

ORDINANCE NO. 052, 2026  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL  
APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
TAFT HILL CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS – HORESETOOTH ROAD TO BRIXTON  
ROAD PROJECT AND RELATED ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

A. The purpose of this Ordinance is to appropriate State of Colorado Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (“NAAPME”), 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 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 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 City has received additional funding provided by the NAAPME and CDOT pursuant to intergovernmental grant agreements that will be authorized by resolutions. The appropriations in this Ordinance are conditional on the City receiving the grant awards and City Council approving execution of the intergovernmental agreements according to the respective resolutions. If the City does not receive the grant funding within one year of the appropriations of grant funding herein, the appropriations will lapse and any local match appropriated will revert back to its original fund and purposes.

F. 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.

G. The County has contributed \$1,500,000 in Larimer County Regional Road Fees (“LCRRF”) to the Project. The proposed supplemental appropriation would have the City contribute an additional \$908,000 in a mix of transportation-related funding, and the County would contribute an additional \$1,800,000 in LCRRF. These contributions would allow the Project to be advertised for construction as early as May of this year.

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

I. 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.

J. The City Manager has recommended the appropriations described herein and determined that the funds to be appropriated are available and previously unappropriated from the Capital Projects Fund and that this appropriation 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.

K. 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.

L. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that the funds to be appropriated are available and previously unappropriated from the Transportation Services Reserve Fund and that this appropriation will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Transportation Services Reserve 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.

M. 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, if 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.

N. The City Manager has recommended the transfer of \$250,000 from the Community Capital Improvement Program Fund - Arterial Intersection Improvements budget in the Capital Projects Fund, \$100,000 from the Community Capital Improvement Program Fund - Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements budget in the Capital Projects Fund, and \$200,000 from the Community Capital Improvement Program - Pedestrian Sidewalk budget in the Capital Projects Fund to the Taft Hill Corridor Improvements Project budget in the Capital Projects Fund and determined that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged.

O. 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.

P. Certain Project funding is ineligible for contribution to the APP program. A portion of the project funding of \$5,064,653 being appropriated via this Ordinance has been used to calculate the contribution to the APP program.

Q. The amount to be contributed to the APP program in this Ordinance is \$21,807.

R. 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.

S. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein for Taft Hill Corridor Improvements – Horsetooth Road to Brixton Road Project, including all grant funds received and outlined in the AIS, as an appropriation that shall not lapse until the completion of the project or until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

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. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Capital Projects Fund the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$539,864) to be expended in the Capital Projects Fund for the Project.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Capital Projects Fund the sum of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$1,251,287) to be expended in the Capital Projects Fund for the Project.

Section 3. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Capital Projects Fund the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWO DOLLARS (\$163,902) to be expended in the Capital Projects Fund for the Project.

Section 4. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Capital Projects Fund the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND FIFTY-SEVEN (\$107,057) to be expended in the Capital Projects Fund for the Project.

Section 5. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Capital Projects Fund the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) to be expended in the Capital Projects Fund for the Project.

Section 6. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Capital Projects Fund the sum of ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$1,844,347) to be expended in the Project.

Section 7. There is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Transportation Services Reserve Fund the sum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX (\$358,196) to be expended in the Capital Projects Fund for the Project.

Section 8. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) is authorized for transfer from the Community Capital Improvement Program - Arterial Intersection Improvements budget in the Capital Projects Fund to the Taft Hill Road Corridor Improvements budget in the Capital Projects Fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Project.

Section 9. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) is authorized for transfer from the Community Capital Improvement Program - Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements budget in the Capital Projects Fund to the Taft Hill Road Corridor Improvements budget in the Capital Projects Fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Project.

Section 10. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) is authorized for transfer from the Community Capital Improvement Program - Pedestrian Sidewalk budget in the Capital Projects Fund to the Taft Hill Road Corridor Improvements budget in the Capital Projects Fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Project.

Section 11. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount SEVENTEEN THOUSAND NINE DOLLARS (\$17,009) 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 FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$4,361) 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 FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$437) 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 Taft Hill Corridor Improvements – Horsetooth Road to Brixton Road project and all grants received as part of the Project and outlined in the corresponding AIS, 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 or until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grants.

Section 15. All the appropriations and transfers set forth in this Ordinance are contingent upon the execution of the NAAPME and CDOT grant agreements.

Section 16. If the City does not receive NAAPME and CDOT grant funding and receive City Council approval to execute grant agreements within one year of appropriations herein for the Taft Hill Corridor Improvements – Horsetooth Road to Brixton Road project, the appropriations will lapse and any local match appropriated will revert back to its original fund and purposes.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on May 5, 2026, and approved on second reading for final passage on May 19, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Effective Date: May 29, 2026

Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis

Exhibit: None