

ORDINANCE NO. 147, 2025
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES AND AUTHORIZING
TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE WILLIAM NEAL
AND ZIEGLER INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
AND RELATED ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

A. This proposed Ordinance concerns the design and construction of and funding for an at-grade bicycle and pedestrian crossing, signal, and Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) improvements at the intersection of William Neal Parkway and Ziegler Road to provide a safe crossing point between local trail infrastructure and residential development to the west and Poudre River Trail segments to the east.

B. The intersection of William Neal Parkway and Ziegler Road is currently side street stop-controlled with high speeds and volumes on Ziegler Road. Current pedestrian and bicycle demand at the intersection is high after the construction to the west of residential housing (“Rigden Farm”) and a local trail (“Rendezvous Trail”), and the Poudre River Trail segments.

C. Pedestrian and cyclist safety is an existing concern, and City staff anticipates that demand for a safe intersection crossing will quickly grow with additional anticipated residential and recreational development. City staff anticipate a full traffic signal will be warranted at the intersection in the future, an increase from the half-signal anticipated earlier in the concept design.

D. The William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements Project (the “Project”) has been developed to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, to improve all modes of traffic flow at the William Neal/Ziegler Intersection, and to further develop the City’s transportation infrastructure and interconnected trail network.

E. The Project will install enhanced at-grade bicycle and pedestrian facilities at the intersection. In addition, the Project will improve connectivity to the Poudre River Trail in the vicinity where the Poudre River Trail crosses the Great Western Railway. The Project will close the gap between a local trail and neighborhood and the Poudre River Trail, providing safe connections to Running Deer and Arapaho Bend Natural Areas, as well as the Colorado State University Environmental Learning Center. Because of the extents of the Poudre River Trail, the Project will increase access to schools, parks, transit, and the regional community.

F. Improvements at the intersection will meet the requirements of the ADA, eliminating or mitigating existing roadway hazards.

G. Signage and wayfinding will be included in the Project similarly to other City trail projects.

H. The Project will install pedestrian and bike count collection infrastructure. Data collected from this infrastructure will be shared with the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (“NFRMPO”) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”). Although the Project is not explicitly defined in the NFRMPO Regional Active Transportation Plan (2021), the need for safe local trail connections to the Poudre River Trail is identified. The Project will provide such a connection.

I. The City’s Active Modes Plan recommends these improvements. This intersection is routinely used in the Safe Routes to School (“SRTS”) training rides with students.

J. City staff initially submitted to the NFRMPO for federal Transportation Alternatives Program (“TAP”) funding for the Project in 2021. The Project was waitlisted at that time. Additional funding became available in 2023 as part of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”), and the TAP funds were awarded. These funds were appropriated by City Council in September 2023 (Ordinance No. 129, 2024).

K. Since the original scope of the Project was developed, additional elements have been included that have increased the total cost of the Project. These elements include a full traffic signal (rather than the half-signal included in the TAP application), ADA improvements, and trail elements. The requested appropriations and transfers are intended to cover these additional Project costs.

L. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon the recommendation of the City Manager, to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year from such revenues and funds for expenditure as may be available from reserves accumulated in prior years, notwithstanding that such reserves were not previously appropriated.

M. The City Manager has recommended the appropriations described herein and determined that the funds to be appropriated are available and previously unappropriated from the Transportation Capital Expansion Fee fund and the Transportation Services fund and that these appropriations will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Transportation Capital Expansion Fee fund and the Transportation Services fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in these funds during this fiscal year

N. Article V, Section 10 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council, upon recommendation by the City Manager, to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund or capital project to another fund or capital project, provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged, the purpose for which the funds were initially appropriated no longer exists, or the proposed transfer is from a fund or capital project in which the amount appropriated exceeds the amount needed to accomplish the purpose specified in the appropriation ordinance.

O. The City Manager has recommended the transfer of \$388,773 from the Transportation Capital Expansion Fee fund to the Capital Projects fund, \$77 from the Transportation Services fund to the Capital Projects fund, \$85,000 from the Conservation Trust fund to the Capital Projects fund, and \$45,000 for the Community Capital Improvement Program Pedestrian Sidewalk budget in the Capital Projects fund to the William Neal and Ziegler Project budget in the Capital Projects fund and has determined that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged.

P. This Project involves construction estimated to cost more than \$250,000 and, as such, City Code Section 23-304 requires that one percent of these appropriations be transferred to the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund for a contribution to the Art in Public Places (“APP”) program.

Q. The total Project cost of \$385,000 has been used to calculate the contribution to the APP program.

R. The amount to be contributed in this Ordinance will be \$3,850.

S. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to designate in the ordinance when appropriating funds for a capital project, that such appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made, but continue until the completion of the capital project.

T. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriations herein for the William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements Project as appropriations that shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year in which the appropriations are made but continue until the completion of the Project.

U. The appropriations in this Ordinance benefit public health, safety and welfare of the residents and traveling public of Fort Collins and serve the public purpose of improving multimodal transportation infrastructure within the City.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Transportation Capital Expansion Fee fund the amount of THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$388,773) to be expended in the Transportation Capital Expansion Fee fund for transfer to the Capital Projects fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements Project.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the Transportation Services fund the amount of SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$77) to be expended in the Transportation Services fund for transfer to the Capital Projects fund and

appropriated therein to be expended for the William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements Project.

Section 3. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$85,000) is authorized for transfer from the Conservation Trust fund to the Capital Projects fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements Project.

Section 4. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$45,000) is authorized for transfer from the Community Capital Improvement Program Pedestrian Sidewalk Budget in the Capital Projects fund to the William Neal Ziegler Budget in the Capital Projects fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Project.

Section 5. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of THREE THOUSAND THREE DOLLARS (\$3,003) in the Capital Projects fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities fund and appropriated and expended therein to fund art projects under the APP program.

Section 6. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$770) in the Capital Project fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities fund and appropriated and expended therein for the operation costs of the APP program.

Section 7. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$77) in the Capital Project fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities fund and appropriated and expended therein for the maintenance costs of the APP program.

Section 8. The appropriations herein for the William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements Project are hereby designated, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as appropriations that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but continue until the completion of the Project.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on September 16, 2025, and approved on second reading for final passage on October 7, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: October 17, 2025

Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis

Exhibit: None