

RESOLUTION 2026-094
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS AND THE
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE
CONNECTING NORTH COLLEGE PROJECT

A. The purpose of this Resolution is to enable the City to receive and expend State of Colorado Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (“NAAPME”) grant funds through the Community Clean Transportation Assistance Program (“CCTAP”) administered through the Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”) for the Connecting North College project (the “Project”). The grant funds will support the Project to study the feasibility and create the preliminary design of bicycle, pedestrian, and connectivity improvements adjacent to North College Avenue and along West Vine Drive.

B. The City has been awarded funding through the State of Colorado CCTAP NAAPME program established within CDOT to develop and deliver projects that improve air quality and mitigate environmental and health impacts that occur within nonattainment areas throughout Colorado by funding projects that reduce traffic and encourage alternatives to single occupancy vehicle travel.

C. This grant will fund the Project, which will provide the initial designs for active mode improvements along Willox Lane, Hickory Street, and West Vine Drive. The aim for these improvements is to help fill in existing gaps in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, enabling residents to travel on safer low stress streets and trails. Further, the aim is for residents to be able to access Soft Gold Park, the Poudre Trail, and the Hickory Trail without having to navigate North College Avenue.

D. CDOT has proposed an intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) between the City and CDOT to establish respective obligations and commitments between the City and CDOT relating to the NAAPME grant. This IGA is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.

E. Colorado Revised Statutes Section 29-1-203 provides that governments may cooperate or contract with one another to provide certain services or facilities when the cooperation or contracts are authorized by each party thereto with the approval of its legislative body or other authority having the power to so approve.

F. City Charter Article II, Section 16 empowers the City Council, by ordinance or resolution, to enter into contracts with governmental bodies to furnish governmental services and make charges for such services or enter into cooperative or joint activities with other governmental bodies.

G. City Code Section 1-22 requires the City Council to approve intergovernmental agreements that require the City to make a direct, monetary payment over \$50,000. The local match for the NAAPME funds is \$102,690, and the remaining

required match of \$29,380 is being met through in-kind indirect costs. Funds are anticipated to be appropriated via Ordinance No. 088, 2026.

H. City Council finds and determines that the Project and the grant funding are in the best interests of the City and that they advance the public's health, safety, and welfare by facilitating improvement of the City's multimodal transportation safety and infrastructure.

I. City Council further finds and determines that the City Manager be authorized to execute the IGA between the City and CDOT.

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

Section 1. City Council authorizes the City Manager upon appropriation of the Project funds, to execute, on behalf of the City, the intergovernmental agreement between CDOT and the City, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with additional or modified 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 effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 2. City Council authorizes the City Manager to approve and execute future amendments to the intergovernmental agreement with CDOT relating to the Project that the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary and appropriate to facilitate completion of the Project, so long as such amendments do not increase the cost of the Project, substantially modify the purposes of the intergovernmental agreement, increase the allocation or amount of funding for the Project funded by the City, or otherwise increase the obligations and responsibilities of the City as set forth in the intergovernmental agreement and this amendment.

Passed and adopted on July 21, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: July 21, 2026

Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis

Exhibit: Exhibit A – Colorado Department of Transportation IGA