

RESOLUTION 2025-055
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR FRONT
RANGE PASSENGER RAIL PROJECT PLANNING

A. The purpose of this item is to show the City's support for application for funding under the Colorado Department of Local Affairs ("DOLA") Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund ("EIAF") program for station location and preliminary design for Front Range Passenger Rail ("FRPR"), a new passenger rail system along the Front Range.

B. The cities of Fort Collins and Loveland identify the need to commence this preliminary planning effort to align with timing of the FRPR. FC Moves and Engineering, in collaboration with the City of Loveland, are presently pursuing grant opportunities through the State of Colorado for this initial planning.

C. This initial planning study serves as the catalyst for the cities of Fort Collins and Loveland to align with the vision established by FRPR District, an independent government agency with the mission to plan, design, finance, construct, operate and maintain a new passenger rail system along the Front Range. It is both cities' priority to align with future operation of the FRPR and to meet the FRPA District's schedule for advanced station planning, but both cities have limited funds to support covering all the initial planning costs.

D. To help fund the preliminary planning project, the City applied to the DOLA grant program in late March. DOLA grant funding requires a demonstration of City support and commitment to the application. This Resolution demonstrates that the City Council has taken official action to endorse the application.

E. Under City Code Section 22-44, the City may accept grants in aid of the construction of any local public improvements.

F. Support of the FC Moves and Engineering departments in applying for this DOLA EIAF grant program does not impact City finances. If the grant is awarded, the City will seek appropriation of the grant funds from City Council.

G. The City Council finds and determines that the adoption of this Resolution advances the public's health, safety, and welfare by facilitating further design and improvement of the City's and region's transportation safety and infrastructure and by facilitating cost-sharing among local, regional, and state entities.

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 approves and supports the application for funding for preliminary design and station location planning for the Front Range Passenger Rail and intends to provide required matching funds or other required contributions.

Section 2. The City Council supports the preliminary design and station location planning for the Front Range Passenger Rail and the future operation of the Front Range Passenger Rail.

Passed and adopted on May 6, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: May 6, 2025

Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis