

ORDINANCE NO. 002, 2018  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE FROM THE COLORADO  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FASTER TRANSIT PROGRAM GRANT IN THE  
TRANSIT SERVICES FUND AND APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE  
TRANSIT SERVICES FUND AS A GRANT MATCH FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW  
BUSES FOR TRANSFORT'S REGIONAL FLEX ROUTE TO LONGMONT AND BOULDER

WHEREAS, FLEX is a regional bus route serving stops between Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud and Longmont, made possible through a regional partnership and operated by Transfort; and

WHEREAS, ridership of FLEX regional routes has continued to increase year over year since its initial launch in 2009, adding routes to Boulder in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Transfort competed in, and was awarded, a FASTER grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT") in the amount of \$960,000 for the purchase of two new buses, which will be branded and used exclusively for FLEX service, but otherwise will be similar to other vehicles in the Transfort fleet (the "Grant"); and

WHEREAS, a condition of the Grant is the City must provide a local match of \$240,000 for purchase of the buses, which amount will come from Transit Services Fund reserves; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance appropriates \$1,200,000, which amount includes the Grant and local matching funds for the purchase of the buses; and

WHEREAS, the purchased buses will replace others in the fleet that have met or exceeded their expected useful life; and

WHEREAS, purchasing the buses will allow Transfort to improve air quality by replacing two diesel fuel buses with compressed natural gas buses and, as a result, Transfort will see significant savings in maintenance and fuel costs moving forward; and

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

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that the appropriation of the revenue as described herein will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Transit Services Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in that fund during any fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council to appropriate by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year such funds for expenditure as may be available from reserves accumulated in prior years, notwithstanding that such reserves were not previously appropriated; and

WHEREAS, City staff have determined that the appropriations as described herein are available and previously unappropriated in the Transit Services Fund; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that appropriating \$1,200,000 for the purchase of two new Transfort buses is in the City's best interest and enhances public health, safety and welfare.

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 for expenditure of unanticipated revenue in the Transit Services Fund the sum of NINE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$960,000) for additional bus services.

Section 3. That there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from reserves in the Transit Services Fund the sum of TWO HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$240,000) for additional bus services.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 2nd day of January, A.D. 2018, and to be presented for final passage on the 16th day of January, A.D. 2018.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:


  
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City Clerk



Passed and adopted on final reading on the 16th day of January, A.D. 2018.

  
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