

ORDINANCE NO. 085, 2025
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES AND AUTHORIZING
TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VINE DRIVE AND
JEROME STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
AND RELATED ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

A. The purpose of this item is to appropriate grant monies received pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”), authorized by Resolution 2025-057, between the City and the Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”) for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements project (“Project”). The funds will be used for outreach, design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for improvements at the intersection of Vine Drive and Jerome Street.

B. East Vine Drive and Jerome Street intersect in northeast Fort Collins, just north of the Poudre River Whitewater Park. The City’s current Master Street Plan (adopted December 2023) designates Vine Drive and Jerome Street as two-lane collectors.

C. Currently, traffic on Jerome Street is controlled by a four way stop sign at the intersection of Jerome Street and Vine Drive, but there are no crossing facilities at the intersection. The City’s Active Modes Plan (adopted December 2022) recommends pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements at the intersection. The City’s North College MAX Bus Rapid Transit Plan also recommends a roadway crossing improvement at Vine Drive and Jerome Street as a key improvement to support active mode use in the North College area and improve access to public transportation.

D. The City’s Strategic Trails Plan, which is in development and scheduled to go before City Council for adoption on July 1, 2025, includes a proposed trails map that depicts a trail connection between northeast Fort Collins and the Whitewater Park through this intersection. This regional trail extension was originally identified in the 2013 Paved Recreational Trails Plan and has been carried over through the update of the Strategic Trails Plan.

E. As northeast Fort Collins continues to grow, the number of people walking, biking, and engaged in other active modes of transportation will increase through this intersection, which is a gateway and connection point between northeast Fort Collins and destinations such as the Whitewater Park, the Poudre River Trail, and Old Town Fort Collins.

F. An active modes traffic count and observation study was performed in August of 2024. The observations in the study indicate the need for intersection crossing improvements. These observations include data establishing that 36% of bicyclists observed cut diagonally through the intersection, crossing the yellow road centerline rather than completing a full turn; 26% of all bicyclists observed rode on the sidewalk;

bicyclists rode the wrong way in the Vine bike lane to access a sidewalk ramp; bicyclists traveled the wrong way in a bike lane; and pedestrians crossed where no sidewalk exists.

G. In June 2021, a person riding a bike was killed in a crash at this intersection.

H. City staff representing FC Moves, Park Planning and Development, Traffic Operations, and Engineering have developed the Project to address these safety and infrastructure concerns. A conceptual proposed plan for the Project includes the following:

- Two-way pedestrian crossing of Vine Drive on the east side of Jerome Street;
- Bicycle crossings (northbound and southbound) of Vine Drive on either side of Jerome Street;
- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (“RRFBs”) with push buttons for pedestrians and cyclists;
- Protected bike corner island on the west side of Jerome Street intended to reduce right turn speeds and protect cyclists waiting to activate the beacon and cross the street;
- Improved and widened sidepath (trail) on the south side of the intersection (Vine Drive) with Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) compliant ramps, connecting to the Whitewater Park and Poudre River Trail;
- Widened sidepath (trail) on the east side of Jerome Street to serve as the northeast trail extension; and
- New striping, signing, and marking of the intersection to safely facilitate pedestrian and bicycle movements.

I. Portions of the Project site lie within the North College Urban Renewal Authority (“URA”) area, north of Vine Drive and the DDA boundary, south of Vine Drive.

J. Staff attended the URA Board in January 2025, presented the Project for the URA Board’s recommendation, and requested financial participation in the Project. The URA voted to contribute \$293,076 toward the Project.

K. Staff attended the DDA’s Director’s Meeting in February 2025, presented the Project, and requested financial participation. The DDA voted to contribute \$82,659 toward the Project as well as \$61,341 toward urban design elements for the active modes gateway to Old Town.

L. Project funding also includes traditional transportation capital project funding from Community Capital Improvement Program (“CCIP”) bicycle and pedestrian funds, Transportation Capital Expansion Fees, and Transportation Services funds. The Conservation Trust fund is contributing funding for elements of the northeast trail system included in the Project. Transfers of the 2050 Tax – Our Climate Future funds from two similar and completed active modes related projects (Centre Avenue Crossing Improvements and Laporte Avenue Bike Lanes) will also help fund the Project. The Our Climate Future Executive Committee was consulted on these transfers and agrees with the alignment between the original projects and this Project.

M. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, to make a supplemental appropriation by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriation, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, do not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received during the fiscal year.

N. The City Manager has recommended the appropriations described in Section 7 and Section 8 and determined that the funds to be appropriated in those Sections are available and previously unappropriated from the Capital Projects fund that these appropriations will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Capital Projects fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this fund during this fiscal year.

O. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon the recommendation of the City Manager, to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year from such revenues and funds for expenditure as may be available from reserves accumulated in prior years, notwithstanding that such reserves were not previously appropriated.

P. The City Manager has recommended the appropriations described in Section 9 and Section 10 and determined that the funds to be appropriated in those Sections are available and previously unappropriated from Transportation Services fund and the Transportation Capital Expansion Fee fund and that these appropriations will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Transportation Services fund and the Transportation Capital Expansion Fee fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this fund during this fiscal year.

Q. Article V, Section 10 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council, upon recommendation by the City Manager, to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund or capital project to another fund or capital project, provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged, the purpose for which the funds were initially appropriated no longer exists, or the proposed transfer is from a fund or capital project in which the amount appropriated exceeds the amount needed to accomplish the purpose specified in the appropriation ordinance.

R. The City Manager has recommended the transfers of appropriations in Sections 1 through 6 and Sections 11 through 13, including the transfer of \$135,200 from the Bicycle CCIP capital project account in the Capital Projects fund to the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project in the Capital Project fund, \$165,000 from the Conservation Trust fund to the Capital Projects fund, \$65,757 from the Pedestrian CCIP capital project account in the Capital Projects fund to the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project in the Capital Projects fund, \$293,076 in the Urban Renewal Authority fund to the Capital Projects fund, \$146,473 from the 2050

Tax Parks Rec Transit OCF fund to the Capital Projects fund, \$4,283 from the Transportation Capital Expansion Fee fund to the Capital Projects fund, \$87 from the Transportation Services fund to the Capital Projects fund and \$4,370 from the Capital Projects fund to the Cultural Services fund and determined that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged.

S. This Project involves construction estimated to cost more than \$250,000 and, as such, City Code Section 23-304 requires one percent of these appropriations to be transferred to the Cultural Services and Facilities fund for a contribution to the Art in Public Places ("APP") program.

T. The project cost of \$437,000, that originated from the URA and DDA contributions, has been used to calculate the contribution to the APP program.

U. The remainder of the project cost being appropriated in this Ordinance is ineligible for use in the APP Program due to previously contributing to the APP program.

V. The amount to be contributed in this Ordinance will be \$4,370.

W. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to designate in the ordinance when appropriating funds for a capital project, that such appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made, but continue until the completion of the capital project.

X. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriations herein for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project as appropriations that shall not lapse until the completion of the Project.

Y. The appropriations in this Ordinance benefit public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serve the public purposes of improving multimodal transportation and streetscape infrastructure and safety within the City.

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

Section 1. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$135,200) is authorized for transfer from the Bicycle CCIP capital project account in the Capital Projects fund to the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project account in the Capital Projects fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project.

Section 2. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$165,000) is authorized for transfer

from the Conservation Trust fund to the Capital Projects fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project.

Section 3. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$67,757) is authorized for transfer from the Pedestrian CCIP capital project account in the Capital Projects fund to the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project project account in the Capital Projects fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project.

Section 4. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$293,076) is authorized for transfer from the Urban Renewal Authority fund to the Capital Projects fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project.

Section 5. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of ONE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS (\$104,209) is authorized for transfer from the Bike/Ped Crossing Project in the 2050 Tax Parks Rec Transit OCF fund to the Capital Projects fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project.

Section 6. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of FORTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE DOLLARS: (\$42,263) is authorized for transfer from the Laporte Ave Bike Lanes Project in the 2050 Tax Parks Rec Transit OCF fund to the Capital Projects fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project.

Section 7. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds from the DDA contribution in the Capital Projects fund the sum of EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$82,659) to be expended in the Capital Projects fund for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project.

Section 8. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds from the DDA contribution in the Capital Projects fund the sum of SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$61,341) to be expended in the Capital Projects fund for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project.

Section 9. There is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Transportation Capital Expansion fund the sum of FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$4,283) to be expended in the Transportation Capital Expansion Fee fund for transfer to the Capital Projects fund to be used for the APP contribution for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Improvements Project.

Section 10. There is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Transportation Services fund the sum of EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$87) to be

expended in the Transportation Services fund for transfer to the Capital Projects fund to be used for the APP contribution for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project.

Section 11. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS (\$3,409) in the Capital Projects fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities fund and appropriated and expended therein to fund art projects under the APP program.

Section 12. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$874) in the Capital Projects fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities fund and appropriated and expended therein for the operation costs of the APP program.

Section 13. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$87) in the Capital Projects fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities fund and appropriated and expended therein for the maintenance costs of the APP program.

Section 14. The appropriations herein for the Vine Drive and Jerome Street Intersection Improvements Project are hereby designated, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as appropriations that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but continue until the completion of the Project.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on May 20, 2025, and approved on second reading for final passage on June 3, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: June 13, 2025
Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis
Exhibits: None