

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

Resolution 2025-044, Authorizing the Amendment of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Fort Collins and the U.S. Department of Transportation for Implementation of a Smart Grid Electric Vehicle Charge Management Solution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is for Council to ratify the Mayor having signed an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to extend the expiration date of the IGA. Notwithstanding the City meeting all required milestones of the project also known as **Stage 1 SMART grid project**, the DOT and City agreed to extend the project to September 15, 2025, from an original end date of March 15, 2025. The basis of extending the term to September 15, 2025, is to support a smooth transition to the Stage 2 SMART grid project.

The City received an award from DOT for \$11.7 million in support of the Stage 2 SMART grid project. The City and DOT are currently working on finalizing scope of work, budget and period of performance that will be incorporated into a proposed IGA between the City and DOT.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

In late 2023 the City and DOT executed an IGA (Attachment 2) for the **Stage 1 SMART grid project** that serves to create a municipal fleet electrification standard framework and deploy software to manage all City-owned EV charging locations. The **Stage 1 SMART grid project** is a planning and design project. This project directly supports The City's Climate Action Plan, which aims to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

In late 2024, the City was awarded \$11.7 million in support of implementing the software developed under **Stage 1 SMART grid project**, along with incorporating Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure on City property to support City's fleet of EVs. The \$11.7 million will support the Stage 2 SMART grid project, proposed to commence fall of 2025.

To better align with commencement of implementation of the Stage 2 SMART grid project, DOT and the City have agreed to extend the IGA to September 15, 2025, which provides an additional six months. The DOT signed the amendment on March 4, 2025. Due to the approaching end date of the Agreement of

March 15, 2025, the Mayor signed the amendment to extend the Agreement on March 10, 2025. Pursuant to the Amendment (Attachment 3), the term of the IGA is twenty-four months, from September 15, 2023, to September 15, 2025.

Considering the work by the City for the **Stage 1 SMART grid project** that correlates to proposed work of the Stage 2 SMART grid project, the City recommended the Mayor sign the Amendment to the IGA, extending the term of the IGA to September 15, 2025.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

There are no financial impacts. By the Mayor signing the Amendment, this only extends the term of the IGA. The grant funds associated with the IGA, totaling \$1,059,037, were appropriated by City Council via Ordinance No. 111, 2023.

Pursuant to the IGA working on a reimbursement basis, the General Fund will be reimbursed for allowable costs incurred through September 15, 2025, in upwards of \$1,059,037.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution for Consideration
2. Exhibit A to Resolution
3. Intergovernmental Grant Agreement for Stage 1