

RESOLUTION 2023-013
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
REPEALING RESOLUTION 2001-120, ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR
ARTERIAL INTERSECTION ANALYSIS

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2001, the Fort Collins City Council adopted Resolution 2001-120, which established criteria for arterial intersection analysis; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2001-120 addresses consideration of only two intersection control types: roundabouts and traditional intersections; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2001-120 requires the City Manager to submit a proposal to City Council for review and preapproval each time a roundabout is identified by the City's Transportation Department staff as the preferred intersection control type; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2001-120 was adopted by the City Council at a time when there were very few modern roundabouts in use in the Colorado Front Range and, since then, roundabout intersections have become much more common; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, ten roundabout intersections have been constructed in Fort Collins at the following locations: County Fair Lane & Old Mill Road, Ziegler Road & Kechter Road, Council Tree Avenue & Corbett Drive, 4500 Snow Mesa Drive (Front Range Village), E. Horsetooth Road & Ziegler Road, 182 E Willox Lane, Trilby Road & Zephyr Road, Laurel Street & Remington Street, Shields Street & Vine Drive, and E. Lincoln Avenue & Cordova Road; and

WHEREAS, many roundabouts also have been constructed in neighboring communities and generally have become more accepted by these communities; and

WHEREAS, City staff are encountering development proposals where roundabouts often are the first and preferred choice for intersections, and staff are recognizing a growing trend of new intersection concepts and ideas that do not fall into either roundabout or traditional control types, which better promote active modes of transportation and safety; and

WHEREAS, in general, roundabout intersections have proven to be an efficient and safe intersection control type for certain types of intersections; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins adopted its Master Street Plan, which identifies many intersections throughout the community as potential locations for roundabouts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins recognizes that intersection analysis should not be limited only to traditional intersections and roundabouts, and should be performed by a professional engineer trained in traffic engineering; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Master Street Plan provides that it identifies potential roundabout locations as good candidates in terms of need and feasibility and that, prior to implementation,

each location will be evaluated on a case by case basis, including consideration of additional locations for roundabouts based on design, traffic needs and other factors; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2001-120 should be repealed to allow for approval of intersection design subject to the discretion of the City Traffic Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that repealing Resolution 2001-120 is in the best interests of the City to allow for thoughtful consideration of intersection concepts that better promote active modes of transportation and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That Resolution 2001-120 is hereby repealed.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 17th day of January, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk