

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 132, 2026, Making a Supplemental Appropriation and Authorizing Transfers of Appropriations for the Pedestrian Intersection Improvements Project and Related Art in Public Places.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to request a supplemental appropriation for the Pedestrian Intersection Improvements project (the "Project"). The funding will be used to cover construction costs for the five locations included in the Project. If approved, the item will: (1) transfer \$579,934 in Community Capital Improvement Program – Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements funds to the Project; (2) transfer \$50,000 in Community Capital Improvement Program – Pedestrian Sidewalk funds to the Project; (3) transfer \$50,000 in previously appropriated Transportation Services funds to the Project; (4) transfer \$323,536 in Transportation Capital Expansion Fee funds to the Project; (5) appropriate \$74 in Transportation Services Reserve funds to the Project; and 6) transfer \$3,699 (1% of new Project funding) in capital project funds to the Art in Public Places ("APP") program. This item appropriates and/or transfers \$1,003,544 to the Project, for an anticipated total Project funding of \$2,460,856. The Project will help make progress towards the City's Vision Zero Goal and aims to improve vulnerable road user safety with infrastructure improvements on the High Injury Network

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Project includes improvements at five locations within the City, two on the High Injury Network and three others that help establish safe routes to school. The locations were all identified in the adopted Active Modes Plan and received Highway Safety Improvement Program ("HSIP") funding through the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT"). All five locations include pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements (Project Location Map.) Transportation Planning and Engineering staff determined the locations would likely be good candidates for HSIP funding through CDOT's annual call for projects. The proposed improvements at the five chosen locations are likely to have a significant positive safety impact. The improvements proposed at each location are listed below. All proposed improvements will meet the federal Access Board's Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines ("PROWAG").

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 - East Mulberry Street & Remington Street: Traffic signal replacement and ramp improvements
 - Sharp Point Drive & March Court: Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (“RRFB”)
 - Lake Street & Aggie Trail: RRFB
 - Kechter Road & Old Mill Road: RRFB

Each location was selected based on documented crash history, pedestrian and bicycle demand, and proximity to schools and other pedestrian generators. West Prospect Road and Prospect Lane is an uncontrolled crossing that will receive a new PHB. East Mulberry Street and Remington Street is an existing signalized intersection that experienced 74 crashes from 2016 through 2020, including 11 approach-turn crashes; the Project will evaluate converting the signal to protected-only left-turn phasing to reduce these conflicts, along with PROWAG ramp improvements. Sharp Point Drive and March Court serves Liberty Common Elementary School; West Lake Street and Aggie Trail is a midblock crossing through the Colorado State University (“CSU”) campus; and Kechter Road and Old Mill Road serves Preston Middle School and other nearby schools. The Project includes improvements designed to protect vulnerable road users and is in alignment with the City’s Strategic Plan, Transportation and Mobility Goal 7.1.3 Reduce Speeds/Safe Infrastructure.

The City applied for and was awarded federal HSIP funding administered by CDOT for these locations in 2022 and 2023. City Council appropriated this funding, the required local match, and the related APP contributions for the Project with Ordinance No. 132, 2024. Council I appropriated two contributions from development (\$20,000 and \$52,485) to the Project with Ordinance No. 021, 2025 and Ordinance No. 192, 2025.

The Project design for the locations began in March 2025. The design has progressed through CDOT Field Inspection Review (30%) and Final Office Review (90%). Once the designs are finalized and all CDOT clearances are approved, the Project will be ready to advertise for construction. Staff are targeting construction bid advertisement later in 2026.

Staff requests a supplemental appropriation of \$1,003,544 to construct the Project. A transfer of \$3,699 is proposed to fulfill the Project’s obligation to the APP program.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This item would appropriate \$1,003,544 to support construction for the Pedestrian Intersection Improvements project.

The following is a summary of the current and proposed funding appropriations and transfers for the Project.

Previously Appropriated and/or Transferred Funds	
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	\$ 1,250,326
Community Capital Improvement Program - Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements (CCIP-BII)	\$ 88,925
Transportation Services Reserve Fund (TSRF)	\$ 50,500
Development Contribution (DC)	\$ 72,485
Art in Public Places (APP) Program	\$ (1,225)
Total Prior Appropriation	\$ 1,461,011

Funds to be Appropriated and/or Transferred per this Action	
Community Capital Improvement Program - Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements (CCIP-BII)	\$ 579,934
Community Capital Improvement Program - Pedestrian Sidewalk (CCIP-PS)	\$ 50,000
Transportation Services Funds (TSF), previously appropriated	\$ 50,000
Transportation Capital Expansion Fee (TCEF)	\$ 323,536
Transportation Services Reserve Fund (TSRF)	\$ 74
Total Funds to be Appropriated and/or Transferred per this Action	\$ 1,003,544

Transfer to Art in Public Places	\$ 3,699
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Total Project Funds	\$ 2,460,856
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The total fund amount projected for this Project is \$2,460,856 composed of funds appropriated and transferred with prior actions and with this action.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

The Project was presented to the Disability Advisory Board (“DAB”) on May 18, 2026. The Board was supportive of the improvements and made recommendations for minor modifications (DAB Meeting Minutes).

The Project was presented to the Active Modes Advisory Board on September 21, 2026. The Board was supportive of the Project.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

A public engagement process was conducted as part of the City's Active Modes Plan, which identified these locations as high priorities for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements based on documented crash history, school proximity, and community input. Door-to-door engagement by staff and a public open house was held for the residents in the Sheely neighborhood, given several residents' questions. Staff have conducted project-specific outreach with CSU, for the West Lake Street and Aggie Trail location, and area schools: Liberty Common Elementary School for the Sharp Point Drive and March Court site, and Preston Middle School near the Kechter Road and Old Mill Road location. Staff will work with Communications and Engagement to notify residents in advance of construction at each location.

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

1. Project Locations Map
2. Ordinance No. 132, 2024 (Copy)
3. Ordinance No. 021, 2025 (Copy)
4. Ordinance No. 192, 2025 (Copy)
5. Disability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2026
6. Ordinance No. 132, 2026