

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 147, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements Project and Related Art in Public Places.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate and transfer additional funds for the William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements project (Project). The funds will be used for construction services. If approved, this item will: 1) appropriate \$388,773 in Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF) funds to the Project; 2) appropriate \$77 in Transportation Services funds to the Project; 3) transfer \$85,000 in Conservation Trust funds to the Project; 4) transfer \$45,000 in Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) Pedestrian Sidewalk funds to the Project; and transfer \$3,850 of Project funds to the Art in Public Places (APP) program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The intersection of William Neal Parkway and Ziegler Road is currently side street stop-controlled with high speeds and volumes on Ziegler Road (See Vicinity Map, Attachment 1). Pedestrian and bicycle demand increased following the construction of residential housing to the west (Rigden Farm) including a local trail (Rendezvous Trail), and the Poudre River Trail segments to the east. City staff anticipate a full traffic signal will be warranted at the intersection soon with new development to the east. However, the need to address pedestrian and cyclist safety exists today. It is anticipated that demand for a safe intersection crossing will quickly grow. The Project would close the gap between a local trail and neighborhood and the Poudre River Trail, providing safe connections to Running Deer and Arapaho Bend Natural Areas, as well as the Colorado State University Environmental Learning Center. Because of the extents of the Poudre River Trail, the Project will increase access to schools, natural areas, transit, and the regional community.

The Project will install enhanced at-grade bicycle and pedestrian facilities at the intersection. In addition, the Project will improve connectivity to the Poudre River Trail in the vicinity where the Poudre River Trail crosses the Great Western Railway. Improvements at the intersection will meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), eliminating or mitigating existing roadway hazards. The Project will

install pedestrian and bike count collection infrastructure. The data will be shared with the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Signage and wayfinding will be included in the Project similarly to other City trail projects.

The Project is not explicitly defined in the NFRMPO 2021 Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP). However, the need for safe local trail connections to the Poudre River Trail is identified and the Project will provide such a connection. Staff have requested the local connection be included in the 2025 update to the RATP. The City's Active Modes Plan identifies these improvements. This intersection is routinely used in the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) training rides with students.

Staff initially submitted to the NFRMPO for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for the Project in 2021. The Project was waitlisted at that time. Additional funding became available in 2023 as part of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the TAP funds were awarded. These funds were appropriated by Council in September 2023 (Attachment 2). Since the original scope of the Project was developed, additional elements have been included that have increased the total cost of the Project. These elements include a full traffic signal (rather than the half-signal included in the TAP application), ADA improvements, and trail elements. The requested appropriations and transfers are intended to cover these additional Project costs.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The following is a summary of the funding anticipated for design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for the William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements project.

Prior Appropriated or Transferred Funds	
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	\$ 603,624
Our Climate Future Fund (OCF)	\$ 70,700
Community Capital Improvement Program - Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements (CCIP-BII)	\$ 55,479
Art in Public Places (APP)	\$ (700)
Total Prior Appropriation	\$ 729,103

Funds to be Appropriated or Transferred	
Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF)	\$ 388,773
Transportation Services Fund (TSF)	\$ 77
Conservation Trust Fund (CTF)	\$ 85,000
Community Capital Improvement Program - Pedestrian Sidewalk (CCIP-PS)	\$ 45,000
Net Total Project Funds to be Appropriated	\$ 518,850
Proposed Transfer to Art in Public Places	\$ 3,850
Total Capital Project Funds	\$ 1,244,103

The total fund amount projected for this Project is \$1,244,103 composed of funds appropriated or transferred with prior actions and with this action. The APP contribution for this action is based on the newly appropriated amount of \$385,000 from the TCEF and Transportation Services funds (\$384,923 TCEF and \$77 Transportation Services funds). The APP contribution is included in the total appropriation from TCEF and Transportation Services funds in the chart above.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Project was identified as part of the Active Modes Plan adopted by Council in December 2022.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

FC Moves staff developed and implemented a Public Engagement Plan for the Project in conjunction with the Communications and Public Involvement Office. The Project was presented at the 2024 and 2025 Transportation Project Fairs as part of a group of pedestrian intersection improvement projects. A Project map and web site were completed in August 2025. The community surrounding the Project location was sent informational postcards in early Summer 2025. When a construction start date is set, fact sheets and signage will provide additional information in advance to the community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Copy of Ordinance No. 129, 2024
3. Ordinance No. 147, 2025