

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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## SUBJECT

**Items Relating to the William Neal Parkway and Ziegler Road Intersection Improvements.**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A. Resolution 2024-108 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.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No 129, 2024, Making Supplemental Appropriations and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements Project and Related Art in Public Places.

The purpose of this item is to enable the City to receive and expend federal Transportation Alternatives Program (“TAP”) funds and local funds for the William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements Project (the “Project”). The funds will be used to design and install an at-grade bicycle and pedestrian crossing at the intersection of William Neal Parkway and Ziegler Road. It is anticipated that a new at-grade crossing at this intersection will 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.

If approved, the item will: 1) authorize the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) for the Project with the Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”); 2) appropriate \$603,624 of TAP grant funds for the Project; 3) move previously appropriated matching funds from the Sustainable Funding 2050 Tax and Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) Bicycle Program for the Project; and 4) appropriate funds to the Art in Public Places (APP) program.

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

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## BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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 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. City staff anticipates a traffic signal will be warranted at the intersection in the future. However, the need to address pedestrian and cyclist safety exists today. 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. The Project would 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.

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. Improvements at the intersection will meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, eliminating or mitigating existing roadway hazards. 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 CDOT. Signage and wayfinding will be included in the Project similarly to other City trail projects.

The Project is not explicitly defined in the NFRMPO Regional Active Transportation Plan (2021), but the need for safe local trail connections to the Poudre River Trail is identified and the Project will provide such a connection. 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.

City staff initially submitted to the NFRMPO for 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.

**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 William Neal and Ziegler Intersection Improvements Project.

<b>Funds to be Appropriated per this Action</b>	
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds	\$ 603,624
Sustainable Funding 2050 Tax (previously appropriated)	\$ 70,700
Community Capital Improvement Program (CCIP) Bicycle Program (previously appropriated)	\$ 55,479
<b>Total Funds to be Appropriated per this Action</b>	<b>\$ 729,803</b>
<b>Transfer to Art in Public Places</b>	<b>\$ 700</b>
<b>Total Project Funds</b>	<b>\$ 729,103</b>

The total fund amount projected for this Project is \$729,103 composed of funds appropriated with this action.

**BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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The Project was identified as part of the Active Modes Plan adopted by City Council in December 2022.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Resolution for Consideration
2. Exhibit A to Resolution
3. Ordinance for Consideration
4. Vicinity Map