

ORDINANCE NO. 024, 2025
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE
LAPORTE AVENUE BRIDGES PROJECT TO THE LAPORTE
AVENUE MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

A. Laporte Avenue between Fishback Avenue and Sunset Street is a two-lane arterial roadway. The road experiences heavy bicycle and pedestrian traffic especially with Poudre High School and many residential neighborhoods and businesses located in this corridor.

B. The corridor has several gaps in multimodal transportation infrastructure. Many locations lack sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, and the bike lanes are often narrow and not well defined.

C. The Laporte Avenue projects are developed in three phases: 1) the Bridges and roadway work between Taft Hill Road and Frey Avenue (“Bridges”), 2) installation of pedestrian and bicycle side paths between Frey Avenue and Fishback Avenue (“East Project”), and 3) installation of pedestrian and bicycle side paths between Sunset Street and Taft Hill Road (“West Project”). Construction was broken into East and West Projects to accommodate the property acquisition schedule introducing some additional design cost. Collectively the East Project and West Project comprise the Laporte Avenue Multimodal Improvement Project (the “Project”).

D. The initial Bridges phase of this work was completed in 2023 and replaced two aging bridges in the corridor. The East Project began in May 2024 and was completed in August 2024. The West Project began in November 2024 and is scheduled to be completed in June 2025.

E. Savings from the Bridges project were reappropriated to complete construction on the Project through Ordinance No. 118, 2024, and required transfers to Art in Public Places were made at that time.

F. Due to a delay in closing out consulting and construction contracts for the Bridges, staff was unable to transfer an amount of \$165,075 of the Bridges project savings before the end of fiscal year 2024. The Bridges contracts are now closed out, and the final reappropriation to the Project is ready to execute via this Ordinance.

G. 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.

H. The City Manager has recommended the transfer of \$165,075 from the Bridges project budget in the Capital Projects fund to the Project in the Capital Projects fund and determined that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged.

I. 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 shall continue until the completion of the capital project.

J. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein for the Project as an appropriation that shall not lapse until the completion of the Project.

K. The appropriation in this Ordinance benefits public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and the traveling public and serves the public purpose of improving multimodal transportation infrastructure, safety, and accessibility 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 SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$165,075) is authorized for transfer from the Bridges capital project account in the Capital Projects fund to the Project account in the Capital Projects fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Project.

Section 2. The appropriation herein for the Project is hereby designated, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as an appropriation that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but shall continue until the completion of the Project.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on February 18, 2025, and approved on second reading for final passage on March 4, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: March 14, 2025
Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis