

RESOLUTION 2015-089  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
SUPPORTING THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
NORTHERN COLORADO CONNECTIVITY PROJECT AND RECOMMENDING IT BE  
SUBMITTED FOR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING CONSIDERATION

WHEREAS, Interstate 25 serves as the primary north-south highway connection for Northern Colorado including Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 25 is the primary roadway route for regional connectivity to commerce, health care, education and employment; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 25 is designated as a federal freight route; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 25 in Northern Colorado suffered damage and prolonged closure as a result of the September 2013 floods; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that Interstate 25 roads and bridges be made more resilient to impacts from weather emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT") has proposed the Northern Colorado Connectivity Project to make needed improvements to Interstate 25 to provide resiliency; and


WHEREAS, the CDOT proposal is a candidate for submission for federal grant funding for the National Disaster Resilience Competition.

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

Section 1. That the City Council hereby expresses its support of the Colorado Department of Transportation's Northern Colorado Connectivity Project for consideration of federal grant funding, and urges Governor Hickenlooper to support and submit this important project to the National Disaster Resilience Competition.


Section 2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a letter of support to Governor Hickenlooper, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" on behalf of the City Council of Fort Collins.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 20th day of October, A.D. 2015.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk





EXHIBIT A

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October 20, 2015.

Governor John Hickenlooper  
Office of the Governor  
136 State Capitol Building  
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Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

The City of Fort Collins supports the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) application (Northern Colorado Connectivity Project) for the National Disaster Resilience Competition funds, also known as the Presidential Challenge Grant, and encourages the State to submit this application for consideration.

I-25 serves as the critical main artery along the Front Range of Colorado, providing movement of goods, people and services. It is designated as a federal freight route. I-25 is the primary route for regional connectivity to commerce, health care, education, and employment. It is imperative that I-25 roads, bridges, and interchanges be made resilient to weather and natural disasters. The NCCP proposes to make improvements to I-25 to ensure I-25 is resilient and able to withstand and survive these challenges. All proposed changes address Northern Colorado resiliency needs and are consistent with the approved North I-25 Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS).

The improvements proposed in the NCCP are not solely limited to I-25 mobility improvements. These improvements will also provide for regional trail connectivity, improve watersheds and natural resources, and improve water quality by reducing pollutants.

The City of Fort Collins strongly supports this effort, and requests your support and submittal of the Northern Colorado Connectivity Project for federal consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Wade Troxell  
Mayor