

RESOLUTION 2025- 067
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
UPDATING THE 2013 PAVED RECREATIONAL TRAILS MASTER PLAN
AND RENAMING IT THE 2025 STRATEGIC TRAILS PLAN

A. The City's paved trail system is one of the most highly valued community aspects in Fort Collins, as indicated in the 2024 Community Survey. Over the span of 45 years, the City has expanded the system to 46 miles of trails throughout the City.

B. Trail planning efforts have been included in several Parks and Recreation plans since the mid-1970's. On November 19, 2013, Council adopted Resolution 2013-096, adopting the first standalone trails plan – the 2013 Paved Recreational Trails Master Plan (the "2013 Plan").

C. After extensive interdepartmental work, public outreach, discussion and consideration of community needs and priorities, the City determined that the 2013 Plan should be updated and renamed the 2025 Strategic Trails Plan.

D. Using a variety of innovative community engagement techniques through on-line and in-person activities, staff has garnered extensive public input necessary to develop a shared vision for the expansion of the paved trail system to meet the future needs of a growing community.

E. City boards, including the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Advisory Board, Disability Advisory Board, Natural Resources Advisory Board, Active Modes Advisory Board, and the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board, have provided plan review and input during the multiple phases of community engagement.

F. The 2025 Strategic Trails Plan proposes nearly 60 miles of new trail and 35 grade separated crossings to enhance safe walking and biking connectivity from neighborhoods to schools, parks, natural areas, and neighborhood centers.

G. The 2025 Strategic Trails Plan is an integral element of City Council's priorities to Advance a 15-minute City by accelerating a shift to Active Modes and to Advance a 15-Minute City by igniting neighborhood centers.

H. Working together, the 2025 Strategic Trails Plan and the Active Modes Plan create a seamless integration of the on and off-street network to achieve a complete low-traffic stress network that works to help implement the City of Fort Collins' Vision Zero policy.

I. Through extensive analysis and community engagement efforts, the 2025 Strategic Trails Plan creates transparency to trail funding, planning, design, construction, and maintenance. The 2025 Trails Plan ensures that environmental stewardship, conservation, and resiliency are prioritized through the trail development process in order to protect sensitive habitat for flora and fauna.

J. At its January 14, 2025, work session, City Council considered and provided input on the guiding principles used to develop the proposed trails map, the proposed criteria used to prioritize trail projects, and the proposed strategy to address trail safety.

K. The City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Fort Collins community members to update the 2013 Plan and rename it the 2025 Strategic Trails Plan.

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 that the City Council hereby approves and adopts the 2025 Strategic Trails Plan described on Exhibit A.

Passed and adopted on July 1, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Approving Attorney: Sara Arfmann

Exhibit: Exhibit A – 2025 Strategic Trails Plan