

RESOLUTION 2026-073
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FORT
COLLINS, LARIMER COUNTY, AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TAFT HILL CORRIDOR
IMPROVEMENTS – HORSETOOTH ROAD TO BRIXTON ROAD
PROJECT

A. The purpose of this Resolution is to enable the City to receive and expend Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”) and local funds for the Taft Hill Corridor Improvements – Horsetooth Road to Brixton Road project (“Project”). The funds will be used to complete design and construct transportation improvements along Taft Hill Road, between Horsetooth Road and Brixton Road. These improvements will create safer conditions for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists traveling the corridor.

B. Taft Hill Road is a major regional road for both the City of Fort Collins and Larimer County (the “County”) and is identified as a four-lane arterial road on the Master Street Plan.

C. This is a joint project between the City and Larimer County and lies in the Fort Collins Growth Management Area. Work began on the project in 2018 and originally included improvements between Horsetooth Road and Harmony Road. The Project scope has been expanded twice, first to extend the improvements to Brixton Road (2020), and second to include recommended Active Modes Plan (“AMP”) improvements (2022).

D. The AMP improvements include separated bike lanes and a widened sidewalk south of Harmony Road on the east side of the Project. The Project will also improve this corridor to meet Larimer County Urban Area Street Standards.

E. The initial Surface Transportation Block Grant (“STBG”) grant, local match, and overmatch were authorized and appropriated by City Council in 2020 (Ordinance No. 007, 2020; Ordinance No. 008, 2020; and Resolution 2020-001). In 2024 a Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (“MMOF”) award was subject to budget reconciliation by the State of Colorado, reducing the initial MMOF award amount of \$1,700,000 to \$1,251,287. The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization was able to backfill some of this reduction with STBG (\$163,902) and CRP (\$107,057) funding. The Project had been wait-listed for these funds in a previous call for projects. It is anticipated that the State’s budget will again be very tight in 2026. There is a high probability that MMOF awards may be reduced further as a result. The City and County would like to encumber the funding and begin construction to remove the current award from consideration for a potential reduction in 2026. In addition, the original STBG award funding will expire in 2029. City and County staff view this as the best time to move forward with construction to avoid potential construction cost escalation, such as

escalation due to rising oil prices. Construction documents have been finalized, and property acquisition is nearing completion.

F. CDOT has proposed an amendment to the original intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) executed among the City, County, and CDOT to establish additional amounts and commitments among the City, County, and CDOT. This IGA amendment is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.

G. 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.

H. 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.

I. 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 State funds exceeds \$50,000, 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.

J. 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.

K. City Council further finds and determines that the City Manager be authorized to execute the amendment to the IGA between the City, the County, and CDOT.

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 amendment to the original IGA among CDOT, the County, and the City, which is 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. City Council authorizes the City Manager to approve and execute future amendments to the IGA, this amendment, or both, with CDOT 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 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 agreement and this amendment.

Passed and adopted on May 19, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: May 19, 2026

Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis

Exhibit: Exhibit A – Colorado Department of Transportation IGA Amendment