

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 146, 2026, Authorizing the Extension of the Contract Term with Felsburg Holt and Ullevig, Inc., for the West Elizabeth Corridor Concept Design Project for Up to Five Additional Years.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to seek authorization to extend the contract term with Felsburg Holt and Ullevig Inc., for the West Elizabeth Corridor Concept Design Project for up to five (5) additional years from the end of the current term which ends on December 31, 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The West Elizabeth travel corridor is currently the highest priority pedestrian/alternative mode corridor for improvement in the City and was highlighted in City Plan and the Transit Master Plan. The West Elizabeth Corridor Concept Design Project (the "Project") is intended to address needed improvements and also aligns with the City's Strategic Plan goals for Transportation and Mobility, Vision Zero Plan, and Active Modes Plan. The Project envisions multimodal improvements along the West Elizabeth Street corridor from Overland Trail to the Colorado State University ("CSU") Transit Center with connection to the Transfort MAX Laurel Station, and including a segment of West Plum Street. The Project scope includes the Foothills Transit Station to increase connectivity with the CSU Foothills Campus, a protected roundabout at the intersection of Overland Trail and West Elizabeth Street, detached sidewalks, protected bike lanes, protected intersection improvements, and Bus Rapid Transit service.

After completing a competitive purchasing process, on January 1, 2021, the City executed a Professional Services Agreement with Felsburg, Holt and Ullevig, Inc. ("FHU"), and issued the first work order in February 2021 for the thirty percent (30%) design of the Project. The City issued an extension to this work order for FHU to finalize the 30% design and provide grant support to assist the City with a federal construction grant application. In the interest of project continuity and efficiency, in August 2023, the City chose to issue a second work order to FHU for final design of the Project. The City has issued the allowable number of one-year contract renewals and one extension under the original contract to allow FHU to complete the 30% design and progress toward final design. The design team is now requesting this up to five (5) year contract extension from the end of the current contract term to allow FHU to take the Foothills Transit Station and roundabout portion of the Project, along with the West Plum Street segment (between

Shields Street and Meridian Avenue) to one hundred percent (100%) design. Each future renewal term of the contract will be in one (1) year increments.

The design of the Project was not completed within the original allotment of five (5) years, plus one (1) additional year authorized under City Code Section 8-186(a)(4) due to Project scope and routing revisions, as well as pauses in the design while the City and consultant team navigated construction funding challenges and evaluated alternatives options to move the Project forward. Ultimately, the City has decided that proceeding with final design of portions of the Project will potentially provide more opportunities to secure construction funding and build out the Project in phases. The City plans to issue two new work orders under the original Professional Services Agreement (if this contract extension is approved) to FHU for finalization of the design of the Foothills Transit Station and roundabout and the West Plum Street segment. The Foothills Transit Station and roundabout portion of the Project is currently at ninety percent (90%) design, while the West Plum Street segment of the corridor is at sixty percent (60%) design. Neither portion of the Project is currently funded for construction. Completion of the design for these portions of the Project will help the City move forward with identifying a funding source for construction and installation of these portions of the overall Project.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The proposed ordinance will extend the existing design contract and does not require additional funding appropriation. The design funds have previously been appropriated.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Commission on Disabilities
- Transportation Board
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Staff has worked closely with the design consultant team and CSU to develop a Public Engagement Plan for the Project. The team has performed public outreach at many events and in varying formats, including online surveys, Bike to Work Day and Bike to Breakfast events, Transportation Project Fairs, Open Streets, neighborhood meetings, and presentations to CSU student government and other campus groups. A Project website is periodically updated with Project information and upcoming milestones.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Foothills Transit Station and Roundabout – Vicinity Map
2. West Plum Street – Shields Street to Meridian Avenue – Vicinity Map
3. FHU Contract Extension Memorandum
4. Ordinance No. 146, 2026