

RESOLUTION 2001-169
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
ACCEPTING THE NORTHERN COLORADO TRUCK MOBILITY/SH-14
RELOCATION STUDY AND PROVIDING DIRECTION
TO THE CITY MANAGER WITH REGARD THERETO

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1999, the registered electors of the City approved Ballot Issue 200 (the "Initiated Ordinance") pertaining to the relocation of the Colorado Highway 14 Truck Route (the "Truck Route"); and

WHEREAS, under the Initiated Ordinance, the City is to: pursue with all deliberate effort and speed the relocation of the Truck Route to a location outside the City's current Growth Management Area; encourage and cause by all reasonably available means all truck traffic without local business in the City to use the existing U.S. Interstate highway system; devise and diligently pursue the implementation of a funding plan to cause the relocation of the Truck Route outside the City's current Urban Growth Area to be funded by a combination of city, county, state and/or federal funding sources; and utilize for the foregoing purposes that portion of the remaining funds from the Building Community Choices Capital Improvement Program which had been earmarked for an alternate northeast truck route; and

WHEREAS, City staff has completed the Northern Colorado Truck Mobility/SH-14 Relocation Study Final Draft prepared for December 2001 (the "Plan") in compliance with the Initiated Ordinance and has presented the findings and recommendations to the City Council for review and approval, which Plan is on file in the Office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to continue to encourage and cause by all reasonably available means all truck traffic without local business in the City to use the existing U.S. interstate highway system.; and

WHEREAS, in order to further pursue the relocation of the Truck Route, the cooperation and approval of the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT") is imperative, in view of the fact that the Truck Route is part of the state highway transportation system; and

WHEREAS, CDOT has indicated, in a letter to City staff dated October 11, 2001, that the proposed relocation must be submitted to the Upper Front Range and North Front Range Transportation Planning Regions (the "Planning Regions") for their consideration and, prior thereto, the City and Larimer County must reach a "certain level of agreement" as to the preferred route for said relocation; and

WHEREAS, in order for CDOT to pursue the necessary federal funding to implement said relocation, an assessment of the environmental impacts of the various alternative routes must be undertaken pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"); and

WHEREAS, at present, both CDOT and Larimer County have indicated that alternatives precluded from City consideration by the Initiated Ordinance must be included in such assessment; and

WHEREAS, given the current positions of CDOT and Larimer County, the City cannot gather the additional information needed to identify a preferred route for the relocation of the truck route; and

WHEREAS, nonetheless, in order to fully pursue the City's responsibilities under the Initiated Ordinance, the City Council believes it to be in the best interests of the City to attempt to identify such a route.

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

Section 1. That the City Council hereby accepts the Plan and finds that the implementation of the non-route based strategies contained in the Plan is consistent with the provisions of Section 2 of the Initiated Ordinance and is in the best interest of the City.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to pursue the implementation of the non-route based strategies as identified in the Plan, using such portion of the remaining funds approved by the voters for such purpose as the City Council may deem appropriate, to the extent that such strategies are designed to encourage truck traffic without local business in the City to use the existing U.S. Interstate Highway System.

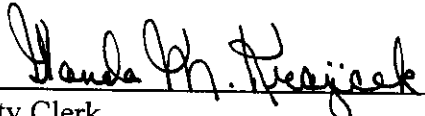
Section 3. That the City Manager is further hereby directed to meet, no less than annually, with Larimer County and work cooperatively with the County to identify and submit to the City Council an additional recommendation as to which alternative routes considered by the City, consistent with the Initiated Ordinance, appear to be the most feasible, so that the City Council and County Commissioners may forward to CDOT and the Planning Regions a joint City-County recommendation as to the particular route that should be further explored for the relocation of the Truck Route.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held this 18th day of December, A.D. 2001.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk