

ORDINANCE NO. 067, 2026
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES AND UNANTICIPATED REVENUE AND
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE I-25 INTERCHANGE
AND HARMONY ROAD/WELD COUNTY ROAD 74 REGIONAL CORRIDOR AND
TRAFFIC STUDY

A. The purpose of this Ordinance is to appropriate local funds for the capital project, the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study (“Study”). The funds will be used to study traffic in the Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 corridor and to commence a preliminary planning effort to manage traffic along the corridor.

B. The Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 corridor and I-25 interchange serve as a key east-west and north-south transportation hub in northern Colorado. With rapid growth occurring in Timnath, Fort Collins, Windsor, and surrounding areas, this interchange is experiencing safety, congestion, and operational issues during peak periods.

C. City staff along with staff from the Town of Timnath intend to collaborate on a Study to evaluate current and future traffic conditions, identify multimodal needs, and develop a phased implementation plan with concepts and costs to guide future investment. The Study will create a long-term vision for the Harmony Road corridor from Fort Collins to Eaton, with key deliverables for the Study to include short, medium, and long-term recommendations for improvements and potentially initial design efforts for such improvements.

D. The scope of the Study includes traffic in the Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 corridor from Strauss Cabin Road to County Road 5, specifically including the intersection of Harmony Road and Weitzel Street and the interchanges with Interstate-25. The scope also includes parallel corridors Carpenter Road/State Highway 392 and Prospect Road/Weld County Road 80 and the I-25 corridor spanning these several east-west routes, as well as Kechter Road, to determine whether system-level changes could affect traffic patterns regionally and extend the lifecycle of existing infrastructure.

E. The City and Timnath intend to share recommendations from the Study with stakeholders and seek funding to develop recommendations. Communities and agencies currently identified as stakeholders include the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization, Colorado Department of Transportation, Weld County, Larimer County, Eaton, Severance, and Windsor.

F. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits 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.

G. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation 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.

H. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits 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.

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

J. This Study 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.

K. A portion of the funds appropriated in this Ordinance for the Study are ineligible for use in the APP program due to restrictions placed on them by the Town of Timnath, the source of these funds.

L. The project cost of \$200,000 has been used to calculate the contribution to the APP program.

M. The amount to be contributed via this Ordinance to the Arts and Culture fund for APP will be \$2,000.

N. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes 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.

O. City Council wishes to designate the appropriations herein for the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study as appropriations that shall not lapse until the completion of the Study.

P. The appropriations in this Ordinance benefit public health, safety and welfare of the residents and the traveling public in and around Fort Collins and serve the public purposes of improving multimodal transportation infrastructure and safety within and around 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. There is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Transportation Capital Expansion Fee fund the sum of TWO HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$201,960) to be expended in the Transportation Capital Expansion Fee fund for transfer to the Capital Projects fund to be expended therein for the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Transportation Services fund the sum of FORTY DOLLARS (\$40) to be expended in the Transportation Services fund for transfer to the Capital Projects fund to be expended therein for the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study.

Section 3. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Capital Projects fund the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) to be expended in the Capital Projects fund for the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study.

Section 4. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$1,560) in the Capital Projects fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the Arts and Culture fund and appropriated and expended therein to fund art projects under the APP program.

Section 5. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400) in the Capital Projects fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the Arts and Culture fund and appropriated and expended therein for the operation costs of the APP program.

Section 6. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of FORTY DOLLARS (\$40) in the Capital Projects fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the Arts and Culture Fund and appropriated and expended therein for the maintenance costs of the APP program.

Section 7. The appropriations herein for the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study 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 Study.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on June 2, 2026, and approved on second reading for final passage on June 16, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: June 26, 2026
Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis

Exhibit: None