, more students will attend games, businesses will thrive.

Colorado State Alumni
My opinion is that the city does not have the infrastructure to support an on campus stadium.

Fort Collins Community Member
"guess what?? most people do not go to college for football. The whole plan of how the stadium was (or is being financed) is a sham. One lie after another. I for one would not believe another word out of the mouths of the backers of this folly. Used car salesmen, everyone of them."

Colorado State Alumni
"#1 is giving up on football as a way to create publicity and pride for CSU.
#2 is better than #1. But still separates game day from the campus
#3 might be the best option if fundraising can't make #4 work. I would rather have a small, full stadium than a large partially full stadium with same crowd. If we don't make into a power conference this will work and as long as it is expandable, it shouldn't prevent us from getting into a power conference.
#4 would be great if we get into a power conference but may be overkill with where we are likely to be."

Colorado State Alumni
The mantra of go big or go home should apply here. If we're going to do this lets do it right. A phased approach gives all the doubters fuel for their fire. This is our chance to show the city, the state and the nation that Colorado State is a big time university. Not just for football, but for all the things that make CSU great. College football, like it or not, is a school's greatest marketing campaign. A great football presence promotes the university and increases visibility to alumni, students and potential students. This then increases alumni donations, encourages more on campus visits and thus increased revenue. Additionally, the likelihood of those attending a football game staying to watch a volleyball or basketball game increases. The goal is to make it an experience. Currently I feel like Hughes is similar to driving to Home Depot. It's a destination, you go do what you came to do and you leave. An on campus stadium means you're there all day. Concerts, parties, alumni events. There are so many ways that an on campus stadium promotes the university and increases togetherness and belonging to a university. Look at any SEC or Big Ten stadium. Really any power conference. They are all on campus. When you attract better players, better competition, better conferences you are televised more. When you're televised more

you show off the campus and academic accomplishments. This leads to greater exposure, more applicants and higher donations. This is our opportunity to show that Colorado State University is amongst the upper echelon of universities in the nation! Go Rams!

Colorado State Alumni

CSU must have the new on-campus stadium. As they say, "you have to spend money to make money" (and that includes the indirect financial benefit the stadium will provide to the school). The money that would have to be poured into Hughes initially and over time should be a part of the funds for the new stadium. In addition, the Hughes land should be sold (unless there is another good use for the property by CSU) and the funds (including a fair dollar amount that the school would save if an alternate CSU use is found) should be applied to the building of the new stadium. I am sure the committees have explored this, but I would think a great deal of funds could come in from naming rights - naming the stadium, the field, the suites/boxes, various entrances to the stadium, etc. Dick's Sporting Goods can't let Sports Authority have its name on all the stadiums around here! Maybe a second set of bonds structured for purchase in smaller amounts for those alums and others that can not afford a significant donation. I don't know if CSU can issue tax-free bonds, but, if not, there should be some sort of educational district (existing or to be formed) that can. The athletic programs are on the move - this is not time to take a giant step back!

Colorado State Alumni

Would love to have a complete stadium on campus. It would certainly make it more enticing to come to visit.

Colorado State Alumni

I'm definitely a fan of an on-campus stadium. I think it will bring a lot of benefits that Hughes could not provide being so far away from everything. That said, in my opinion the phased option is the best way to go as it doesn't require the headache of having to find yet another partner.

Colorado State Alumni

"To whom it concerns:

I am a 2006 alumnus of Colorado State University and have been a loyal Ram fan and football season ticket holder since graduating. My record would show that I have attended nearly every home game. I attended the 2005 Poinsettia Bowl, 2008 New Mexico Bowl, and 2013 New Mexico Bowl.

Now that my qualifications to opine on the proposed construction of an on campus stadium are out of the way, I will get to the point and say that I believe that the Board of Governors should approve construction of an on campus stadium. I would qualify this statement by saying it is my belief construction should only occur on a financially prudent basis. Public information would lead me to believe that funding could be secured through donations, partnerships, and reallocation of funds for "better use".

I would like to share my five-minute rationale for recommending that the on campus stadium be built. I have seen attendance fluctuate at games based on win-loss record, weather, time of day, personal schedule, who the Rams are playing, traffic, etc. My non-empirical attendance gauge would say it seems that average season attendance is between 15,000 and 20,000 (5,000 – 10,000 being students). Depending on the above factors, attendance seems to build to between 25,000 and 30,000. It seems safe to say that regardless of where the stadium is located, historical average attendance would not

decrease. So what is the point of this? The on campus stadium should have sufficient capacity so that the "loyal" fans have a seat, reasonable capacity for the flux crowd, and capacity for some expansion. As a point of reference, our neighbors down south have capacity of 53,000. It took them a century to get there and they can't even fill their stadium.

Are there any consequences to build a stadium around current expected utilization or slightly more? I don't believe so. Economics for construction would no longer be dependent on assumptions or expectations for growth. When is the last time you heard a Bronco's fan, Rockies fan, or Nuggets fan complain about not being able to get a ticket and then deciding to never attend a game? This drives competition between fans to prove their support! If CSU can pack an on campus stadium I would think that sources of funding an expansion would go by the wayside – i.e. high ticket demand would provide avenues for funding. Further, I believe student attendance and participation in events leading up to games would increase. My simple perspective for this, it would a convenience to students for the ritual of tailgating, which is undeniably a draw for both students and alumnus/fans.

Another reason for my recommendation is this: in over 7 years since graduating, my visits to the CSU campus can be counted on one hand (not accounting for visits to Moby for basketball). The frank truth is that between commuting to the game, tailgating, watching the game, and dodging traffic to get out of the game it is far too inconvenient to visit the campus. For an individual that is up there for every home game, it's statistically disturbing that my campus visits are so few. I would love nothing more than to spend a day tailgating on the CSU campus with my family.

I believe an on campus stadium would allow the University to cross-sell its academics and athletics. Some call this a partnership. The debate I have read about in the newspapers would contend that athletics and academics are at odds with each other. I call this dysfunctional.

I think the University needs to decide how it will move forward with building the on campus stadium."

Alum, Parent, FoCo Community member

"It is plain and simple - the current stadium is outdated, crumbling, cold, dripping water on patrons, locker rooms are too small and in millions in arrears for repairs - repairs that will keep it as is - awful. When I was recruited to play football from Boulder High we thought the stadium was a joke in 1979. Bring the alums to the campus and see the huge changes and progress that has been made - more donations will come with this tactile visual usage. More students will go to the game if they could walk there rather than the current drive. MAX is in place and needs usage, there will be plenty of parking on campus and around the new field - heck it is a 1/4 + mile walk to the stadium in mud right now!

Currently we bypass the campus/Old Town to get stuck in traffic, tailgate in a dirt (muddy) field, and get stuck in traffic on the way home.

The new stadium will have many more functions and usage than the current concrete dungeon. It will be able to host classes, events, fundraisers, other on fields events also. An example - my 30th year high school reunion was held at Folsom Field in the restaurant. Great setting, easy to get to, easy parking and great access to downtown Boulder after the event. Thousand of dollars were paid to CU - this would NEVER happen at Hughes.

Mile High was rebuilt, McNichols was rebuilt amid protest and the new stadiums are amazing! Progress is good! It is time to replace Hughes."

Colorado State Alumni
Put the stadium on campus!

Alumni and Fort Collins community member

I think Option 2 is a good compromise especially if you're going to ask for tax payer dollars to help fund the project. I don't watch football or go to the games and most of the city does not go to the games so I think you should keep it out of the middle of the city where it will disrupt most people's lives with traffic, noise, etc.

Colorado State Alumni

"Pursue option 1 or option 4, either go big now and realize the bigger returns immediately while staving off the inflation and inefficient construction effects of a phased development. There is not enough information here to support the decision between these 2 options; ultimately it should come down to the incremental economic yield of the new stadium relative to cost of capital. Personally, I believe the new stadium development would be worth the investment considering the cost of debt today.

Option 2 is a non-starter, we already know the struggles of an off-campus stadium. Do not throw good money at a bad investment.

Option 3 as I mentioned earlier is a poor decision as the value of the cost basis will suffer serious erosion from inflation (materials and labor) and construction inefficiencies (re-mobilizations, smaller scope, lost economies of time and scale)."

Colorado State Alumni

"In my opinion, the new on-campus stadium is a must. I understand the concerns people may have regarding the cost of a new stadium, but to spend any substantial amount of money on Hughes Stadium is foolish. Hughes Stadium will never be in a location that is beneficial to CSU, and its fan base. It's like the old shed in your backyard behind the trees - out of site and out of mind. At a recent game I needed to get some cash. Out of the four cash machines I could find, three were broken. The one that was working had a line of approximately 20 people. The cracks along the stairways is embarrassing, and at some point will be dangerous. Even if we did add revenue generating facilities at Hughes, like restaurants and shops, the traffic patterns are just not there to support these improvements. We talk about being green, and encouraging pedestrian traffic. We just built an 80 million dollar mass transit system that runs right through campus. I remember being a student at CSU, and wishing the stadium were on campus. The excitement and enthusiasm an on campus stadium would bring would be wonderful, and not just for football. Graduation ceremonies, races, community events, all could take place in the stadium and help build community spirit. I can only imagine the foot traffic along College Avenue on game days. People would be frequenting shops and restaurants before and after them game. Right now, a person driving down College Avenue on game day may never know a game is taking place.

The division between the have, and have-not's in college football is growing rapidly. Colorado State University is a great university! In the coming years, the enrollment will reach 40,000. The City of Fort Collins is a world class city. Northern Colorado is growing rapidly. This area is deserving of a first class facility to hold football games and other events. If CSU is truly interested in striving for excellence in everything they do, we have no choice! Build a new on-campus stadium, and do it right - first class, with amenities that people will want to utilize!"

Colorado State Faculty

Anything that keeps the stadium from moving on campus would be acceptable.

Colorado State Student

As an alum, Fort Collins property owner, and 15 years CSU faculty member, I vote to build an on campus stadium and move into a new era of visibility for CSU.

Colorado State Alumni

Hughes is out of date. The concessions and restrooms can not handle over thirty thousand people utilizing them. The seats and cement casings are old and cracking. The camera angles and sound system is inconsistent and not functional. Having an on campus stadium will bring the students and the alumni back to all events at the stadium. The alumni can come back to campus and enjoy all that Colorado State University has to offer. Be Bold and Build it! I said I'm proud to be a CSU Ram.

Fort Collins Community Member

"1: Maintain Hughes Stadium: I am an alumni from a Big Ten school which has an off-campus stadium. That stadium is nothing as close to campus or as nice as Hughes. I also work with 80 different colleges and Universities throughout 10 states and 4 provinces of Canada and I'm on a university campus someone in the U.S. every month of every year (I'm in academic publishing) - I can't tell you how many schools I visit which have off-campus stadiums. Since this question about a new stadium has come up, I have been paying more attention while at these schools and asking faculty and students their opinion of their own off-campus stadium. Doesn't seem to be a problem at any school I've visited - and some of these stadiums are a bit of a drive. I think it maintaining Hughes Stadium is by FAR a better solution than building a new one.

2: Hughes 2050: Considering the Hughes stadium CAN, in fact, be maintained - I must write that I find it ridiculous that CSU would voluntarily put \$\$ into a new stadium. #1 CSU is a Land Grant Institution and as such it should focus on continuing to fulfill their democratic mandate for openness, accessibility, and service to people. CSU ranks highly among these distinguished public research universities and students are able to study every academic discipline and explore fields of inquiry far beyond the scope envisioned in the original land-grant mission. I'd like to see CSU refocus on their land-grant heritage not taking up campus property for a stadium.

3: Other: Shields and Prospect are already a nightmare and a stadium on the CSU campus would make it significantly worse. It would push traffic into quiet neighborhoods and clog street already too dense with CSU events. My vote it NO for a new stadium"

Parent of CSU Student

"This money should be spent on education for the students. The football team is 6 and 1 this year playing in the current stadium.

A new stadium will not help them win more games or bring new students to CSU.

Paying millions of dollars to football coaches is ridiculous.
Isn't education more important than football?"

Parent of CSU Student

I think that money should be used for CSU so tuition won't increase making it more difficult for people to go college

Parent of CSU Student

By far the best option to get what is needed now while sharing the cost between two or more entities.

Colorado State Alumni

An on-campus stadium with the lowest impact to the general fund is the best option.

Colorado State Staff

I think Hughes needs some revitalization and that this plan could work toward heading in that direction. I definitely think the location is appropriate for the venue and the culture.

Colorado State Student

General/Other As a CSU student and life long Fort Collins resident I believe the on campus stadium will provide the greatest long term benefit to the university and city of Fort Collins. I also know that it will be hard to execute any of these options without the use of the general fund and student fees. In my opinion if student fees are being used there needs to be some kind of improvement to student life. Using student fees to renovate Hughes would not increase the quality of being a student at Colorado State. However I believe the use of student fees in the case of an on campus stadium may not be ideal, but is acceptable because it would greatly increase the quality of campus life for the typical CSU student. I appreciate the opportunity to give my input and I hope everyone has the vision and foresight to make CSU the best university it can possibly be.

Colorado State Alumni

I support both measures that move the stadium to campus. I have been a season ticket holder for football for a decade and Hughes is in an embarrassing state of disrepair. It is an eyesore and coming from Denver, like my friends and I do, it is literally the furthest thing away for us. My larger preference would be for the full build of the new stadium through a partnership, rather than a phased approach because I worry that we'll just go through this exact same conversation a handful of years from now when we want to expand it.

Colorado State Faculty

Like the large majority of faculty, I totally oppose the on-campus stadium. Promote all sports, not just football. Stop trying to change the community we love. This will never be a football town. Stop trying to be like every other university & start capitalizing on our unique identity & assets.

Fort Collins Community Member

extending Hughes for 30 years is not a good investment. A longer term solution is the only fiscally responsible answer.....

Fort Collins Community Member

I am against an on campus stadium. Hughes is located in a great spot and I vote for improving that stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

"An Open Letter to Dr. Tony Frank---The Conversation We Did Not Have

Dear President Frank,

I am (name redacted), third of four generations of CSU graduates. I love the institution and all that it stands for! As a Fort Collins native, I also love this Choice City. I was thrice denied the opportunity of an appointment for conversation with you about your proposal for a main-campus stadium. I would have preferred a productive and engaged conversation in person. My open letter to you today has become my only option.

The silent phase, your pricey consultants, endless studies, and stacked committees perplex me. Have you any idea the distress and insult these practices have inflicted on our community? How does the pretense to mitigate an aggravated situation work? How would you explain the disapproval registered by some 65-70% of faculty, students, and the public at large? Please explain how these numbers, which represent real people, count for nothing.

Were you sincere when you said in the Winter 2013 Alum Magazine, "The last thing we want to do is divide the community over this project", and, "We have to do this in a way that is respectful of this community"? I would submit, your approach has not been respectful, inclusive or transparent, and the community is divided and angry.

I am more than tired of the dollars debate. The egregious intimidation of expression, the "shifting of the goal posts", and the "shell game" are extremely concerning. University/community values have been trampled and trashed.

Are you and the Board of Governors not sworn to uphold the mission of this Land Grant University? Please help me understand how a massive main-campus stadium, intended to attract out-of-state students, supports or enhances CSU's Land Grant mission? The university's focus and priorities seem terribly skewed.

Naming rights should never be for sale to the highest bidder. In my view, naming rights are reserved for those who have earned them, who deserve them, and who inspire (e.g. Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium, Amy Van Dyken Way).

How is it possible that the course, culture, and landscape of the university, as well as our community, is held hostage by anonymous donors "flying under the radar", pledging 6-8 figures to fund the new stadium? This seems like a sell out and hostile takeover.

You were quoted as saying "it would be just this side of criminal" (Denver Post, September 22, 2014) to spend anymore money on Hughes. Who is accountable for the neglect and "deferred maintenance" at Hughes?

Former athletic director Jack Graham informs us (Coloradoan, October 2, 2014) of an "alternate" plan and "internal target" which would "redirect \$30 million of General Fund money, (currently allocated to maintain Hughes), toward fundraising for the on-campus stadium". Is this not also potentially "just this side of criminal"?

Are you aware of the loss of significant donations from the Estates of alumni of my generation, if the main-campus stadium is built? The names/amounts lost will never be known.

There is so much more to this “saga”, to borrow your word. Perhaps the most important question is the one asked often in conversations with Dr. Frank fans and admirers: “What ever happened to Tony?” “Why would Tony tarnish his sterling reputation over this sorry saga?”

Can you help me understand, by addressing the questions asked in this letter?

Colorado State Alumni

"As a Ram supporter, I wanted to share a couple of my families experiences. We live in Broomfield and come up to Fort Collins for a large number of sports events:

1. My wife and I have been together for almost 9 years. And she comes to over 75% of the football games. Until we bought basketball tickets 4 years, she had never been on campus. We would drive in on harmony and drake and never come close to campus. Additionally, we would grab lunch or dinner in Loveland or Longmont and never spend a dime in Fort Collins. CSU and Fort Collins are missing out on a financial opportunity for game day sales and alumni connection.
2. My stepdaughter is 17 and looking at colleges. We came up this summer to take the campus tour and I was amazed how well the campus showed. Unfortunately it took her tour for me to realize how much has changed since I graduated. The building and improvements are awesome. It was also great to hear about the ongoing research and educational improvements. We've toured at least 10 other campuses over the last year and I can proudly say that CSU shows as well as any of them. Kudos to Tony Frank and crew.

CSU is a hidden gem and we all know it. There is so much opportunity for this school, but the attachment to alumni, The front range and future students is lacking. My family is proof. I'm a huge Ram fan and my family has been involved with CSU since my grandfather graduated years ago. I fully realize that I should have done a better job showing CSUs beauty to my family. My concern is that if a dedicated fan like myself continually missed these opportunities, how many other casual folks miss out on realizing how great CSU is and will be in the future. The opportunity to reconnect alumni and the Front range is there. Build it and build it right. Go Rams!"

Colorado State Alumni

"I think although this may be what gets decided, I think it is a bad idea to skimp on some of the appearance and technology aspects of the new stadium. The discount it provides is minimal and gives the outside community the idea that we are a university that settles for average.

I think we should still strive for private funding to ultimately give the Rams a full, finished and amazing final product.

If Baylor can do it, so can we. I think the story of their stadium should be an example of what we strive for."

Fort Collins Community Member

The on campus stadium needs to happen for lots of reasons. Alumni need to see all the improvements on campus. 25 years from now people will ask what were people thinking if the on-campus stadium doesn't happen in some form.

Fort Collins Community Member

In my opinion an on campus stadium would have very negative impacts on central and downtown Fort Collins. Embrace the uniqueness of the Hughes location !!

Colorado State Alumni

Either build the on campus stadium or do a real renovation to Hughes. Actually add some seats!

Colorado State Alumni

"I think we have proven over the last two weeks (USU and WYO back-to-back sell outs) that filling a 40k facility is a very real possibility in the short term future. I really hope that the new on campus stadium has a bare minimum of 36k seats and 4k SRO. I fully understand if we want to try to scale back costs some, but we should find another way of doing this rather than removing decks (current renderings of option 3). Removing a deck and exposing an entire concourse would be a detrimental hit to the quality of fan experience in the new stadium. It would cause sound to escape more easily, and it just looks bad (small time).

I believe that option 4 is still the best option for CSU. Let's do it right the first time, and not rely on future plans."

Fort Collins Community Member

"I love Hughes stadium, and I would like to see it continue to serve as the CSU football stadium into the future. It's a gorgeous setting and I have no issues whatsoever with the setting. I somehow doubt that the ROTC could get away with firing that howitzer on-campus during football games, should CSU build an on-campus stadium.

That being said, I attended the Utah State game last weekend and the traffic on Overland trail to get into the stadium parking lot was preposterous. I cannot believe how poorly CSU managed getting people into and out of that parking lot. We sat for 90 minutes on Overland Trail and missed most of the first quarter, even though we left 75 minutes before kickoff. One of the advantages of Hughes is supposed to be that it's a remote location with a huge parking lot. How on Earth it took so long to park those cars is beyond me.

So, I support keeping Hughes going but training the parking services how to handle the crowds now that the team is successful."

Colorado State Alumni

I am a big fan of the phased proposal, provided the initial build will hold at least as many fans as Hughes Stadium currently does. I also think it is important to incorporate educational facilities in the initial construction. Any way you build it, I strongly believe an on-campus stadium is essential to the progress and competitiveness of our team, and I think our football team and fans are showing they deserve it.

Fort Collins Community Member

"As a ten-year resident of Fort Collins, I'm amazed by the level of opposition to a new stadium, in a city I'd regarded as innovative and progressive. I chose to live here partly because of the university, and was surprised to find the stadium ""out in the country."" In my opinion, anything that enhances the university---like an on-campus stadium---would add to the desirability and luster of the city.

Polls in favor of Hughes Stadium do not include me---I was never contacted, and was out of town during the newspaper ballot. Many new-stadium supporters like my husband and me do not care to compete publicly with the opponents, who promote absurdities like the idea that improving the aura of athletics would detract from the stellar academics at CSU. There is room for excellence in both. But as always in any controversy, it's the ""anti's"" who clamor loudly.

For the future of CSU and Fort Collins, please continue to proceed with plans for the on-campus stadium. Thank you."

Colorado State Alumni

"I support building a new stadium, and have since it was proposed. Some opponents seem to draw it as an athletics v. academics line, but that is a false division. I'm from St. Louis, and I first saw CSU through the football team on TV in the early 2000s. From about fifth grade on, I always said I was going to attend CSU, and I did. I was part of the Honors college, and graduated magna cum laude with a triple-major in English, history, and political science, and a minor in German. Now I go to law school at Illinois. During my time at CSU, I went to every home football and men's basketball game that I was in town for, even when the football team was fairly hopeless, even when the basketball team was going 2-14 in the Mountain West. Without being conceited, I think it's safe to say that I'm exactly the type of student that CSU wants to have: an out-of-state student with top academic performance and good future earning potential. The only reason CSU was even on my radar was the success of the football team in the early 2000s. The stadium is an athletics issue, but it's more than that. It's an academic issue as well. There is no reason that a good athletics program necessarily leads to a lack of focus on academics.

Now, on to the actual stadium suggestions. If there's a way to build a new stadium, I support it, but only if we do it right. I want the stadium to be complete and aesthetically pleasing, so it fits with the rest of campus. Too many new stadiums are basically just concrete shells. Baylor just built a new stadium, and those watching on TV immediately noticed that the ""brick"" walls were actually just vinyl signage covering up concrete. Houston didn't even go that far, their stadium is just plain concrete. I love the artist's renderings of the potential stadium, but we should only build it if we can stay true to them."

Colorado State Alumni

I would be happy with either option 3 or 4, but believe 4 would make the most sense based on the partnership. I trust in Dr. Frank and the board to make the best decision possible for the school. Good luck!

Colorado State Alumni

On-Campus is the only option. My hats off to all those who are finally making a push for excellence in CSU athletics to compliment our fine academic institution. Build a world-class facility! The acceptance of mediocrity at CSU is a thing of the past. Go Rams!

Colorado State Alumni

"I was accepted to CSU on academic probation thanks to an average High School GPA and tepid ACT score. They made me enroll in summer school and pass some classes before the rest of my fellow freshman class showed up. I skated by and got in -but to be perfectly honest, I was never, ever a grade-focused student. My energy and attention span never quite fit into a classroom setting and schedule.

Rather, my best lessons from CSU came from being an active leader and participant in all manner of other activities. I played club sports, served in student govt., ran some award-winning community

service projects, and was the student body director of communications (ASCSU) and student body president of my college (AHSS).

My problem with this football stadium idea is that it has been framed as a football stadium idea. As someone who helped bring in world-class speakers and other events for the student body and community, the proposed facility is so much more. This is an opportunity to gather every student and faculty member in one place, for any imagined event. It is an opportunity for any CSU or Fort Collins area group to stage whatever gathering they want, provided they have the bravado to pull it off. The proposed stadium is going to be a 40,000 seat performance space and it's up to the combined creative juices of the entire state to fill it with amazing, intellectually challenging and productive programming.

It would also be nice if there was room for football games.

Thanks!"

Colorado State Alumni

"As an alumni from the class of 1987 I attended my first sellout at Hughes Stadium against USU. It struck me as I watched 32,000+ fans struggle with a woefully inadequate infrastructure that any options regarding a stadium on the current Hughes site could only result in failure. The costs of making Hughes a desirable venue to attend with a full house have to be astronomic. It would require such a complete remodel that any reasonable person would have to consider demolition and starting over. There is no conceivable way that enough bathrooms and concessions could be added without completely restraining access to the entire stadium. It just wasn't built with that much of an upgrade as a possibility. Even if a reasonable job could be done, access and egress would still be a nightmare due to the limited routes that can be used to get to the stadium. The fact that the stadium needs to be modernized and accessible became glaring during that game. I don't see any reasonable choice other than for CSU to build a modern, on campus stadium if any of the proposed benefits of the stadium are to be realized. I am very certain that some who attended that great game went home with the intention of only watching CSU on TV from now on. That doesn't lend itself to having repeat customers, even if the location was such that repeat customers meant more than the price of a seat. The need to have a multi-purpose venue that attendees want to return to is paramount if a stadium structure is ever going to lend itself to continued engagement with fans, alumni, and donors. Even if that were done at the current site, there is absolutely no incentive for those attendees to connect with the main campus itself.

This venue needs to be modern, and on campus where CSU can leverage attendance into a greater connection with the university as a whole, with an eye toward the future success of our great academic institution. I don't see any other successful option. As for the structure itself? Please don't put a facility on campus that is not up to the standards of the rest of the new facilities. If we are truly to strive for excellence, we certainly can't afford to take shortcuts with a facility that by it's very size and location will define our campus to many."

Colorado State Alumni

"I believe the choice is clear and concise. Option 4 would guarantee that absolutely no risk would come to the general fund. This option also allows Colorado State too not only build the first class gem of a building CSU deserves but also needs.

Win-Win with not a chance of loss.

This will be one of if not THE greatest building CSU has ever constructed.....we need to do it right."

Fort Collins Community Member

This is the most fiscally responsible solution at this time. People are currently flocking to Hughes as the team improves. It is a gorgeous setting. Parking and access are easy. Be green. Do the responsible thing. The community will rally with this decision. It will bring cohesion among the people of Fort Collins and greater support for the team. When the NCAA future looks more clear and the financial outlook for sports looks to improve, we can entertain either a new Hughes (I hope) or see if fundraising is more successful for an on campus stadium/.

Colorado State Alumni

"As a proud CSU alumni the choice that makes the most sense is Option 4. Build the stadium we need now with outside help. Option 4 gives the university numerous ways to use the on-campus facility and will pay dividends for years to come.

As an alumni who graduated in 2005, I can count on my hand the number of times I have returned to the campus since graduation. I was excited to return this homecoming and see all the magnificent changes that have occurred since my last visit! Dr. Frank is a fantastic steward of Colorado State University and I truly believe he will make the correct decision for our Colorado State University! Go Rams beat the Pokes!"

Colorado State Alumni

In my opinion, I believe option 4 is the best alternative for Colorado State University athletics. Having a high quality football stadium on campus will allow CSU fans to have that game day experience many fans have been craving. This will not only give CSU a true home field advantage but it will give us something we can all be proud of. Build it!

Fort Collins Community Member

Option 3: On-Campus Stadium, Phased Option 4: On-Campus Stadium, Public-Private Partnership (P3)

"I am the parent of a CSU alumni and a season ticket holder for about 25 years. Hughes Stadium has been our home as Ram's fans for a long time. However, it does not come near meeting the needs and desires of CSU fans. I am all for building the new on-campus stadium. I cannot think of any other college football program that does not have an on-campus stadium. Do our students, fans, players and coaching staff deserve less? I am impressed by the planning, evaluating and discussion that has been going on now for a couple of years. It seems everything has been reviewed and discussed in extra detail. I support option #4 the most. I think we need to implement the full plan for the new stadium, and if it means we need to develop a private partnership to make it happen due to financial reasons, so be it. Option 3 would be ok too, but I fear that some of the supporters would be lost in building the partial plan. We need to move forward with this.

I am discouraged by the number of people who continue to come out against the new stadium. My guess is that the majority of them do not support the Rams or ever attend games. At the Utah State game last week, it reminded us of how Hughes does not handle a large crowd. We were thrilled to see everyone come out, but the lines for the bathrooms, food, drink and other vendors were crazy. It was really hard to get around.

I have attended college games in other cities and the excitement, involvement and activities around the weekly games was so much more elevated than we generally see here. My hope is that the new on-campus stadium would add that aspect to Fort Collins. Everyone would be more aware and part of the events, and proud of our city and team which represents our community. Other events at the stadium would be a great enhancement to the city as well. Be bold! Go forward with the new stadium asap!!!"

Colorado State Alumni

"Dr. Frank and CSU Board of Governors,

I support the P3 option for stadium construction because I believe this option will provide the best long-term solution for CSU. My concern with the phased option is that after it's built, the upgrades will be put on the back-burner, forgot about, and never completed. As for any option that involves Hughes Stadium, I believe, like Dr. Frank has said, that putting any money into that facility is the equivalent to using that money for the Homecoming bonfire and is destined to fail and be a liability to the University. Thank you for giving everyone the opportunity to share their views on which option they see as being the best interest to CSU for the long-term. I trust you will make a very well educated decision for the best long-term benefit of CSU.

Colorado State Alumni

Please build this thing right the first time (option 4). I have little confidence that future "phased" expansions will occur as planned. Our 60 yard indoor practice facility is a perfect example. Construction costs will inevitably increase in the near term, as will interest rates, and going back to the well of the same donors just a few years later never seems to work out too well. We have one chance. Let's make it count.

Colorado State Alumni

I feel that the On-Campus Stadium, Public-Private Partnership would be the best option for both the City of Fort Collins and CSU.

Colorado State Alumni

Option 4: On-Campus Stadium, Public-Private Partnership (P3)
BUILD IT

Colorado State Alumni

"First of all, why can I give feedback for five different options but I cannot have more than one affiliation? I am a CSU alum AND a Fort Collins resident.

Second, the new stadium must go forward, but CSU has never explained why it needs a \$200+ million stadium when new college football stadiums are being built around the country for half that, or even less. Build a stadium that fits with CSU's athletic goals and CSU's budget. It doesn't have to be the Taj Mahal.

Maintaining or upgrading Hughes are not options I would support. I've been to one football game in the last 15 years, and the stadium and its distant, dreary, muddy location have a lot to do with that. The best option is to scale down the design for an on-campus stadium, and pay for it using donations and bonds.

It is true the majority in Fort Collins do not want a stadium, but those who are strongly opposed are a very vocal minority. The bulk of those opposed are the sort who are opposed to any sort of change in their community. As long as the stadium is funded the way CSU has said it would be, the residents of Ft Collins will come in line very soon when they see all the benefits a centrally-located stadium will bring to campus and to the city."

Colorado State Alumni

I believe that the on-campus stadium should be built properly the first time. A phased option leaves too much to chance in the future.

Fort Collins Community Member

"I went to school for a couple years in 2000-2001 and fell in love with the university and the football team. Hughes Stadium is a special place for me, I have many memories of Saturdays under the A. Because I love Hughes so much, I've been pretty non-committal about this issue until recently.

Last Saturday I took my wife and two of her friends to their first CSU game. They're from New York City and this was their first experience in Fort Collins. We enjoyed everything the city had to offer (Horsetooth, breweries, Old Town) and headed to the stadium for the 5PM kickoff. After having a wonderful time in Fort Collins, my group couldn't get over how run-down Hughes was.

It was eye-opening for me to experience Hughes from an outsiders point of view. I began noticing the cracked concrete, broken stairs, outdated bleachers, outdated bathrooms and concessions. They were excited to see Amy Van Dyken on the field (she is the only thing about CSU they were familiar with), but we couldn't hear anything over the muffled sound system.

Long story short, it was embarrassing. My group loved Fort Collins, but their only exposure to CSU was their comical stadium experience.

It's time to get people on campus. It's time for Hughes to go."

Colorado State Alumni

"Build it. From the beginning it has been about the future students at CSU -- how do we invest in their complete education? The campus stadium will benefit far more people and athletes than Hughes does not right or could ever benefit.

I will donate to the new stadium but not to updating Hughes."

Colorado State Alumni

Phase four is the only option that addresses all the issues that afflict Hughes today

Colorado State Alumni

Season ticket holder.

Fort Collins Community Member

"I am a long time CSU Athletics supporter. I have been to countless football games at Hughes Stadium. I have taken my daughter to many games at Hughes. I am frankly embarrassed of our stadium. It quite simply does NOT represent the University the way it should.

Obviously, athletics (especially football) is the best way to show off what your school has to offer. Hughes Stadium just does NOT live up to the great prestige that is Colorado State University. A North Dakota State fan told me after the NDSU game a few years back that the worst part of their experience was the stadium. Specifically the long lines at the concession stands, and restrooms. He also said there was not a college football feel to being there. This is someone who follows, and used to go to Bison games in FARGO. He is one of MANY visiting fans that have complained about the same thing Option 1 is NOT an option in my book. It's the equivalent of putting lip stick on a pig.

Option 2 sounds GREAT except one thing. You still not going to be able to show of Colorado State the way you hope to because it's so far away from the main campus. I very rarely see shots of the campus when I watch replays on TV. I see shots of the mountains. That is not directing focus towards CSU. That is directing focus to the state of Colorado. That is one of many reasons why Option 2 is NOT the right option for Colorado State.

Option 3 tells me that your not fully committed to Colorado State Athletics. If you decide to build an on-campus stadium do it right the first time. No way is this the right thing to do.

Option 4 is by far the best option in my opinion. I've heard people say they are going to throw a fit about traffic. I would live within 2 miles of the stadium. I do NOT care about bad traffic 6-7 days per year given that the University will benefit from thousands of fans, alumni, future students walking around the campus prior to the game. Difference departments will have the ability to set up display tents, that opens the door to donations. Could Option 3 give that? sure! To me, Option 3 would just be a half finished product that has potential to fail. If you go all in, the community will back you quicker as well. Colorado State has been rumored to be a candidate to join a ""Power 5"" football conference. That is MILLIONS more dollars in revenue for CSU Athletics, thus opening up space in the University's budget. This is a no brainer for me. If Colorado State is truly committed to excellence, than move from Hughes Stadium, to the 21st century. Make Option 4 happen! Go Rams!"

Colorado State Alumni

Your best option is 4. If we are going to do this, lets do this right. Your 4 options are actually in reverse order. 4 is best, then 3, then 2, then 1. Sorry if I have submitted this more than once--I do not completely remember.

Fort Collins Community Member

General/Other "The Save Our Stadium Hughes (SOSH) committee would like to offer information that supports the Colorado State University Stadium remain in its current location. It has been nearly three years since the start of this proposal and the many concerns that were raised at the beginning are still unanswered and unresolved. The proposal presented to the Board of Governors by Tony Frank, almost three years ago, has not been honored or fulfilled. This topic is of utmost importance as the decision made on this topic will significantly impact the quality of life on campus and the choice city of Fort Collins.

A scientific poll by Triton Research & Polling Group (7/13/14 and 7/14/14), commissioned by SOSH, showed (with 95% confidence) that the Fort Collins community opposes a main-campus stadium by more than two to one. An ASCSU survey (4/5/12 through 5/31/12) showed that over 70% of CSU students (with over 3,500 responses) were opposed to a main-campus stadium. Other surveys including one by the Coloradoan (July, 2014) show similar results.

The cost to our city of improvements in infrastructure for the proposed stadium would be tens of millions of dollars, borne by Fort Collins taxpayers. Game-day attendees will impact a very large area of the most congested portion of Fort Collins, without an adequate ingress/egress road system to the center of the city.

The Community Design Development Advisory Committee (CDDAC), established by CSU, included a traffic/parking report without consideration of the many trains that run through the city. Their report shows reliance (Figure 38) on over fifty separate main-campus parking lots for game day parking, as opposed to the 100 plus acres that are available at Hughes solely for parking and tailgating. In their report CDDAC worked to only solve problems imposed by a main-campus stadium. There was no

reference in the report addressing the same possibilities with Hughes. The focus was limited to not include the potential of Hughes Stadium.

Nationally recognized economists (Dr. Andrew Zimbalist, Dr. Victor Matheson, and Dr. Joel Maxcy), agree that this stadium will negatively impact most businesses within a 2-3 mile radius and that a main-campus stadium would have far greater negative impacts than any perceived benefits for CSU and Fort Collins. These economists and many other unbiased economists have analyzed the data used in the proposed stadium feasibility study (performed and verified by companies with conflicts of interest) and found that they are extremely inflated and overly optimistic in revenue projections.

Citizens do not agree that a new stadium is needed and believe the current proposals for a main-campus stadium are not a fit for our community. Hughes Stadium, sitting on 162 acres in a beautiful and functional location, is the best option for both CSU and Fort Collins. The vision of President Dr. William E. Morgan (1949-1969) has served the university and the community well.

The Hughes Stadium site show cases our beautiful natural environment and is telegenically superior to the main-campus site. There is ample land for development of a revenue generating athletic campus focused on sports performance and research, complementing the equestrian and atmospheric science programs already a part of the Foothills Campus.

Our community, essentially united in its opposition to a main-campus stadium, strongly supports upgrading Hughes Stadium and fully developing the exciting potential of the Hughes site in preference to CSU's main-campus proposals."

Fort Collins Community Member

Mediocrity and complacency are words I don't think anyone wants to be associated with. It is my opinion CSU will be labeled with both if they do not move forward with this project. The amount of National attention CSU is getting with their athletic department right now is priceless. Momentum is the best friend of any business. Right now CSU has a giant wave of momentum. Lets keep it going and put shovels in the ground.

Parent of CSU Student

"Current Hughes stadium is embarrassing and not conducive to student walk up or greater metro Fort Collins residence attendance. Additionally, CSU cannot attract any large conference competition. CSU is clearly a large enough university community and greater Fort Collins can support a state of the art mid sized first class stadium. Time is of the essence and the longer the project is delayed and incessant hand wringing only brings uncertainty and fosters an atmosphere that we are not big enough, good enough and cannot support the project.

Build the stadium and ""they will come.""

Colorado State Alumni
Build it on campus!

Fort Collins Community Member

"How can it be denied that the way the new stadium proposal was thrust upon the community severely damaged the university relationship with those that held CSU in high regards as an important part of Ft.

Collins. The damage is done and likely cannot be repaired at any cost. Should the new stadium come about, there will be a monument to mark this destructive point in time that should never have happened. Simply poor judgement from the administration....

It has become pretty obvious that Dr. Frank`s hiring of Jack Graham turned out to be poor judgement. The damage was done and Dr. Frank put a bandage on it by dismissing Mr. Graham. Again poor judgement...

Whoever was responsible for the SAC process made a critical mistake by not being completely open and transparent from the beginning. Distrust grew at an exponential rate and still over shadows the stadium issue. Again poor judgement...

The process during the period of time when the philanthropic gifts and donations were being solicited which was referred to as the ""silent phase"", could only perpetuate lack of distrust. What was to be gained by not being forthright and open with the progress of this effort? Again poor judgement...

The RFP process for the design and construction was so poorly administered and reflected the desire to solicit in-kind donations from the potential contractors, that the state architect got involved and requested the process be revised to be good business practice per state policy. This again promotes distrust and again reflects poor judgement.

The CDDAC was little more than a process to include hired consultants to give pitches as to how well the new stadium would work in our community. It did not tackle the pros and cons of the new stadium proposal, instead it was all about how to mitigate the impacts if the stadium is built. It was initially scheduled to include a public feedback session at the conclusion of the meetings, that never happened. Again distrust and poor judgement...

The recent change to propose four new options and extend the period prior to a final decision makes one wonder what's next? The Philanthropic gift and donation projections were so overly optimistic and failed to meet projections that Dr. Frank not willing to accept defeat, decided to move the goal post. Makes one wonder, how can we trust this guy. Again poor judgement from the public`s perspective.

The administrations decision to form the two new committees to vet the four new options is more of the same, the hand picked individuals are without a doubt pro stadium supporters. How much more in your face can it get. If the stadium goes forward, these names should be on a bronze placard as owners of the white elephant we see here. Again distrust and poor judgement by the administration.

The only way for Dr. Frank to begin to right the wrongs and save some face is to acknowledge the new stadium proposal simply won`t work out financially and is not in the best interest of the university. That taking the existing asset of Hughes stadium and progressively bring it up to a standard worthy of the university. If this can occur the poor decisions and poor judgement will eventually fade in the past. Dr. Franks legacy will be that he was a good president and he served the university well. Otherwise that is not likely to happen and poor judgement will have prevailed again.

And last but not least, The Board of Governors will have ownership in this giant white elephant that will be taxing the students and citizens for a generation or maybe two."

Colorado State Alumni

Building a stadium on campus is a shockingly wasteful use of resources.

Colorado State Alumni

Csu is a great institution. Make it more legitimate with an on campus stadium. Let's play with the big boys.

Fort Collins Community Member

I vote to maintain our current stadium, maybe do some updates. I went to my first game a few weeks ago and thought the stadium was great! Isn't our community about being green? I personally will avoid old town if the stadium moves there. There's already a parking problem in old town and I cannot even imagine how packed it will be with a stadium on campus. I am disappointed to think that funding will be going towards a stadium in which we do not need. Applying funding to maybe renovate Moby arena!? Go Rams!

Parent of CSU Student

"We love Hughes as a ""throwback"" rustic stadium. Make it safe, and keep it the amazing experience it is for out of town guests, teams, and the home crowd alike. There's no other stadium like it. The more other football schools (if that is what CSU really wants to be) gloss up their crowd's/team's football experience, the more of an attraction Hughes becomes. Set against that incredible backdrop, with tailgating and parking room abounding and few concessions to the milquetoast set, it's an experience unlike any other. For those who say it's too far from the main campus to have an impact on campus and downtown, take note of the last 3 home games and the crowds all over Ft. Collins. As well, take a page from UCLA's book -- a great program draws sellout crowds to a stadium that's 26 miles away through LA traffic (students and fans often spend 1.5+ hours on the highways to get there). But even the storied Rose Bowl doesn't compare with Hughes as an experience and an icon -- let's publicize it and let the world experience it!

[My second choice, as if you couldn't guess, is Hughes 2050.]"

Colorado State Alumni

"I have been attending football games since 1982 along with my family. The first time my eldest daughter had ever seen the campus was on her high school tour prior to selecting University of Oregon four years ago. We estimated she had been to at least 10 games in her lifetime. Living south of Denver we would drive to Ft Collins, race to Hughes and never stay, fighting the traffic to head home. I completely understand the disconnect between the alums and the university when the football stadium is nowhere near the campus.

The on campus stadium is a great idea today, tomorrow, ten years from now and fifty years from today! Thank you for having the vision and foresight to pursue this fantastic concept. Please find a way to make this happen.

Parent of CSU Student

An On-Campus stadium will help to re-connect alumni to campus. This is what matters. Build a world class facility for a world class institution.

Colorado State Alumni

Please bring a stadium to the CSU campus! This is desperately needed, and will help grow the program like it deserves. Such a stadium is what CSU students, Alumni, and the city of Fort Collins deserves. Thank you!

Colorado State Alumni

A new stadium is badly needed. As an alumnus and football season ticket holder with young children, I am excited to showcase the CSU campus when we come to town for games. That is a tough proposition with games at Hughes Stadium. No doubt that is an incredible recruiting tool which is underutilized today.

Fort Collins Community Member

Problems with on-campus stadium: (1) Will be multi-million dollar loss annually for CSU even using CSU's projections which will have to be paid by taxpayers and CSU students. See Dr. Louis Scharf's financial analysis presented to Dr. Tony Frank and many groups in Fort Collins. Dr. Scharf is a CSU professor. (2) Will paralyze Prospect Street and that part of Fort Collins out to I-25 for hours before, during and after games. (3) Will completely stop emergency vehicles from getting into and out of the Sheely neighborhood of over 200 homes just 2 blocks south of the proposed stadium for hours before, during and after games. (4) It will cause a severe shortage of parking which will overwhelm neighborhoods on all sides of the on-campus stadium for hours before, during and after games. (5) The quality of life will be severely degraded in the neighborhoods surrounding the on-campus stadium by traffic, noise, pollution, alcohol, health and litter problems and other safety issues caused by the stadium. (6) An on-campus stadium will cause an increase in abusive behavior problems for surrounding neighborhoods. (7) An on-campus stadium may cause an increase in rioting behavior by alcohol fueled fans in neighboring areas such as happened in October, 2014, on Blevins Court and Whitcomb one-half block from the site of the proposed stadium adjacent to the Sheely neighborhood. (8) An on-campus stadium will reduce the value and marketability of homes surrounding the proposed stadium including the Sheely neighborhood for the reasons cited above. (9) There is no area near the proposed on-campus stadium for a tailgating experience remotely comparable to that of the existing Hughes Stadium unless the large, green space student athletic fields near Moby Gym are used which would violate one of the four major promises made by Dr. Frank at the beginning of this process. (10) Elderly and handicapped people will have serious problems getting to and from the proposed on-campus stadium unlike Hughes Stadium where they can be dropped off and picked up easily on the West side. (11) The proposed on-campus stadium will bring more alcohol problems onto the main campus.

Colorado State Alumni

If you're going to build a new stadium don't hold back. Build an entertainment complex that the entire state can be proud of for decades to come -- or don't build it. If you go into this halfheartedly then everyone will be disappointed with the results.

CSU Retired

"I prefer option 1. After the deferred maintenance is performed Hughes should be less expensive to maintain than options 3 or 4. Alumni donations could be higher than predicted. Because the city would not have to make transportation upgrades, the city should be asked to contribute \$10-15 million.

I reject Options 3 and 4 which assume positive economic impact on the city which may or may not happen. I may be wrong here, but I am sure I read the cost to the city to make necessary transportation upgrades would be about \$50 million. Stadium maintenance costs are not included. These options make no economic sense to me.

Thank you for taking public comments."

Colorado State Staff

"Based on my work at Colorado State working with incoming students, I hear repeatedly that they choose CSU because of the ""sense of community"" they feel when they step on campus for the first time. At the same time, I also hear constituents talking about CSU as a ""hidden gem"" or ""best kept secret."" I believe it is important to the future viability of the University to tell the ""secret"" to the rest of the nation by inviting both national television cameras and alumni onto the campus the elicits the feeling of community so many at CSU love.

Our peer institutions with similar academic prestige such as Kansas State or Oklahoma State are known nationwide due to their success in athletics. They bring people in the door to then experience the educational value of the experience.

Football, in current U.S. culture, provides an extensive marketing opportunity (whether you like football or not). As a staff member who works on the front lines in welcoming students and parents to our campus, I believe that an on-campus stadium would increase the visibility of our wonderful campus to the nation, thereby increasing the national value of a CSU education. It is my hope that this project will come to fruition."

Colorado State Alumni

As a season ticket holder and alum, I would love to have an on campus stadium. It was difficult for me to go to games as a student because I didn't have a car and now I don't enjoy the game experience at Hughes. Please build an on campus stadium!

Colorado State Alumni

We need to get the stadium on campus. The advantages are enormous, including the possibility of being granted membership in the Big 12 conference.

Colorado State Alumni

As donors, We totally support OPTION 4

Colorado State Alumni

CSU deserves this!

Colorado Community Member

I've been going to CSU football games for the last 25 years , it is time to get off the fence and build an on campus stadium. There is so much more growth here now in Northern Colorado that would help support a top tier football program. It's embarrassing to know that a Big 10, Big 12 or SEC conference team would not play at Hughes Stadium because of its unwelcoming environment. Keeping the current stadium will only result in the loss of what is currently being built by this team and coaching staff. Dropping down to the Big Sky Conference and being a part of a smaller competitive conference makes more sense with what we have now. I would like to see an opportunity to possibly move into a big conference like the Big 12 and watch a larger more enthusiastic crowd come support our community. GO RAMS!

Colorado State Alumni

"This option is the best choice by far for our new stadium. All of the great sporting venues are examples of great public/private partnerships. This is the only way that we can get a world class facility in a time line that takes advantage of the momentum that CSU has set as a university in the past few years.

Hughes Stadium is a Shame. Not one more dollar should be spent than is necessary to get us through construction of a new stadium. Phasing in the new stadium will also be a shame. The pain of construction and of creation of this facility at the heart of campus should be rewarded with a world class facility. Not part of one that is handcuffed and hobbled by its own partial completion.

Just as Sports Authority Field at Mile High where we open each season is a world class venue born of a public/private partnership...so should CSUs new stadium be World Class."

Fort Collins Community Member

"Option 1 -- Not viable, considering everything that has to be done. As games are reaching their optimum attendance, traffic is far worse at Hughes than any parking/traffic situation with an on-campus stadium. Don't throw money away by updating Hughes. It will only be a stop-gap measure.

Option 3 & 4 - I support either of these two options. I find it hypocritical that the people who support MAX are complaining about game-day traffic, when the MAX is the key factor for people-moving for crowds to get to an on-campus stadium. More campus visits from alumni on game days translates into more donations for academics. Athletics is the front porch to the university, whether people like it or not. It's exciting and bonding as a university to tie football and campus together 6 days a year. GO RAMS!!"

Colorado State Alumni

Option 4 is clearly the way to proceed. It needs to be done and done right. Phased build would be an OK second option.

Fort Collins Community Member

I've been to well over 100 games at Hughes and have a good grasp of what it is and what it isn't. I'm fully behind a new, on campus, stadium. I would prefer that we not go down the road of a phased approach to building a new stadium but understand the financial risk of moving forward fully. Build the stadium!

Colorado State Alumni

Please build the OCS. You have plenty of support!

Colorado State Alumni

Stadium should grow with the football program but there's no sense in putting another dime in Hughes.

Colorado State Alumni

Though the setting at Hughes is nice, it is brutal to get in and out of, and it is so outdated it is almost an embarrassment to a university with the stature of CSU. We have one of the best universities in the country, and we are continuing to flourish- it is time to build a stadium on campus that will not only greatly enhance the experience for students, alum, and fans alike, but will also be a great revenue generator for the city of FTC. I was lucky enough to attend CSU from 91-95 and got to see first hand the impact that having a high profile and successful football program can do for a university. The Rams' success under Sonny completely transformed the university and took our school to the next level in numerous different ways...most importantly academically. That was done with a lot of positive

exposure nationally which in turn brought more out-of-state students to the school, thus more revenue, thus more money to make CSU a first class institution. I can also assure you that having an on campus facility would be make for a better experience, and more alum and fans would make the drive up. Hughes looks like an old concrete prison and the experience is like something out of the 70s. We've made so many strides with the university, lets continue this and build the darn stadium!

Colorado State Alumni

Build the stadium to make CSU a nationally respected school and to continue our long term economic viability.

Colorado State Alumni

Do not let NIMBY neighbors decide the direction of our great university.

Fort Collins Community Member

I live very close to CSU and do not support a new on campus stadium, options 3 or 4. I do support options 1 or 2.

Colorado State Alumni

I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF OPTION FOUR.

Colorado State Staff

No one has been able to answer the question as to what will become of the Hughes property if there is a new stadium built on campus. That is a poor business plan - it needs to encompass all affected entities. Until that question is answered I oppose an on-campus plan. ALL aspects of this issue need to accounted for and this is a big one.

Fort Collins Community Member

"Option 1 and 2 are the only ones that make sense. A main-campus stadium will be both a financial and ecological disaster for both the campus and the city. The reasons given to build the stadium are full of contradictions and false assumptions. Building a main campus will put 90,000 metric tons of carbon into the atmosphere. The athletics dept. (FY 2014) needed \$21,000,000 of taxpayer and tuition dollars to balance the budget. The projected income for the new stadium was completed by CSL int. and is totally incorrect. The CSU administration has chosen not to provide a pro-stadium spokesperson for a debate. Four organizations has requested that. The League of Women Voters, The Rotary club, NPR Radio and the local paper. A scientific , non biased , poll shows that for every 10 people who want the stadium there are 24 who don't. Why is Dr. Frank unwilling to provide a spokesperson for such a debate? WHAT ARE THEY (CSU) TRYING TO HIDE????? The university should be the logical place for a rigorous debate regarding the merits of a stadium build. "We were promised an "open and transparent" process. Tony made four promises to the citizens. All were broken. The public is not allowed to have a face to face meeting with either of the two committees.

The "TOWN/GOWN" relationship is in total disarray . The general public is unable to believe anything that comes out of the university. The BOG needs to act to stop this nonsense."

Colorado State Alumni

"First, I'd like to commend Dr. Frank and his staff for handling this issue head on, with realism and creativity. Good work, folks! Here are my humble two cents:

Option 1 is simply not realistic. Spending upwards of \$40M to maintain one of the worst stadiums in college football just does not make sense. I'm filled with Ram Pride and am often singing the praises of Colorado State and Fort Collins. When people bring up Hughes Stadium, I tell them it's a dump.

I admire the creativity that came into play with Option 2, but the improvements needed to make Hughes awesome (paved parking lots, multiple state of the art videoboards, high-end sound system, comfortable concourses and restrooms, better seating, etc.) do not address perhaps the largest problem Hughes has—It's location. The benefits of an on-campus stadium go far beyond better technology and seating. As Jack Graham frequently talked about, bringing alumni back to campus and the heart of Fort Collins would behoove the university and the community in a variety of ways, not least of which will be seen financially. Easier accessibility for students would also be a game-changer for attendance, which has always been an issue for CSU Football. The thought of living in the dorms and walking across my beautiful campus to watch a quality football team play in a quality stadium was something I could only dream of when I lived in Parmelee hall. If we're going to commit this kind of money to a stadium, it shouldn't be miles away from campus.

I would certainly support Option 3 more than the first two, but the phasing aspect scares me a bit. We've been dealing with the stadium issue for years now. If we're going to move forward with an on-campus stadium, then move forward with an on-campus stadium. Do it, or don't. None of us wants to be debating the timetable and financing options for the additional phases of a stadium years and years and years from now. As much fun as people arguing in Coloradoan comment sections is, I think we're all ready to be done with this stuff. A phased stadium would undoubtedly prolong debates and animosity among the various parties involved. Let's get this thing done! I look at a phased stadium as a form of settling, which, to a degree, defeats the whole purpose of this project.

Option 4 is the way to go, mostly for the reasons I've already mentioned. Again, credit to Dr. Frank and company for finding a way to get this done once the fundraising efforts fell short. The financing model is there. Lease the thing. Raise the money. Don't settle for less than great.

(Apparently I have a lot in common with Dr. Frank, because this message became far longer than I originally intended.)

Thanks for reading and go Rams,

Fort Collins Community Member

This needs to happen now, especially with the positive season taking place. CSU will be an attractive pickup for either the Big 12 or the Pac 12, but this stadium is a must for that to happen. When that happens it will give the school a much deserved overall boost as well. This is not just a football decision.

Colorado State Alumni

An On-Campus Stadium will pay off. The support you will receive from increased attendance, especially from the student body will be incredible. The atmosphere and tradition created with an on-campus stadium is second to none.

Colorado State Alumni

"If CSU can find the right partner and negotiate a good deal, building a new stadium on campus, and building the whole thing at once. is the best option. It seems to impact the general fund the least, and gives the school a really effective marketing/recruiting/retention tool, which could potentially get us a

hot AD capable of getting CSU into the BIG 12, which is the ultimate goal for me. BIG 12 membership would really put CSU on the map, elevate our image, and propel us to a new level. I think students and alumni would be excited about this and it would advance fundraising, student and faculty recruitment, and put Fort Collins even more in the national spotlight. In the BIG 12, CSU and Fort Collins would shine against schools in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, West Virginia - these states, cities and schools cannot compete with us - with the exception of Univ of Texas in Austin. We will have some catching up to do athletically, but not academically or culturally.

Imagine playing Texas and Oklahoma in an on-campus stadium. Their fans walking around downtown, spending money. TV cameras broadcasting from Fort Collins, shots of Old Town and Horsetooth Rock on national TV. It's incredible advertising! Our fans walking around campus, admiring the new buildings and landscaping. Families sharing stories about their college days. Tremendous!

In my mind, the stadium has never been about football, it's been about elevating CSU to the next level. If that can be done, the benefits to Fort Collins and CSU are too many to list. Success depend on rolling out a facility that says ""we mean business."" Therefore, as a CSU Alumni and Fort Collins citizen I emphatically support Option 4."

Colorado State Student

If we are going to make any changes, please make sure they are done right. No reason to build a new stadium that is "half done" and no reason to keep Hughes unless it is done right.

Colorado State Staff

This looks like the best option to me. I do not believe an on-campus stadium is the best solution, especially not a public-private partnership. Recent sellouts of Hughes have demonstrated that is not the location of Hughes that accounts for low attendance. There are plenty of off-campus fans so the parking and traffic issues if the stadium were on campus would be a nightmare. Hughes Stadium is not that far to walk or cycle; make shuttle buses available if they are not already. The size of the stadium in the middle of the campus would be most unappealing.

Colorado State Alumni

"Dear Dr. Frank & Board of Governors,

I am a 1985 graduate, Greater Ram Club member, and I have been a football season ticket holder for the last 14 years. My wife and I live in Pueblo, and we regularly drive from Pueblo to attend CSU football games. I was in the CSU marching band in the early 1980's. I have been an avid football fan through the good times and the bad times. I am saddened by the divisiveness that the stadium issue has caused in and around the city of Fort Collins. However, I admire the foresight and progressive approach that Jack Graham and Dr. Frank have taken to move from mediocrity to excellence. Therein lies the dilemma. If Colorado State University intends to be competitive in Division 1 football, then it is obvious that something must be done to improve the facilities. With regard to stadium location, the obvious choice would be to have the facility on campus. There are a multitude good reasons to locate the stadium on campus. Most significantly, a campus stadium would benefit the students and provide a multiple use ""year round"" facility. I do not think that Colorado State University should let a poor decision from the 1960's affect good logic and reasonable thinking for the future. Colorado State University must do what is best for Colorado State University. That is imperative. The city of Fort Collins, and it's citizenry will need to adjust. I will remain a season ticket holder regardless of the stadium decision. It should be noted that I have a daughter at the University of Colorado, as well as, a daughter at Colorado State University. The tuition and housing bills at both institutions are stressing my finances to the max. I am

not in a position to contribute financially to a new stadium. Hopefully there are other CSU fans who will be financially able to contribute. Thanks for listening.

Parent of two CSU grads

"Up until last year, (since 1986) we have attended games, and for many years were RAM Club members and season ticket holders. We truly enjoyed the many years that we were able to do that. This past year was hard , due to some medical issues and with our concerns about the AD, that we decided to take a break from games, hoping that someday we could do it again. We gave up our four chair backs on the 45 yard line and knew, that by doing so, we would never have those again. We love the school and the program, and have truly enjoyed the marching band's climb to dominance. We have gone to some bowl games, and back when we were in the WAC, we made those championship games too. Our favorite trip was with Fum on our charter singing his song.

When Jack was hired, we didn't like what we were seeing in the months following that. When he hired assistants to do his job, and it took several, we wondered just what was up? We questioned whether he even had the skills to be an AD, as many others did. Many of our friends in the RAM Club were saying the same thing.

To us, after being so true to the program for so long, it appeared it was a waste of money that the university could have used more wisely. Then we started hearing the rumors about how hard he was to work for, etc. We have many friends who still attend games, and we would love to do that again. We also feel that a new, on campus stadium is another waste of money, no matter where those dollars come from. The atmosphere at Hughes, the views, the parking and the room to roam cannot be beaten by any school in the country. Have you ever tried to tailgate and BBQ at Folsom Field in Boulder? We have had friends from Nebraska, yes, Big Red boosters who always wanted to go to a game at Hughes because of the location and the tailgating ability. You don't take a grill into a stadium parking lot when it is a big multi level garage. You don't want to park miles away, take a bus and each a sack lunch either. Many times, we joined the CSU Alumni Band at their tailgater that they do at every home game. Do you know how many parents of current FB players join them as well? Their boys are stars on the team, and boy do they love being a part of such a group of kids as the alumni and marching band is.

Hughes needs money and a dressing up job, and it can be done. Let's do it.

Fort Collins Community Member

An on-campus stadium is a ridiculous use of land and will only serve to complicate traffic in the city.

Colorado State Alumni

Combination of Option 3 and 4. Limit public funds as much as possible. Build it to keep CSU moving forward, enhance the income of local businesses and to bring top rated teams and events. Keep the coach, don't lose him until it is built. Extend his and his staffs contracts after this season. They have earned it.

Fort Collins Community Member

We do not want or think the on-campus stadium is a benefit to the Fort Collins community. CSU should focus on academics rather than athletics. The stadium would be an eyesore, and destroy the lovely park that currently exists in that neighborhood. The Hughes Stadium location is just fine, and we think the setting next to the foothills is actually more beautiful and a better CSU setting than a stadium built on-campus.

Colorado State Alumni

If option 1 or 2 is chosen, I think CSU should drop football or drop down to a lower classification. I strongly support building a new on-campus stadium. If the stadium is on campus, it needs to be an impressive structure and high quality facility that can accommodate multiple events. I trust the experts to make this happen with option 3 or 4.

Colorado State Alumni

"An on-campus stadium will be an over-powering piece of architectural blight on the campus and in Fort Collins. Students often choose to come to CSU because it is NOT CU, which is a crowded, over-whelming campus. It is also incongruent with a ""green"" university, LEEDS certification notwithstanding. I realize it is believed that the new stadium would generate income, but that is a huge risk and not backed by empirical data as far as I am aware. And how is it in the best interests of CSU to alienate the community? Whether valid or not, this feels as if an elite 1% is dictating their own interests at the expense of the rest of us. Which is one of the reasons it is so unpopular; people feel disenfranchised.

There is also a great deal of irony that, for want of \$30M to upgrade Hughes, the university will spend \$240M for a risky enterprise.

I am also opposed to over-paid coaches and investing so much money in entertainment. Many schools are doing just what CSU is doing. This is a zero sum game; not everyone is going to produce a money making team consistently. I fear Tony is putting the university in a situation that will ultimately hurt the university, much more than faltering state support. And lastly, at what point are the citizens of the state going to be asked to contribute substantially to education? As long as other sources of income are sought, the tax paying citizens are being let off the hook and the university is captured by donors who may not have the best interests of public education in mind.

I feel very alienated from CSU and will not be donating to the university in any form other than scholarships."

Colorado State Alumni

Sounds like the cleanest option. Make a immediate separation from Hughes when the stadium is complete. It's hard to phase a project like this though and not overspend. If the funding is there, let's get it done and turn the page on the discussion.

Colorado State Alumni

"The last two home games have convinced me a new stadium on the main campus is not necessary. I have had no problems getting to the stadium and back home with the last two sold out games.

The tailgate atmosphere at Hughes provides so much more opportunity for connecting with other alumni & students than walking through a main campus looking at dorms and classroom buildings. Tailgating for an on the main campus stadium will be unavailable for most of the attendees, or too prohibitively costly to go to a catered tailgate event.

The proposed location on the main campus is a poor choice. It will require moving a sorority and fraternity that have had houses on Lake street for a very long time. Removal of the forestry trees is shameful. Near the proposed location it's very unlikely there will be other commercial development that those attending the proposed stadium could use, such as restaurants and commercial parking. This

will make most people looking for places to drive and park, and the parking is inadequate near the proposed location to make walking a viable option to get to the stadium.

On a personal note, where I live is too close to drive and too far to walk, particularly if it's a cold day. Although I have attended all but a handful of games at Hughes stadium since it was built, a stadium at the proposed location will most likely mean I will not renew season football tickets as it will be too difficult to get to the stadium.

My preference is to rebuild a new stadium at the Hughes stadium site. On campus location depends on what boundaries define the campus. The foothills and VTH campuses extend the campus areas well beyond the College/Laurel/Shields/Lake street area."

Colorado State Alumni

Let's correct the mistakes made with Hughes Stadium 40+ years ago. It's now all about marketing, access, quality, and multipurpose usage. Don't sink any additional funds into the black hole Hughes has become. make the wise investment and build a facility matching the quality of our great university - one that draws people to see and experience the actual campus and what it has become. Enabling a huge portion of those who use the facility (students) to walk to it is a no-brainer, as is creating it to be a multi-use facility. This all reaches well beyond athletics, as it should, yet athletics needs to benefit from it as well (recruiting, attendance, future conference affiliation, revenue, etc.) Building this is a significant historic opportunity for Colorado State and the image we want to portray - let's do it right. Thank you!

Colorado State Alumni

This is the best option because it is the lowest cost for the new stadium and has the lowest ceiling of impact to the general fund. In order to be taken seriously in college football, and new facility is needed. We have made the commitment to pay a top of the line coach and now must continue that progress with a top of the line stadium. A new stadium will create even more revenue because larger programs will agree to come the Fort Collins to play and in the future may be a selling point to move to a new conference i.e. the Big 12. As an alumni and former football player, the current stadium will always be remembered, but to compete with today's college football landscape, a new stadium is required. Thank you

Colorado State Alumni

"Option 4 (40k+ on-campus stadium) is necessary if CSU wants to move on to a better conference. Alumni and fans want to see CSU play quality opponents on a weekly basis, which would happen in the Big 12 or PAC 12. Most Ram fans don't care about playing schools like San Jose State or UNLV.

Furthermore, the landscape of college football is changing and it is clear that CSU will never have a shot at a national championship if we are not in a "Power 5" conference. If we can't play opponents that garner fan interest or ever win a national championship then what is the point of even continuing to have this sport?

CSU is a great academic school and we would have also had solid athletics had we been invited to the Big 8 back in the 1960's or 70's. The problem has always been Hughes, and now is the chance to fix this problem. Please build option 4 and get CSU out of the Mountain West.

Colorado State Alumni

"I have been closely following the debate from the beginning on the on campus stadium issue. I am a double graduate of CSU (B.S. '65, M.S. '66) , lifetime Alumni Association member and also a long time Ram Club member. In my mind the overwhelming best option is # 4. Any option retaining Hughes stadium is a money pit, bottomless and endless. Hughes has served its purpose and done it well but has been on the verge of being obsolete for years. Yes, it represents fond memories and good times but its time has past. The future is an on campus stadium. So, given that, what is the best choice between option 3 and 4? Option 3 is feasible but it is the best option at this time? I think the final decision comes down to more than simply cost. The college football landscape is volatile and CSU has missed too many opportunities to become ""big time"". We can not continue to squander opportunities and expect to become excellent in athletics as well as academics. Without seizing the moment and building an on campus stadium that makes the statement that we are not only capable of playing at the highest level of college football but we are putting our money where our aspirations are, we increase our chances of missing future opportunities to become not just relevant but excellent.

Thank you for the thoughtful and intelligent path you have chosen to champion this issue.

Colorado State Alumni

"Dear CSU,

Football is my main connection to Colorado State. I am a passionate and avid CSU football fan, and have been since my days as a student (late 90's, early 2000's). I feel that it is time for the University (and CSU community) to step up and invest in the program in a way that will make a statement about how great CSU is in all facets. I believe option 4 makes the most sense, so that it is complete and ready for full capacity from day one. Things are changing quickly in FBS football and this facility will prove CSU is serious about being a major player, and it will support and build on the success of the team and the return/building of the fan base. I also think that the stadium will also provide the University with a wonderful multi-use facility that will benefit far more than the football team.

I have been a Ram Club member in the past, and I look forward to contributing to the stadium.

Colorado State Alumni

On-Campus Stadium

Colorado State Alumni

I reside in Denver and have been a season ticket holder for 15 years. Access to to Hughes Stadium from I-25 is extremely poor. Constructing an on-campus facility would improve access to football games for fans travelling from the Denver metro area. In addition it would encourage fans to spend more time on campus and fully engage with the university. Hughes Stadium is terribly outdated and in need of significant improvements. It seems that resources required to update Hughes would be more wisely spent on a new on-campus facility.

Fort Collins Community Member

General/Other Colorado State is a UNIVERSITY, not a football franchise. Spending so much time and money on a game that is expensive and of interest to a relative few is a disgrace to academia. Hughes Stadium can be renovated and up dated to meet the requirements for fun and entertainment, for playing some football games and for showing off our great environment. It doesn't need to be as grandiose as Hughes 2050 either. Common sense needs to prevail here, please!

Fort Collins Community Member

"I think the Hughes 2050 option should be pursued with whatever "strategic phasing" makes sense during the years ahead. There are HUGE uncertainties concerning the future of collegiate football, alternative events, trends in "tailgating" experiences, willingness of car owners to drive to venues for collegiate activities given global GHG (GreenHouse Gas) concerns. Colorado is the "USA Secretariat hub" for www.FutureEarth.org (FE) for the next decade, & that responsibility will bring "global visibility" to both CSU & CU-Boulder that may "make or break" the reputations (academic & administrative) of both institutions.

--CSU & CU working together will be compared with Paris, Tokyo, Stockholm, Montreal and other "regional hubs" yet to be formalized. Billions of USDollars will go into the "research & Engagement" activities around the world & will be the envy of dozens of universities from coast-to-coast The CSU faculty has made HUGE contributions to "atmospheric sciences" and related natural sciences for the last 30+ years, and the School of Global Environmental Sustainability (SoGES) is poised to lead to an even higher plateau!

--Athletic activities & other major "public events" have major roles to play in modern civilization, but at the same time the challenges of sea level rise, air quality, biodiversity loom large on the near-term horizon to impact Americans on a DAILY basis, not primarily during 4 mos of weekends per year.

Fort Collins Community Member

- "a) Unless the football team can consistently win and fill Hughes Stadium over several seasons, there is no need to build a new stadium
- b) With better maintenance and some improvements Hughes would be just fine.
- c) A new stadium on campus would cause horrendous traffic and parking problems.
- d) Building classrooms in the stadium is almost an oxymoron.
- e) CSU should be spending its money and effort on improving its academic programs - that's what a university is for."

Fort Collins Community Member

First choice is to maintain the stadium as is until the football team shows a sustained ability to attract spectators. If the stadium use increases substantially, then Option 2 may be necessary.

Colorado State Alumni

"We definitely want to keep Hughes!!!

We would prefer option 2, if it can be accomplished with the same or less cost to the general fund as option 1.

We think the football program costs way too much for a relatively few students and would rather see it completely scrapped, with those funds being spent on programs for more students. College football may not survive in the future anyway!!!"

Colorado State Alumni

As an alumni I am fervently opposed to the construction of an on-campus stadium. I believe that the main focus of an academic institution should be, yes you might have guessed, academics! It is appalling to me that Tony Frank and other supporters of the on-campus stadium want to divert even more of CSU's limited funds to this as opposed to the main mission which is enriching the lives and minds of our world's future. It is grossly negligent to put effort and money towards this endeavor while many assistant professors make low wages, while tuition continues to cost more, and while professors struggle to find money for their research. I would like instead to draw down existing support for the athletic department

at CSU. At the very least CSU should only truly consider Hughes and perhaps not even that what about selling Hughes and use the \$11 million plus spent annually on the football team. Don't continue to disadvantage our academics for some clowns running around putting their mental health at risk for a minority of people's entertainment.

Colorado State Alumni

"Building an on-campus stadium is a terrible use of scarce land badly needed for academic buildings. It will only be used a few time a year and will create significant traffic, noise, and crowd issues easily avoided. Renovation of Hughes Stadium will cost 1/10th what you want to spend on a new stadium and will have many more benefits for the ""game day experience"". How can an on campus stadium compare to Ram Town and the tailgating going on out there ? Al the so called ""other events"" anticipated for the new stadium will mostly be transferred from the newly renovated Lory Student Center.

We were student at CSU when Hughes was built. Despite President Morgan's best efforts and promises the students ended up footing the bill and the same thing will happen again if you build it. We had a mediocre football team before Hughes was built, and we had a mediocre football team after it was built. It do not think we want to attract students who come to CSU BECAUSE of the football stadium over students who choose CSU for our academic excellence. Those are the students who misbehave, abuse alcohol, and start the ""riots"" that tarnish our good reputation.

Most of the issues with Hughes Stadium are your own fault because of all the deferred maintenance for the past ten years. If you would have addressed them the same way you address maintenance of academic buildings it would not be as ""run down"" as you claim and half of the deficiencies would have been addressed as they arose.

Fort Collins Community Member

I strongly believe that a new stadium will absolutely destroy the quality of our town. CSU already has a major impact in terms of congestion. Be a good neighbor. Don't ruin our lives to further a cause that is controversial at best.

Fort Collins Community Member

"Lived here since 1959. Went to many games at Hughes. Love the current location, under the ""A"" and with the foothills to the west and grassland to the east. We are not Boulder!

Please keep the stadium where it is and if you must build a new stadium, do like the Broncos did and build it next to the current one.

To build a stadium on campus and in the location proposed would not be appreciated by most of the drivers who use Prospect (from I-25 to Overland) and neighbors within a mile or two.

A train overpass would be required at Prospect beginning at College and ending at the Hilton.

Football is not that important. Education is very important.

Thank you for the opportunity to leave my comments."

Colorado State Alumni

All I can say is that our Alumni have a hard time connecting back with the University when they're back in town for games. It's almost like Hughes' was designed to distance fans from the University. An on-campus stadium is the right move and a P3 model is an innovative approach to funding the project. This is a fantastic opportunity for CSU to show the nation the engineering and environmental marvels we're known for already. Go Rams!

Colorado State Alumni

"From my days at CSU ('93 - '97) I have felt VERY strongly that the school needs an on-campus stadium. It creates a connection to the university like no other when there is something to celebrate, and it creates a durable connection for alumni to get them back to campus that will keep them engaged (giving). Going to Hughes was great in my day, but it was also difficult and challenging to get there. When the team is good people make the effort, when they are only close to good the current set up is a deterrent... and this is when the fanbase can make a difference.

Having traveled to many areas of the country and engaged with countless alum from other schools, the ones that have a connection to the football team and the campus are dramatically more engaged than those that do not. The same is true in that the folks of my era seem to be more engaged as we traveled to multiple Bowl games and still make an effort to get back (I live in Boston but still try to make a game every year).

Bottom Line, Option 4 is preferred... but Option 3 would work as well.

If it goes, i would be committed to support the stadium project for years to come... even though i may rarely be able to get to a game myself.

Colorado State Alumni

Top rated colleges are supported in large part by top rated sports programs. New stadium can and will be a marquee for CSU. Future students will attend college where the educational experience is embraced with a strong community for a super life enhancing experience. University of Minnesota built an on campus stadium recently, they have 6 home games, yet the stadium had over 200 events scheduled in its 1st year of operation. I could for see soccer/lacrosse, high school football playoff games and numerous other events which would take place.... a revenue generator for CSU, functional use of the facility and a win-win for prospective students. Hughes does not offer that option. CSU has prime Hughes real estate at present site. For all the nay-Sayers, it is CSU that makes this town the best place to live in the nation, word is out... get over being bothered by traffic on 6 Saturdays a year... you can't live in the past. Thank you for reading this! John

Fort Collins Community Member

I have already answered this poll. However, I do not have access to other people's comments, So what's the point of this poll if CSU is going to keep it secret?

Fort Collins Community Member

UCLA's football stadium is 30 (thirty) miles from the campus. As far as I can tell, the distance has no impact on attendance or alumni support. I am a UC retiree.

Colorado State Alumni

"As an alumni, former CSU employee, and resident of Fort Collins who has no interest in football, none of the advantages outlined in the other options (2,3 and 4) make sense to me compared to the disadvantages of having an on-campus stadium.

Until this debate began, I had no reasons not to be proud of my alma mater - CSU is a great institution and I thoroughly enjoyed my time as a student through both degrees. I continue to attend events at CSU and try to be involved with the university by, for example, volunteering for the Geospatial Centroid. I

must continue, however, to withhold donations to the university until this stadium thing is put to rest. I want to donate to a forward-looking institution that values education and research and listens to the concerns of the surrounding community but this debate has demonstrated this is not the case. Sinking money into a dying, brutish game that may cause life-long injuries, rife with misbehavior and encouraging drunken riots with the hopes of this somehow enhancing everyone's lives seems to ignore the fact that the university has, and continues to be, growing and successful.

Looking at Tony Frank's email from October 1, 2012 (<http://president.colostate.edu/campus-messages/2012-10-1-stadium.aspx>), I think he put it best: ""Improving today. Preparing for tomorrow. Ideas put into action. Lives changed."" - I don't see how this effort would achieve any of those goals except with respect to football fans and the business interests of a select few, which is not ""... the focus of a land-grant university""

Fort Collins Community Member

I have no ties to fort collins or csu. I moved here in 2010 and instantly became a rams club member and season ticket holder. My family also attends many other csu events. There is no doubt in my mind that hughes needs to go. It is an embarrassment to csu and fort collins. As the past two week have indicated, it is tired and inept.

Colorado State Alumni

The better the university is recognized nationally, the more my degree is worth. Build the stadium, keep up the athletics, and keep up the academic improvements!

Colorado State Alumni

"Hughes stadium is on campus, is best location, needs to be remodeled, upgraded, can be enlarged or can build replacement on this perfect and beautiful sight. The fund raising was framed as on-campus (meaning main-campus only) so Hughes was never an option. Reclaim and renew Hughes in phases using deferred maintenance funding and an honest and inclusive fund raising effort. Use all campus talent and expertise, add other playing fields and facilities to engage and give ownership, inclusion and enthusiasm to the widest spectrum possible. You have been thinking too small. We do not want or need a cookie-cutter version of every other stadium. Hughes has been vilified long enough."

Colorado State Alumni

Not a time to go half-way, or 3/4 way like the indoor practice facility. All In for the on-campus stadium! The phase in plan will cost more in the long run.

Colorado State Alumni

Be bold and build it!

Fort Collins Community Member

"There is no sane reason to stuff a huge stadium into a small campus in a lovely city whose residents are overwhelming against it.

The argument that a new fancy stadium is necessary to get a winning football team has been proven wrong this season.

The argument that no one will go to Hughes to see football has been proven wrong this season.

The traffic problems related to sell out crowds at Hughes will only be magnified with a stadium surrounded by narrow and routinely congested city streets, and train traffic.

The lack of locker room space and need for more and updated bathrooms at Hughes is an easy fix compared to two or more years of construction chaos on campus, and the destruction and obstruction a new stadium will create.

How happy will the tailgate parties be when parking will be divided into about 66 small parking lots on campus, and an undetermined number of off campus locations?"