

Runway 15-33 Widening Project Supplemental Budget & Appropriation

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Approve \$935,499 in Additional Funding for the Runway 15-33 Widening Project

- Project previously approved by both Fort Collins and Loveland
- Fund FAA directed safety enhancements, additional quality control and oversight, and replacement of aging infrastructure needed to Complete Project
- Bring Runway into compliance with FAA design standards
- This appropriation represents 4.5% of a \$20.7 million project



Widening our only runway to meet FAA standards

100 → 150 ft

Width needed to meet FAA standards.

\$20.7M

Total project budget including this \$935,499 request

No General Fund \$

Project is funded entirely by FAA, CDOT, and Airport Reserve Funds

\$19,761,259

Secured and Appropriated (95.48%)

\$935,499

Needed to Complete the Project (4.52%)

Includes: New LED lighting and signage · Edge drains and stormwater · Rebuilt connector taxiways · Seal coat and new markings

Construction underway, August 2026



Runway edge and work area

Existing runway on the left, with the widening work and contractor staging to the right.

Drone survey by The Flying Lizard,
August 26, 2026

A two-way commitment with the FAA

THE FAA COMMITS

- Fund most of the project through federal grants
- Partner with CDOT Aeronautics on the state share
- Oversee the work to FAA standards



THE CITIES COMMIT

- Fund the local share (with Airport reserve funds)
- Complete the project as agreed
- Keep the runway safe, open, and maintained to FAA standards

Finishing the work protects the federal funds already awarded and keeps FNL eligible for future grants.

CURRENT APPROPRIATION REQUEST

\$935,499

4.52% of total project funding

FAA grant amendment anticipated

\$607,759 65.0%

Anticipated federal funds

\$327,740 35.0%

Local funds / Airport reserves



AIRPORT RESERVE FUND

\$2.3 million

Projected balance
after expenditure

TOTAL FUNDING MIX (Includes this appropriation)

\$20,696,758

Total project funding



Federal \$19,016,742 (91.9%)

CDOT \$294,164 (1.4%)

Local \$1,385,852 (6.7%)

Airport reserve fund; no impact
to City general fund

Amounts rounded to the nearest dollar.

Cost drivers

SAFETY

FAA-required safety changes

following the FAA Safety Risk Management review

OVERSIGHT

24-hour construction

Night inspection and testing to keep the schedule on track

INFRASTRUCTURE

Aging equipment

Old runway equipment replaced during construction

OPERATIONS

Airport operations

Extended tower hours, temporary taxiway, FAA flight check

Construction done in early November

JUNE 2026

Construction starts

AUGUST 2026

**FAA approves day
and night shifts**

EARLY NOV 2026

**Substantially
complete**

SPRING 2027

**Night closures to
finish paint and
grooving**

Adopt the ordinance on first reading

Appropriates \$935,499 to the 2026 Airport budget to finish the runway safely and on time.

Without this appropriation, the project could be delayed or remain incomplete. When the Cities accepted the previous grants, they committed to completing the project. Failure to fulfill that commitment could require repayment of grant funds and jeopardize eligibility for future grants.





Questions?





Thank You!

