

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Annabelle Phillips, Assistant Director, Transfort

SUBJECT

Items Relating to FLEX Route Regional Transit Services Intergovernmental Agreements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A. Resolution 2026-013 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Fort Collins, Colorado and the Town of Berthoud for FLEX Route Regional Transit Services.
- B. Resolution 2026-014 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Fort Collins, Colorado and the County of Boulder for FLEX Route Regional Transit Services.
- C. Resolution 2026-015 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Fort Collins, Colorado and the City of Boulder for FLEX Route Regional Transit Services.
- D. Resolution 2026-016 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Fort Collins, Colorado and the City of Longmont for FLEX Route Regional Transit Services.

The purpose of this item is to authorize the City Manager to sign separate Intergovernmental Agreements ("IGAs") with the Town of Berthoud, the County of Boulder, the City of Boulder, and the City of Longmont (collectively with the City of Fort Collins, the "FLEX Partners") by which the FLEX Partners will contribute funds toward the operating cost of the FLEX Route Regional Transit Service bus route in 2026 to further the goals of regional connectivity through transit.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolutions.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Since 2016, the City has entered into separate annual IGAs with the City of Loveland, the Town of Berthoud, the County of Boulder, the City of Boulder, and the City of Longmont that allow the City of Fort Collins to operate the FLEX regional route with partner contributions from all five entities ("FLEX Agreements"). Notably, Colorado State University also contributes financially to the operation of the FLEX regional bus route through a separate IGA that previously was executed between the City of Fort Collins and Colorado State University.

Beginning in 2026, City of Loveland will no longer be contributing financially toward FLEX Operating costs; however, the remaining FLEX Partners will continue to contribute their partnership contributions. Due to the loss of financial support from the City of Loveland and the loss in state grant funding that has historically been awarded for regional transit routes, Transfort has made changes to the FLEX regional route to

decrease costs for the City of Fort Collins and the remaining FLEX Partners commensurately. Additionally, rather than a 2026 FLEX Agreement, access to bus stops along the portions of FLEX routes that pass through Loveland will be coordinated through a separate IGA with the City of Loveland.

Financial contributions toward the operation of the FLEX route in 2026 include a contribution from the Associated Students of Colorado State University (ASCSU). The remaining estimated cost to operate FLEX in 2026 will be received through contributions from the five (5) FLEX Partners, including the City of Fort Collins' contribution. Partner contributions are based on ridership in each jurisdiction and are subject to change based on agreed upon service levels by the Partners and availability of outside funding. The total breakdown of contributions is as follows:

Contributor	% Passenger Activity	2026 Financial Contribution to FLEX
ASCSU	N/A	\$68,315.12
City of Fort Collins	46.69%	\$854,849.69
City of Longmont	7.28%	\$133,340.62
Boulder County	6.25%	\$114,512.08
City of Boulder	5.23%	\$95,683.79
Town of Berthoud	2.22%	\$40,643.14
Total Operating Cost		\$1,307,344.44

These Resolutions would authorize the City Manager to execute a 2026 FLEX Agreement between the City of Fort Collins and each of the remaining FLEX Partners. The 2026 FLEX Agreements are intended to be effective retroactively on January 1, 2026.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

There are no financial impacts as the 2026 FLEX Agreements provide for expenditures on services to be reimbursed by the FLEX Partners. The funds for the City's expenditure and reimbursement for these transit services were appropriated previously through the Budgeting for Outcomes Process.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 2026-013
2. Resolution 2026-014
3. Resolution 2026-015
4. Resolution 2026-016