

ORDINANCE NO. 164, 2025
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR 2025
TRANSFORD OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

A. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the transit industry has experienced unprecedented levels of cost increases resulting in estimated operating increases of fifty to seventy percent across the industry in 2025. Similarly, Transfort is experiencing significant impacts to its expenses in the three largest segments of its budget including personnel, vehicle repair services, and contracted services.

B. Transit agencies like Transfort that share a strong ridership and have also chosen to decrease service areas, are simultaneously experiencing continued increases to both operational costs and per passenger costs. Transfort is facing similar cost pressures and has identified the need for additional funding at current service levels. Currently, Transfort is not running at full-service levels as defined by pre-pandemic expectations. While its original intent was to return to 2019 service levels, Transfort has proactively paused returns to current service levels for the short-term with the only planned addition in 2026 being to return to Sunday and Holiday service following strong community support for this specific service return.

C. At the same time, citywide fiscal pressures have necessitated a reduction in General Fund support for Transfort's operating budget. Nonetheless, as a result of increasing costs to the transit industry, Transfort requires additional funding to maintain its current service levels through the remainder of 2025. In light of the City's current fiscal position, City staff has identified the transit system line item of the 2050 Tax Parks Rec Transit OCF Fund ("Transit") as an available funding source to meet Transfort's financial needs, allowing it to maintain its current service levels in the short term.

D. This appropriation Ordinance will transfer \$2,800,000 from the 2050 Tax Parks Rec Transit OCF Fund (Transit) to support Transfort's 2025 operational expenses through infrastructure improvements, equipment purchases, and upgraded and expanded services.

E. A prerequisite for use of the 2050 Tax Parks Rec Transit OCF Fund (Transit) is that annual General Fund support of the Transit Fund must be maintained at no less than \$11,500,000, and \$11,900,000 has been allocated to the Transit Fund from the 2025 General Fund.

F. This appropriation benefits the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and the travelling public and serves the public purpose of supporting the essential transportation services that many transit-dependent members of the community rely on to get to and from work, buy groceries and other essentials, to receive medical care, and to care for family and friends.

G. 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.

H. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that the funds to be appropriated are available and previously unappropriated from the 2050 Tax Parks Rec Transit OCF Fund (Transit) and that this appropriation will not cause the total amount appropriated in the 2050 Tax Parks Rec Transit OCF Fund (Transit) to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this Fund during this fiscal year.

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 that there is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the 2050 Tax Parks Rec Transit OCF Fund (Transit) the sum of TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,800,000) to be expended in the 2050 Tax Parks Rec Transit OCF Fund (Transit) for 2025 Transfort Operating Expenses.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on October 21, 2025, and approved on second reading for final passage on November 3, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: November 13, 2025
Approving Attorney: Madelene Shehan

Exhibit: None