

ORDINANCE NO. 008, 2026  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF GRANTS AND  
AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE  
IRISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL  
PROJECT AND RELATED ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

A. The purpose of this Ordinance is to appropriate grant monies and local cost-sharing funds to expend 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 and other traveling public.

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 Colorado Department of Transportation (“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. The SRTS and HSIP grant funds are administered by CDOT with Project delivery oversight pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) between CDOT and the City approved via Resolution 2026-009.

J. The completion of this Project will result in mutual benefits to the City and the Poudre School District R-1 (“PSD”). PSD has agreed to contribute \$75,000 to the Project. The PSD contribution is set forth in an IGA between PSD and the City approved via Resolution 2026-010.

K. 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 IGA between Larimer County and the City approved via Resolution 2026-011.

L. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, to make a supplemental appropriation by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriation, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, does not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received during the fiscal year.

M. The City Manager has recommended the appropriations described in Sections 1 through 4 herein below and determined that the funds to be appropriated are available and previously unappropriated from the Capital Projects fund and that this appropriation will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Capital Projects fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this Fund during this fiscal year.

N. Article V, Section 10 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council, upon recommendation by the City Manager, to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund or capital project to another fund or capital project, provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged, the purpose for which the funds were initially appropriated no longer exists, or the proposed transfer is from a fund or capital project in which the amount appropriated exceeds the amount needed to accomplish the purpose specified in the appropriation ordinance.

O. The City Manager has recommended the transfer of \$119,437 from the Community Capital Improvement Program – Pedestrian Sidewalk budget in the Capital Projects fund to the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project budget in the Capital Projects fund and \$337,847 from the Community Capital Improvement Program – Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements budget in the Capital Projects fund to the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project budget in the Capital Projects fund and

determined that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged.

P. This Project involves construction estimated to cost more than \$250,000 and, as such, City Code Section 23-304 requires one percent of these appropriations to be transferred to the Cultural Services and Facilities Fund for a contribution to the Art in Public Places ("APP") program.

Q. A portion of the funds appropriated in this Ordinance for the Project are ineligible for use in the APP program due to restrictions placed on them by the Colorado Department of Transportation SRTS and HSIP grants, the source of these funds. Community Capital Improvement Program ("CCIP") funds have already contributed 1% towards the APP program.

R. The project cost of \$100,000 from the PSD and Larimer County contributions has been used to calculate the contribution to the APP program.

S. The amount to be contributed in this Ordinance will be \$1,000, which is 1% of the PSD and Larimer County contributions.

T. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to designate in the ordinance when appropriating funds for a capital project that such appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made but continue until the completion of the capital project.

U. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriations herein for the Project as appropriations that shall not lapse until the completion of the Project.

V. The appropriations in this Ordinance benefit public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serve the public purpose of improving multimodal transportation infrastructure and safety within the City.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Capital Projects fund the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$835,000) to be expended in the Capital Projects fund for the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Capital Projects fund the sum of TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$28,333) to be expended in the Capital Projects fund for the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project.

Section 3. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Capital Projects fund the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) to be expended in the Capital Projects fund for the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project.

Section 4. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Capital Projects fund the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) to be expended in the Capital Projects fund for the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project.

Section 5. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$119,437) is authorized for transfer from the Community Capital Improvement Program – Pedestrian Sidewalk capital project accounts in the Capital Projects fund to the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project capital project accounts in the Capital Projects fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project.

Section 6. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$337,847) is authorized for transfer from the Community Capital Improvement Program – Bicycle Infrastructure Improvements capital project accounts in the Capital Projects fund to the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project capital project accounts in the Capital Projects fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project.

Section 7. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$780) in the Capital Projects fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities fund and appropriated to be expended therein to fund art projects under the APP program.

Section 8. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200) in the Capital Projects fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities fund and appropriated to be expended therein for the operation costs of the APP program.

Section 9. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20) in the Capital Projects fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the Cultural Services and Facilities fund and appropriated to be expended therein for the maintenance costs of the APP program.

Section 10. The appropriations herein for the Irish Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project are hereby designated, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as appropriations that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but continue until the completion of the Project.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on January 20, 2026, and approved on second reading for final passage on February 3, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Effective Date: February 13, 2026  
Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis

Exhibit: None