

ORDINANCE NO. 112, 2023
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS
FOR THE “PLANNING TO IMPLEMENT FUTURE INNOVATION ZONES” PROJECT

WHEREAS, FC Moves is department is housed in the City’s Planning, Development, and Transportation division that exists to advance mobility solutions to increase walking, bicycling, transit use, shared and environmentally sustainable modes; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”), through its Office of Innovative Mobility, recently awarded a Transportation Demand Management (“TDM”) grant to the City in support of developing the City’s Innovation Zone Plan; and

WHEREAS, the “Planning to Implement Future Innovations Zones” Project (the “Project”) will develop the Innovation Zone Plan to prepare for the implementation of innovation zones and a Mobility as a Service (“MaaS”) application in the City of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, development of Innovation Zones is a priority that the City identified in its 2019 Transit Master Plan that will expand mobility offerings to underserved areas of the City by offering microtransit service; and

WHEREAS, the proposed microtransit service will provide a point-to-point, on-demand transportation service where passengers are picked-up at their home or a nearby “virtual stop” within the designated innovation zone boundary and then taken to other destinations within zone boundaries, or potentially greater distances using vehicles, such as vans, that seat up to six passengers; and

WHEREAS, while the 2019 Transit Master Plan identified four innovation zones throughout the City, this Project will evaluate and determine the preferred total number of zones and their boundaries in the City and will determine the level of service, evaluate the fleet composition (including electric and autonomous vehicles), and develop a marketing plan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to planning for microtransit implementation, the Project also will explore the development of a MaaS application for the City, which is a singular platform for multimodal trip planning with a unified payment solution which would allow for microtransit to be leveraged along with existing services such as fixed-route transit, micromobility (e-scooters, e-bikes), and Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft; and

WHEREAS, this Project aligns with goals identified in a number of City plans adopted in recent years, including the 2019 City Plan, the 2021 Our Climate Future Plan, and the 2022 Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the TDM grant award is based on total project costs of \$60,000, with CDOT providing \$50,000 in funds and the remaining \$10,000 being provided by the City’s FC Moves department as a local match; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of promoting shared and environmentally sustainable transportation solutions; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the Transportation Services Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Transportation Services 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the transfer of \$10,000 from the FC Moves operating budget in the Transportation Services Fund to the “Planning to Implement Future Innovation Zones” Project in the Transportation Services Fund and determined that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged; and

WHEREAS, 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, 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 the City’s expenditure of all funds received from such grant or donation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein for the Colorado Department of Transportation’s Strategic Transportation Demand Management (TDM) grant 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Transportation Services Fund the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) to be expended in the Transportation Services Fund for “Planning to Implement Future Innovation Zones”.

Section 3. That the unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) is authorized for transfer from the FC Moves operating budget in the Transportation Services Fund to the “Planning to Implement Future Innovation Zones” Project in the Transportation Services Fund and appropriated therein to be expended on the project.

Section 4. That the appropriation herein for the Colorado Department of Transportation’s Strategic Transportation Demand Management 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, and ordered published this 5th day of September, 2023, and to be presented for final passage on the 19th day of September, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 19th day of September, 2023.

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