

RESOLUTION 2026-072
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS AND
THE STATE OF COLORADO NONATTAINMENT AREA AIR POLLUTION
MITIGATION ENTERPRISE (NAAPME) FOR THE TAFT HILL
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS – HORSETOOTH ROAD TO BRIXTON
ROAD PROJECT

A. The purpose of this Resolution is to enable and authorize the City to receive and expend State of Colorado Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (“NAAPME”) funds through the Community Clean Transportation Assistance Program (“CCTAP”) for the Taft Hill Corridor Improvements – Horsetooth Road to Brixton Road Project (“Project”). These funds will support final design and construction of transportation improvements along Taft Hill Road, between Horsetooth Road and Brixton Road, enhancing safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

B. Taft Hill Road is a major regional corridor serving the City of Fort Collins and Larimer County and is designated as a four-lane arterial road in the Master Street Plan.

C. The Project is a joint effort between the City and Larimer County and is located within the Fort Collins Growth Management Area. Work began on the project in 2018 and initially included improvements between Horsetooth Road and Harmony Road. The Project scope was subsequently expanded in 2020, to extend the improvements to Brixton Road, and again in 2022 to incorporate recommended Active Modes Plan (“AMP”) improvements.

D. The AMP improvements include separated bike lanes and a widened sidewalk along the east side of the corridor south of Harmony Road. The Project will also bring the corridor into compliance with Larimer County Urban Area Street Standards.

E. The City has been awarded funding through the State of Colorado CCTAP NAAPME program, which supports eligible projects that reduce traffic and air pollution, including transportation demand management strategies that encourage alternatives to single occupancy vehicle travel. The State of Colorado has proposed the NAAPME grant agreement to establish the funding amount and respective obligations of NAAPME and the City. This intergovernmental grant agreement is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

F. Colorado Revised Statutes Section 29-1-203 provides that governments may cooperate or contract with one another to provide certain services or facilities when the cooperation or contracts are authorized by each party thereto with the approval of its legislative body or other authority having the power to so approve.

G. City Charter Article II, Section 16 empowers City Council, by ordinance or resolution, to enter into contracts with governmental bodies to furnish governmental services and make charges for such services or enter into cooperative or joint activities with other governmental bodies.

H. City Code Section 1-22 requires City Council to approve intergovernmental agreements that require the City to make a direct, monetary payment over \$50,000. The local match for the NAAPME funds is \$134,959, and total funds anticipated to be appropriated at this time for the Project amount to \$5,064,653. Funds are anticipated to be appropriated via Ordinance No. 052, 2026.

I. City Council finds and determines that the Project and the grant funding are in the best interests of the City, that they advance the public's health, safety, and welfare by facilitating improvement of the City's multimodal transportation safety and infrastructure.

J. City Council further finds and determines that the City Manager is authorized to execute the grant agreement between the City and the State of Colorado.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, the intergovernmental grant agreement with the State of Colorado, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with additional or modified terms and conditions as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary and appropriate to protect the interests of the City or effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 2. Subject to execution of the intergovernmental grant agreement authorized in Section 1, City Council authorizes the City Manager to approve and execute future amendments to the intergovernmental grant agreement with the State of Colorado relating to the Project that the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary and appropriate to facilitate completion of the Project, so long as such amendments do not increase the cost of the Project, substantially modify the purposes of the intergovernmental grant agreement, increase the allocation or amount of funding for the Project funded by the City, or otherwise increase the obligations and responsibilities of the City as set forth in the intergovernmental grant agreement.

Passed and adopted on May 19, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: May 19, 2026

Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis

Exhibit: Exhibit A – State of Colorado NAAPME Grant Agreement