

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 049, 2025, Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers to be Used as Local Match for Carbon Reduction Program Funding for ADA Bus Stop Improvements Projects.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 18, 2025, supports Transfort in enhancing accessibility at bus stops in Transfort's service area.

The City was awarded \$538,447 in Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) grant funds from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in support of Transfort performing bus stop improvements along Regionally Significant Corridors. The awarded funds and required local match of \$111,930 will support design, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, the construction of concrete pads, and the installation of amenities such as shelters, benches, bike racks, and trash cans.

Approval of this item would support the City in enhancing accessibility at Transfort bus stops by transferring \$100,000 from the Community Capital Improvement Program Fund (CCIP) to the Transit Services Fund for ADA Bus Stop Improvements Projects where it will serve as local match for previously appropriated CRP Grant Funds. Resolution 2025-016 was adopted on March 18, 2025, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with CDOT which will result in the receipt by Transfort of \$538,447 in CRP grant funds for fiscal year (FY) 2025.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

FIRST READING BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

On August 4, 2023, the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) announced \$2,550,000 in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds under the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) to support projects designed to reduce transportation emissions. Under the CRP, transportation emissions are defined as carbon dioxide emissions from on-road highway sources of those emissions. These funds are administered through the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

Transfort was awarded \$538,447 in FY25 CRP grant funding to improve bus stops, requiring a local match of \$111,930. The required local match will be funded using \$11,930 from 2050 Tax Funds and \$100,000 from the Community Capital Improvement Program Fund (CCIP).

Transfort owns and maintains 415 of the 487 bus stops in its service area. This project will upgrade 11 of these stops along Regionally Significant Corridors (RSCs), including US 287, Mulberry Street, and Prospect Road, to ensure full compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, improve overall conditions, and enhance accessibility and equity for all users.

Bus stops are a critical component of the transit system, directly impacting service reliability, mobility, and accessibility. The grant funding and local match will support design, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, and construction of concrete pads, and the installation of amenities such as shelters, benches, bike racks, and trash cans. These improvements align with City Council’s priority to enhance accessibility at all Transfort bus stops by 2026 and advance broader local and regional transportation goals.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The City is anticipated to receive \$538,447 in FY25 CRP funding via the IGA. These funds were previously appropriated as part of the 2025-2026 Budgeting for Outcomes process (Offer #: 65.17), with an additional local match of \$11,930 from 2050 Tax Funds. This Ordinance would transfer the \$100,000 CCIP funds needed to satisfy the remaining local match requirement to the Transit Services Fund. The following is a summary of the funding anticipated for the ADA Bus Stop Improvements Project using CRP grant funds:

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| Prior Appropriated Funds | |
| CRP Grant Funds | \$538,447 |
| 2025 Transit Tax | \$11,930 |
| TOTAL PRIOR APPROPRIATION | \$550,377 |
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| Funds to be Appropriated per this Action | |
| CCIP Bus Stop Improvements Funds (<i>reserves, transfer</i>) | \$100,000 |
| Total Funds to be Appropriated per this Action | \$100,000 |
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| Total Proposed Project Funds | \$650,377 |

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

First Reading attachments not included.

1. Ordinance for Consideration