

ORDINANCE NO. 048, 2025
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE
CARPENTER AND TIMBERLINE INTERSECTION PROJECT

A. The Carpenter Road and Timberline Road intersection is the site of significant congestion in the westbound Carpenter Road turning lane onto northbound Timberline Road, often causing traffic to back up westbound for more than half a mile.

B. The westbound right-turn auxiliary lane on Carpenter Road results in significant crashes particularly during congested time periods, with a majority of the reported accidents being rear end crashes that occur when traffic is backed up.

C. The Carpenter and Timberline Intersection Project (the “Project”) has been developed to address these safety concerns and eliminate most of the conflicts presented by this intersection that result in crashes.

D. The Project’s proposed improvements include construction of a multi-lane roundabout, which will create more space for cars, reducing queuing for turns and reducing overall congestion, thereby mitigating the related rear end crashes and fixed object collisions.

E. In 2020, the City was awarded fiscal year 2023 Highway Safety Improvement Program (“HSIP”) grant funds through the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (“NFRMPO”) and (“HISP Funds”) the Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”) for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the Project. The HISP Funds became available to the City in the State fiscal year 2023 and were appropriated via City Council Ordinance No. 051, 2023.

F. Later in 2023 the Project was analyzed through CDOT’s Intersection Control Assessment Tool which determined that a multilane roundabout would best serve the intersection given the crash data and traffic volumes, and CDOT approved additional HSIP grant funds for the City of Fort Collins to use toward the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the Project. The HSIP funding that is the subject of this ordinance came available in the State Fiscal year of 2025 (July 2024). The additional HSIP award is 100% federal funding totaling \$2,082,608.

G. HSIP grant funds are administered by CDOT with project delivery oversight pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement and an amendment to that agreement between CDOT and the City.

H. The purpose of this ordinance is to enable the City to receive, appropriate and expend the additional HSIP grant funds.

I. 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, do not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received during the fiscal year.

J. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein 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.

K. The funds appropriated in this Ordinance for the Project are ineligible for use in the Art in Public Places program due to restrictions placed on them by the HSIP grant administered by the Colorado Department of Transportation.

L. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to designate in the ordinance when appropriating funds for a federal, state or private grant or donation, that such appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made, but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the federal, state or private grant or donation or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant or donation.

M. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein from the Highway Safety Improvement Program grant funds as an appropriation that shall not lapse until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

N. The appropriations in this Ordinance benefit public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serve the public purpose of improving 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 TWO MILLION EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS (\$2,082,608) to be expended in the Capital Projects fund for the Carpenter and Timberline Intersection Project.

Section 2. The appropriation herein for the Highway Safety Improvement Program grant is hereby designated, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as an appropriation that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but continue

until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on March 18, 2025, and approved on second reading for final passage on April 1, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: April 11, 2025

Approving Attorney: Heather N. Jarvis