

ORDINANCE NO. 038, 2020  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE EXPANSION OF  
THE TRANSFORT FLEX SERVICE TO BOULDER

WHEREAS, Transfort's commuter FLEX routes contribute greatly to the transportation community in Northern Colorado by serving citizens of Fort Collins, Loveland, Longmont, Boulder (the "Partner Agencies") and small population centers in between; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT") has awarded the City a \$200,000 grant from the Statewide Competitive Pool of the FASTER Transit Program for fiscal year 2020 (the "CDOT Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the CDOT Grant requires a 50% local match of \$200,000 from the City; and

WHEREAS both the CDOT Grant of \$200,000 and the local match of \$200,000 were budgeted and appropriated in the 2020 Transfort budget; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boulder, as a Partner Entity, sought additional funding from the Denver Regional Council of Governments ("DRCOG") to expand FLEX to Boulder services, including a new midday route on weekdays and an extension of FLEX weekend service (which currently ends in Longmont) to Boulder ("Expanded FLEX to Boulder") to commence in the third or fourth quarter of 2020; and

WHEREAS, DRCOG has awarded an additional grant funded by the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA Grant") of \$1 million, in increments of \$250,000 per year over 4 years (beginning in 2020), specifically for the Expanded FLEX to Boulder service; and

WHEREAS, the local match of \$62,500 for the FTA Grant for fiscal year 2020 will come from *existing* Partner Agency contributions, recognized as prior year FLEX spending that is eligible and will be requested for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the CDOT Grant (including the City's matching funds) and the FTA Grant (including Partner Agency matching funds) will contribute to the overall \$1.9 million operating costs for the FLEX routes, including the Expanded FLEX to Boulder service; and

WHEREAS, under the FTA Grant the City can and will request reimbursement for prior year expenses incurred in providing the FLEX service, resulting in a need to appropriate \$85,000 of the FTA Grant funds in 2020 for the Expanded Flex to Boulder service; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of improving Transfort Expanded FLEX service to Boulder; 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, the City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the Transit Services Fund and 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.

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 unanticipated grant revenue in the Transit Services Fund the sum of EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$85,000) for expenditure in the Transit Services Fund for the Transfort Expanded FLEX to Boulder service.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 18th day of February, A.D. 2020, and to be presented for final passage on the 3rd day of March, A.D. 2020.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk



Passed and adopted on final reading on the 3rd day of March, A.D. 2020.

  
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