

RESOLUTION 2020-001  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF TWO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS  
BY THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, ONE WITH THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION AND ONE WITH LARIMER COUNTY, FOR THE TAFT HILL  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - HORSETOOTH TO HARMONY

WHEREAS, Taft Hill Road is a major regional road for both the City of Fort Collins and Larimer County and is identified as a 4-lane arterial road on the Master Street Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has been working with Larimer County (the "County") to plan improvements to Taft Hill Road, specifically by cooperating on the Taft Hill Improvements Project from Horsetooth Road to Harmony Road (the "Project"), the limits of which start at Horsetooth Road and end at Brixton Road, south of Harmony Road (the "Project Limits"); and

WHEREAS, the majority of Taft Hill Road within the Project Limits is a 2-lane road and experiences significant congestion and higher-than-expected rate of traffic accidents and the Project will construct a 4-lane arterial street within the Project Limits; and

WHEREAS, the Project Limits are within unincorporated Larimer County (the "County") but within the City's Growth Management Area ("GMA") boundary and partnering with the County on the Project is in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City and County previously submitted a joint grant application for design, right-of-way acquisition and construction funding for the Project to the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization ("NFRMPO") and the City was awarded a federal Surface Transportation Block Grant ("STBG") by the NFRMPO, which grant will be administered by the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT") and will become available in July 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County will be contributing Regional Transportation Capital Improvement Expansion Fees ("Regional TCEF") previously collected by the City pursuant to City Code Section 7.5-80, *et seq.* to be used as local matching funds for the STBG grant and overmatching funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the Project the City will need to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation to receive the STBG grant funds for the Project (the "CDOT IGA") and also will need to enter into a separate Intergovernmental Agreement with the County to set forth the use of the Regional TCEF for the Project and outline the partnership the County and City will undertake to complete the Project (the "County IGA"); and


WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City that the City enter into both the CDOT IGA and the County IGA to complete the Project and provide the public benefit of enhancing road infrastructure within the City's GMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the City, the CDOT IGA and County IGA in substantially the forms attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B", together with such additional 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 to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 7th day of January, A.D. 2020.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

