

RESOLUTION 2026-011
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
FORT COLLINS AND LARIMER COUNTY FOR THE IRISH
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

A. The purpose of this Resolution is to enable the City to receive and expend Larimer County grant funds for the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School (“SRTS”) project (the “Project”). The funds will be used to design and construct improvements on West Vine Drive and Irish Drive for the benefit of Irish Elementary School students.

B. Irish Elementary School is located on the west side of Irish Drive, a local residential street in northwest Fort Collins. Irish Elementary students living north of West Vine Drive (a two-lane arterial street) must walk or bike along the shoulder of the two-lane arterial and cross West Vine Drive to get to school.

C. Many of the streets and roads in this area lack adequate sidewalks and have limited multi-use trail connectivity.

D. Many Irish Elementary School students walk, bike, or roll to school. Students living south of the school have safer routes to school on low-traffic residential streets with sidewalks. Students north of the school must cross West Vine Drive at a suboptimal intersection, making their trip more challenging and riskier.

E. The Project addresses these safety concerns by improving multimodal transportation infrastructure and reducing the time students, parents, and school staff spend on the street when commuting to and from this location.

F. The improvements proposed along West Vine Drive include a separated multimodal sidewalk (sidepath) for pedestrians and cyclists. The improvements proposed at the intersection of Vine and Irish include a new rectangular rapid flashing beacon (“RRFB”) and median refuge island. The proposed improvements along Irish Drive will enlarge the existing sidewalk into a sidepath between the RRFB and the school.

G. In 2025, a CDOT SRTS grant was awarded to the City to support the design and construction of the Project. The SRTS funding became available to the City in the State fiscal year 2026 (July 2025). SRTS funding involves an 80%/20% (Federal/Local) cost sharing.

H. Also in 2025, a CDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program (“HSIP”) grant was awarded to the City for the design and construction of the RRFB included in the Project. HSIP funding involves an 88.9%/11.1% (Federal/Local) cost sharing.

I. Larimer County assisted Fort Collins in receiving the SRTS and HSIP funding to improve the intersection of Vine Drive and Irish Drive, recognizing the Project improvements are mutually beneficial, and agreed to contribute \$25,000 to help Fort Collins fund the local match portion for the SRTS and HSIP grants. The Larimer County contribution is set forth in an intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) between Larimer County and the City, which outlines the terms and conditions of the Larimer County grant funds.

J. Colorado Revised Statutes Section 29-1-203 permits governments to 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.

K. City Charter Article II, Section 16 empowers the City Council, by ordinance or resolution, to enter 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.

L. Section 1-22 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins requires the City Council to approve intergovernmental agreements that require the City to make a direct, monetary payment over \$50,000. The local match required for this funding totals \$212,292. Funds are anticipated to be appropriated via Ordinance No. 008, 2026.

M. The City Council finds and determines that the Project and the Larimer County contribution are in the best interests of the City and that they advance the public’s health, safety, and welfare by facilitating further design and improvement of the City’s multimodal transportation safety and infrastructure.

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 City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, the IGA with Larimer County relating to the Project, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such additions, modifications, or deletions to the terms and conditions as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines are necessary or 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 with Larimer County relating to the Project that the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines to be necessary or appropriate to facilitate completion of the 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 January 20, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: January 20, 2026

Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis

Exhibit: Exhibit A – Larimer County Intergovernmental Agreement for Contribution
to the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project