

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

## FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

**ITEM NUMBER:** 9

**DATE:** April 20, 1999

**STAFF:** Randy Hensley

### **SUBJECT:**

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 45, 1999, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue and Prior Year Reserves in the Transportation Services Fund for the Metropolitan Planning Organization and *Smarttrips* Transportation Demand Management Programs.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Ordinance No. 45, 1999, was unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 17, 1999 and appropriates unanticipated revenue and prior year reserves for the Metropolitan Planning Organization and *Smarttrips* Transportation Demand Management Programs.

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## FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 17

DATE: March 16, 1999

STAFF: Randy Hensley

### SUBJECT:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 45, 1999, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue and Prior Year Reserves in the Transportation Services Fund for the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Smarttrips Transportation Demand Management Programs.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council ("NFRT and AQPC") is the regional Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). This Ordinance would appropriate unanticipated revenue and prior year reserves in the amount of \$281,022: (1) \$74,774 in unanticipated revenue of this amount, \$66,771 is in the form of additional TEA-21 planning funds, consisting of \$54,752 in federal funds, \$12,019 in local matching funds from various agencies within the region. The remainder is \$8,003 from prior year reserves; (2) \$10,000 in local matching funds for the FY98 State Highway 14 and I-25 interchange study project; and (3) \$196,248 in carryover funds from FY98, consisting of \$173,958 in federal funds and \$22,290 in local matching funds from various agencies within the region.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- (1) Unanticipated revenue. TEA-21, the Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century, allocated additional transportation funds, including planning funds, to the State of Colorado. These funds have recently been made available to the regional planning organizations throughout the state, including the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council. The funds will be used for MPO administrative activities, salary for new employees, salary increases for existing employees, an update to the regional transit development plan, and a portion of the regional Access to Jobs Plan required for federal Access to Jobs grants for Transfort.

The \$8,003 is in prior year reserves from the sale of Van Pool program equipment in 1998. Equipment sales netted greater proceeds than were anticipated during the original budget. These funds need to be appropriated back into the program for continued operations.

- (2) Local matching funds. The funding for the State Highway 14 and I-25 interchange study project was originally programmed in another project for the Town of Windsor. Under the original funding arrangement, the Town of Windsor was going to pay 100% of the local match for the project. Under that funding arrangement, there was no need to appropriate the local matching funds through the City of Fort Collins budgeting process since the Town of

Windsor would have provided the local match to the project directly through a contract with CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation.) Due to delays in the Windsor project, the funds were re-programmed for the State Highway 14 and I-25 interchange study project. Now that the funding has been changed to a different project, the MPO needs the authority to bill local entities for its share of local match and expend those funds on the project. Therefore, the local match needs to be appropriated in the City of Fort Collins budgeting process.

- (3) Carryover funds from FY98. Unexpended MPO funds from 1998 in the amount of \$196,248 are allocated to several projects in FY99 - the State Highway 14 and I-25 interchange study project (\$48,414), the Fort Collins Access Management Plan (\$48,681), the remainder of the Access to Jobs project not funded in #1 above (\$22,572), unexpended CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) funds for the local Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program (\$28,883), unexpended funds from the Mobility Report Card project (\$45,223), and unexpended small urban funds for the regional Transportation Demand Management Program (\$2,475).

The SH14/I-25 project was not started until September of 1998, and is not yet complete. The Access Management Plan was put on hold last year pending the Colorado Transportation Commission's approval of the revised State Highway Access Code and is not yet complete. The Access to Jobs Plan is a new project required under a new federal grant process established in TEA-21. Transfort has applied for funding under this grant program and is likely to receive additional funding in the future. The remainder of the carryover funds (for local and regional TDM programs and the Mobility Report Card) are for projects that were not finished last year and will be renewed in the CDOT contract this year.

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