

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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## SUBJECT

**Items Relating to the US 287 and Triangle Drive Signal Installation Project.**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A. Resolution 2024-120 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Fort Collins, Colorado, and the Colorado Department of Transportation for the US 287 and Triangle Drive Signal Installation Project.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 141, 2024, Appropriating Revenue from a Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery Grant and the Colorado Department of Transportation Americans with Disabilities Act Grant and Appropriating Prior Year Reserves and Authorizing Transfers for the US 287 and Triangle Drive Signal Installation Project and Related Art in Public Places.

The purpose of this item is to receive award grant funds and provide appropriations to the US 287 and Triangle Drive Signal Installation Project (Project). If approved this item will:

1. Authorize the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the Project with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT);
2. Receive and appropriate \$682,211 in Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (FASTER) funds to the Project;
3. Receive and appropriate \$183,843 in CDOT Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) funds;
4. Appropriate \$688,897 from Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF) reserves to the Project;
5. Appropriate \$6,686 (0.8% of TCEF contribution) from TCEF reserves to the Art in Public Places (APP) program;
6. Appropriate (0.2% of TCEF contribution) for maintenance of art from the Transportation Services Fund reserves to the APP program.

The funds will be used to design and install a new traffic signal as well as bicycle and pedestrian improvements connecting Triangle Drive to the northeast towards the Lakeview on the Rise development. There is severe crash history at this intersection and in 2023 CDOT committed FASTER funding to the City for signal improvements. CDOT has also committed funding for pedestrian improvements to bring the intersection into compliance with ADA requirements.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution and Ordinance on First Reading.

## BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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The intersection of College Avenue and Triangle Drive is currently side street stop-controlled with high speeds and volumes on College Avenue (also known as US 287 or State Highway 287). The Shenandoah and Ridgewood Hills neighborhoods on the west side of College Avenue access this intersection from Triangle Drive. Lakeview on the Rise is a neighborhood on the east side of College Avenue northeast of the intersection. Directly east of the intersection is the Pelican Marsh Natural Area owned by the City's Natural Areas Department ("Natural Areas"). The intersection will remain a "T" intersection as there is no intention of Natural Areas extending Triangle Drive east of College Avenue.

City staff determined that a traffic signal is warranted due to severe crash history at this intersection. The Project will install a new traffic signal as well as bicycle and pedestrian improvements connecting to the northeast towards the Lakeview on the Rise neighborhood. The bicycle and pedestrian improvements implement the sidepath recommendation along College Avenue as identified in the adopted Active Modes Plan, providing multimodal connectivity from Lakeview on the Rise to the Shenandoah and Ridgewood Hills neighborhoods. The improvements at the intersection will meet ADA requirements.

The implementation of the bicycle and pedestrian improvements will necessitate acquisition of right-of-way and easements from Natural Areas, requiring a future action before City Council. Coordination with FC Moves, Natural Areas, and Real Estate Services Department staff has been underway to ensure implementation of the Active Modes infrastructure minimizes impacts to the Pelican Marsh Natural Area. City staff initially submitted to CDOT for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding in 2023 but was not initially selected for funding. City staff continued discussions with CDOT providing additional information requesting CDOT FASTER funding. Through this request, CDOT awarded \$682,211 in FASTER funds. CDOT also awarded \$183,843 of CDOT ADA grant funds for ADA improvements for the Project.

The Project amount of \$682,211 was used for the APP program calculation. A portion of the funds appropriated in this Ordinance for the Project are ineligible for use in the APP program due to restrictions placed on them by Colorado Department of Transportation, the source of these funds.

## CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

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The following is a summary of the funding anticipated for design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for the US 287 and Triangle Drive Signal Installation Project.

<b>Funds to be Appropriated per this Action</b>	
Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (FASTER) Funds	\$ 682,211
Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Funds	\$ 183,843
Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF) Reserves	\$ 688,897
Transportation Services Fund Reserves	\$ 136
<b>Total Funds to be Appropriated per this Action</b>	<b>\$ 1,555,087</b>
<b>Transfer to Art in Public Places</b>	<b>\$ 6,822</b>
<b>Total Project Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,548,265</b>

The total fund amount projected for this Project is \$1,548,265 composed of funds appropriated with this action.

### **BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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The Project was presented to Council Finance Committee on August 1, 2024. The committee supported an off-cycle supplemental appropriation and was in favor of forwarding the appropriation request to City Council. Approved minutes of the meeting are attached.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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Staff will develop and implement a Public Engagement Plan for the Project in conjunction with the Communications and Public Involvement Office.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Resolution for Consideration
2. Exhibit A to Resolution
3. Ordinance for Consideration
4. US 287 and Triangle Drive Signal Installation Project – Vicinity Map
5. Council Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, August 1, 2024