

RESOLUTION 2024-108
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
FORT COLLINS, COLORADO, AND THE COLORADO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WILLIAM
NEAL AND ZIEGLER INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT

A. This Resolution concerns the design and construction of and funding for an at-grade bicycle and pedestrian crossing at the intersection of William Neal Parkway and Ziegler Road to provide a safe crossing point between the Rendezvous Trail and Rigden Farm to the west and the Poudre River Trail extension and the future East Community Park 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 of residential housing to the west (Rigden Farm) including a local trail (Rendezvous Trail), and the Poudre River Trail segments to the east.

C. City staff anticipates a traffic signal will be warranted at the intersection in the future. With the construction of the East Community Park and final segments of the Poudre River Trail, it is anticipated that demand for a safe intersection crossing will be significantly higher. However, the need to address pedestrian and cyclist safety exists today.

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 Parkway/Ziegler Road 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 a safe connection to the East Community Park. 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 Americans with Disabilities Act, 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. The data 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 identifies 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.

K. CDOT administers the grant funds for the Project and has proposed an intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) to enable the City to receive and expend the grant funds to continue to address the safety concerns, to improve all modes of traffic flow at the William Neal Parkway/Ziegler Road Intersection, and to further develop the City’s transportation infrastructure and interconnected trail network.

L. Colorado Revised Statutes Section 29-1-203 provides that governments may cooperate or contract with one another to provide certain services or facilities when the cooperation or contracts are authorized by each party thereto with the approval of its legislative body or other authority having the power to so approve.

M. Article II, Section 16 of the City Charter empowers the City Council, by ordinance or resolution, to enter into contracts with governmental bodies to furnish governmental services and make charges for such services, or enter into cooperative or joint activities with other governmental bodies.

N. City Code Section 1-22 requires the City Council to approve IGAs that require the City to make a direct, monetary payment over \$50,000, and the proposed IGA requires the City to provide matching funds in the amount of \$125,479.

O. The City Council has determined that the IGA with CDOT is in the best interests of the City and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the IGA between the City and CDOT in support thereof.

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 as follows:

Section 1. The City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation,

in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such additional or modified terms and conditions as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary and appropriate to protect the interests of the City or effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve and execute future amendments to the IGA that the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary and appropriate to facilitate completion of the William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements Project, so long as such amendments do not increase the cost of the Project, substantially modify the purposes of the IGA, increase the allocation or amount of funding for the Project funded by the City, or otherwise increase the obligations and responsibilities of the City as set forth in the IGA.

Passed and adopted on September 3, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: September 3, 2024
Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis