

RESOLUTION 2026-075
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS AND THE
TOWN OF TIMNATH FOR THE I-25 INTERCHANGE AND HARMONY
ROAD/WELD COUNTY ROAD 74 REGIONAL CORRIDOR AND
TRAFFIC STUDY

A. The purpose of this Resolution is to authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the Town of Timnath to receive funds and collaborate on a 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. The City and Timnath have drafted and are ready to move forward with an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) that sets forth the City’s and Timnath’s contributions and obligations for the Study.

G. 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.

H. City Charter Article II, Section 16 empowers 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.

I. City Code Section 1-22 requires City Council to approve IGAs that require the City to make a direct, monetary payment over \$50,000. The City’s direct monetary contribution pursuant to this IGA amounts to \$200,000. Funds are anticipated to be appropriated via Ordinance No. 067, 2026.

J. City Council finds and determines that the Study and the funding are in the best interests of the City, that they advance the public’s health, safety, and welfare by facilitating improvement of the multimodal transportation safety and infrastructure in and around the City.

K. City Council further finds and determines that the City Manager be authorized to execute the IGA between the City and the Town of Timnath.

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 to execute, on behalf of the City and after appropriation of the funds described above, the IGA with the Town of Timnath, 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. Subject to execution of the IGA authorized in Section 1, City Council authorizes the City Manager to approve and execute future amendments to the IGA with the Town of Timnath relating to the Study that the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary and appropriate to facilitate completion of the Study, so long as such amendments do not increase the cost of the Study, substantially modify the purposes of the IGA, increase the allocation or amount of funding for the Study

funded by the City, or otherwise increase the obligations and responsibilities of the City as set forth in the IGA.

Passed and adopted on June 2, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: June 2, 2026

Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis

Exhibit: Exhibit A – Intergovernmental Agreement Between Fort Collins and Timnath for the I-25 Interchange and Harmony Road/Weld County Road 74 Regional Corridor and Traffic Study