

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 11

DATE: October 21, 2008

STAFF: Kathleen Bracke

SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 118, 2008, Appropriating the Funds from the Downtown Development Authority and Unanticipated Colorado Department of Transportation SB-1 Funding into the Mason Corridor Capital Project Account.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Ordinance on Second Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on October 7, 2008, appropriates funding provided from contracts between the City and CDOT and the City and DDA to advance work on the Phase 1 of the Mason Corridor/MAX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. This funding will be used for final design/engineering, construction, and vehicle acquisition.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of First Reading Agenda Item Summary - October 7, 2008.
(w/o original attachments)

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ITEM NUMBER: 13 A-B

DATE: October 7, 2008

STAFF: Kathleen Bracke

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SUBJECT

Items Relating to the Mason Corridor/MAX Bus Rapid Transit Project-Phase 1.

RECOMMENDATION

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This funding contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation and the City of Fort Collins is for Phase 1 of the Mason Corridor/MAX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. Phase 1 includes the section of the Mason Corridor BRT corridor from the Downtown Transit Center to Colorado State University. CDOT's SB-1 "Strategic Transit Project" funding program is providing 80% of the Phase 1 cost, and the 20% local match is being provided by the City of Fort Collins and the Downtown Development Authority:

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| State of Colorado SB-1 (80%) | | \$4,560,000 |
| Previously Appropriated | \$3,441,488 | |
| Additional to be Appropriated | \$1,118,512 | |
| Local Match (20%): | | \$1,140,000 |
| City of Fort Collins | \$ 540,000 | |
| Downtown Development Authority | \$ 600,000 | |
| Total Project: | | <u>\$5,700,000</u> |

The Downtown Development Authority funding for this project has been approved by the DDA Board of Directors and the City Manager per the attached agreement. These funds from the DDA need to be appropriated into the Mason Corridor capital project account. The City funds for this project were previously appropriated into the Project fund as part of the 2008-09 BFO approval process. CDOT SB-1 funding in the amount of \$3,441,488 was also appropriated as part of the 2008-09 BFO process. The final contract amount was \$4,560,000, so the difference of \$1,118,512 will now be appropriated into the Mason Corridor capital project account. This combined total of the \$5,700,000 in City, DDA, and State funding will be used to implement Phase 1 of the Mason Corridor/MAX BRT project and it will also be used as local matching dollars for the Federal Transit Administration's Small Starts program funding agreement with the City for the full corridor

improvements from the Downtown Transit Center to the new South Transit Center, south of Harmony Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- A. Resolution 2008-090 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Fort Collins and the Colorado Department of Transportation for Funding of Phase 1 Improvements of the Mason Corridor/MAX Bus Rapid Transit Project.
 - B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 118, 2008, Appropriating the Funds from the Downtown Development Authority and Unanticipated Colorado Department of Transportation SB-1 Funding into the Mason Corridor Capital Project Account.

These funding contracts between the City and CDOT and the City and DDA will allow for work to advance on the Phase 1 of the Mason Corridor/MAX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. This funding will be used for final design/engineering, construction, and vehicle acquisition. The design/engineering and construction improvements will include all elements of the MAX BRT service, including passenger stations, pedestrian access improvements, traffic signalization related to the BRT operations, signage/wayfinding, and converting Mason and Howes streets to two-way operation. The MAX BRT vehicles will be 60-foot articulated transit vehicles, designed to allow for low-floor boarding and will use alternative fuel. Subsequent funding contracts will be submitted to the City from CDOT and the Federal Transit Administration later this year and in 2009 to provide funding for the full corridor improvements from the Downtown Transit Center to the new South Transit Center, south of Harmony Road.

BACKGROUND

The overall Mason Corridor project is a five mile, north-south byway within the City which extends from Cherry Street on the north to south of Harmony Road. The Corridor is centered along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway property, located a few hundred feet west of College Avenue (US287).

The portion of the Mason Corridor project that is the subject of this CDOT Senate Bill-1 (SB-1) funding contract is Phase 1 of the Mason Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, now known as "Mason Express" or "MAX" that will connect the Downtown Transit Center to Colorado State University.

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The City will use the DDA and SB-1 funds to implement Phase 1 of the "MAX" BRT service, including final design/engineering, construction, and vehicle acquisition for new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service. The design/engineering work will include all elements of the MAX service, including the passenger stations, pedestrian access improvements (enhanced crosswalks at the intersections which access the stops and sidewalk/ramp connections to the station platforms where necessary), traffic signalization related to the BRT operations, signage/wayfinding, and converting Mason and Howes streets to two-way operation. The MAX BRT vehicles will be 60-foot articulated transit vehicles, designed with low-floor boarding, real-time vehicle location devices, and will operate using alternative fuel.

This new service will bring high frequency BRT service to the City's downtown core area. The BRT vehicles will operate 6 days per week (Monday through Saturday), with 10 minute frequency, for approximately 14 hours per day.

The anticipated schedule is to have the Mason Corridor Phase 1 project completed and operational by the end of 2011 to coincide with the opening of the overall Mason Corridor/MAX service. However, particular components of this Phase 1 project, such as the conversion of Mason and Howes streets to two-way traffic operation, could be implemented more quickly.

This project is designed to be implemented and operational either as Phase 1 of the overall Mason Corridor/MAX project, or if necessary, as an independent improvement, should any of the anticipated federal funding be delayed or not secured.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Location map.

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ORDINANCE NO. 118, 2008
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN THE
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, MASON CORRIDOR PROJECT FOR PHASE 1 OF THE
MASON EXPRESS BUS RAPID TRANSIT

WHEREAS, the Mason Corridor project is a five-mile, north-south byway extending from Cherry Street to just south of Harmony Road and Phase 1 includes the section of the Mason Corridor Bus Rapid Transit from the Downtown Transit Center to Colorado State University; and

WHEREAS, CDOT's SB-1 "Strategic Transit Project" funding program will provide 80% of the project costs in the amount of \$4,560,000, and the 20% local match, in the amount of \$1,140,000, will be provided by the City and the Downtown Development Authority ("DDA"); and

WHEREAS, the Mason Corridor capital project was appropriated with the 2008 Budget on Ordinance No. 118, 2007 and this project included the CDOT SB-1 funding in the amount of \$3,441,488 and the additional CDOT SB-1 funding of \$1,118,512 needs to be appropriated in the Project; and

WHEREAS, the local matching funds needed, totaling \$1,140,000, have been identified as \$540,000 from the City existing appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund and \$600,000 to be provided by the DDA; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has, this same date, adopted Resolution 2008-090 authorizing the City to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT") to provide funding for Phase 1 of the Mason Corridor - Mason Express (MAX) Bus Rapid Transit project ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 22 of the Code, the City Manager executed an intergovernmental agreement with the DDA on March 27, 2008, for funds from the DDA for the local match; 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

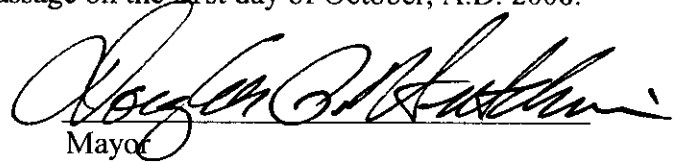
WHEREAS, City staff have determined that the appropriation of the revenue as described herein will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in that fund during any fiscal year.

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

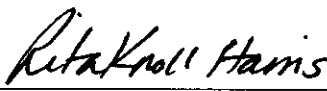
Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from unanticipated revenue in the Capital Projects Fund the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000) from the Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority to be used for Mason Corridor Project - Phase 1 Mason Express Bus Rapid Transit.

Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated from unanticipated revenue from the CDOT SB-1 funds in the Capital Projects Fund the sum of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$1,118,512) for expenditure in the Capital Projects Fund, Mason Corridor Project - Phase 1 Mason Express Bus Rapid Transit.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 7th day of October, A.D. 2008, and to be presented for final passage on the 21st day of October, A.D. 2008.


Mayor

ATTEST:



Chief Deputy City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 21st day of October, A.D. 2008.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk