

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 7

DATE: March 4, 2008

STAFF: Dean Klingner

SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 015, 2008, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the Capital Projects Fund - Building on Basics - Intersection Improvements and Traffic Signals Capital Project for the Design and Construction of Improvements to the Harmony Road and College Avenue Intersection.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Ordinance on Second Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on February 19, 2008, appropriates state and federal funds that are designated for the design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of improvements for the Harmony Road and College Avenue intersection.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of First Reading Agenda Item Summary - February 19, 2008.
(w/o original attachments)

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 15 A-B

DATE: February 19, 2008

STAFF: Dean Klingner

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SUBJECT

Items Relating to the Harmony Road and College Avenue Intersection Improvements Project.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading and adoption of the Resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Harmony Road and College Avenue Intersection Improvements Project will be funded by a combination of Building on Basics 1/4 cent sales tax funds, Federal funds, and State of Colorado funds.

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In 2007, CDOT awarded the City \$1,200,000 in Federal funds and \$220,000 in State funds for the Harmony and College Intersection Improvements Project. Required Local Agency Matching funds (\$249,450) are available in the Intersection Improvement Projects portion of the Building on Basics 1/4-cent sales tax.

The following table summarizes the project budget:

a.	Federal Funds (82.79% of Participating Costs)	\$1,200,000
b.	Local Match (17.21% of Participating Costs)	\$ 249,450
c.	State Funds (100%) - Contribution	\$ 220,000
	TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS	\$1,669,450

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- A. Resolution 2008-012 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation for the Design and Construction of the Harmony Road and College Avenue Intersection Improvements.
- B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 015, 2008, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the Capital Projects Fund - Building on Basics - Intersection Improvements and Traffic Signals

Capital Project for the Design and Construction of Improvements to the Harmony Road and College Avenue Intersection.

This Resolution will enable the City to enter into a contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to receive State and Federal funds designated for the design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of improvements for the Harmony Road and College Avenue intersection. The Ordinance appropriates the funds received for this Project.

BACKGROUND

Harmony Road and College Avenue is one of the highest volume intersections in the City. The intersection currently operates at a Level of Service D (50 seconds average delay) and is forecast to be Level of Service F (95 seconds average delay) in 20 years. It is constrained on all four corners by existing development, but incremental improvements will reduce delay, improve the pavement surface, and provide better facilities for bicycles and pedestrians.

During the design portion of the project, analysis of the intersection will include evaluating a wide range of potential improvements. A preferred alternative will be selected based on criteria including cost, congestion reduction, safety improvement and construction feasibility.

Staff plans to begin the engineering design work for the Project in 2008 with right-of-way acquisition starting early in 2009. The construction schedule will depend on the alternative selected and on right-of-way acquisition. It is currently anticipated that construction will begin in 2010. The duration of the construction will be determined once the specifics of the improvements have been finalized.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Project Vicinity Map

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ORDINANCE NO. 015, 2008
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND -
BUILDING ON BASICS - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS
CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS
TO THE HARMONY ROAD AND COLLEGE AVENUE INTERSECTION

WHEREAS, the intersection of College Avenue and Harmony Road is one of the highest volume intersections in the City, constrained on all four corners by existing development; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned intersection currently operates at a Level of Service D (50 seconds average delay) and is forecast to be Level of Service F (95 seconds average delay) within 20 years; and

WHEREAS, design and construction improvements at the intersection of Harmony Road and College Avenue (the "Project"), will reduce traffic delays, improve the pavement surface, and provide safer facilities for bicycles and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, design work on the Project will begin in 2008 with right-of-way acquisition starting in 2009, and construction in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT") administers the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement ("CMAQ") grant program, a program that supports local transportation projects that improve ambient air quality and attainment or maintenance of compliance with the air quality standards of the federal Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, CDOT has awarded the City a CMAQ grant for the design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of improvements of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the CMAQ grant is for \$1,200,000 in addition to \$220,000 in State of Colorado funds; and

WHEREAS, as part of receiving the grant, the City is required to provide local matching funds, totaling \$249,450; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends using existing appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund - Building on Basics - Intersection Improvements and Traffic Signals capital project to fund the required local match; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 2008-012, on February 19, 2008, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with CDOT for the receipt of CMAQ funds to be used for the design and construction of improvements to the Project; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins 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 CMAQ grant funds (\$1,200,000), administered through the Colorado Department of Transportation, and funding from the State of Colorado (\$220,000), will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund - Building on Basics - Intersection Improvements and Traffic Signals capital project to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received during the fiscal year; and

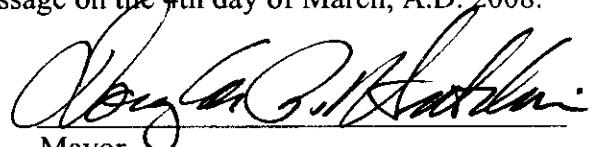
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Council to appropriate the sum of \$1,200,000 in grant funds and \$220,000 in funds from the State of Colorado, in the Capital Projects Fund - Building on Basics - Intersection Improvements and Traffic Signals capital project to be used to with existing appropriations, totaling \$249,450, for design and construction of improvements to the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from unanticipated revenue in the Capital Projects Fund - Building on Basics - Intersection Improvements and Traffic Signals capital project the sum of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,420,000) from the following sources:

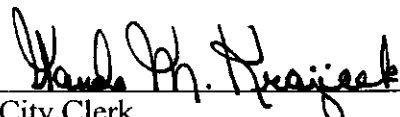
Colorado Department of Transportation Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement funds	\$ 1,200,000
State of Colorado funds	<u>220,000</u>
Total	\$ 1,420,000

to be used to with existing appropriations, totaling \$249,450, for design and construction of improvements to the Harmony Road and College Avenue intersection.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 19th day of February, A.D. 2008, and to be presented for final passage on the 4th day of March, A.D. 2008.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 4th day of March, A.D. 2008.

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