

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 13

DATE: July 7, 2009

**STAFF: Kathleen Bracke
Steve McQuilken
Marlys Sittner**

SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 069, 2009, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the Capitals Projects Fund, Mason Corridor Project for the South Transit Center Project.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Ordinance on Second Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Colorado Department of Transportation is providing funding for the design portion of the South Transit Center, which is a component of the Mason Corridor/MAX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project. This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on June 2, 2009, appropriates those funds.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of First Reading Agenda Item Summary - June 2, 2009.
(w/o original attachments)

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ITEM NUMBER: 22 A-B

DATE: June 2, 2009

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SUBJECT

Items Relating to the Design of the South Transit Center as Part of the Mason Corridor/MAX BRT Project.

RECOMMENDATION

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This funding contract between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the City of Fort Collins is for the design portion of the South Transit Center, which is a component of the Mason Corridor/MAX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project. CDOT's State Senate Bill-1 (SB-1) "Strategic Transit Project" funding program is providing 80% of the transit center improvements and the remainder is being provided by the City of Fort Collins, via in-kind match from the land value:

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| State of Colorado SB-1 (80%) | \$212,000 |
| Local Match (20%) – City of Fort Collins (land value): | <u>\$ 53,000</u> |
| Total Project: | \$265,000 |

The remainder of the State funds for construction of the South Transit Center will be granted to the City via a subsequent contract with CDOT later this year. The State Transportation Commission has approved a total amount of \$4,000,000 for the City's South Transit Center Project. The approved State SB-1 funds are part of the City's local matching funds for the Federal Transit Administration federal funding for the overall Mason Corridor BRT Project.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A. Resolution 2009-052 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Fort Collins and the Colorado Department of Transportation for the Design of the South Transit Center.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 069, 2009, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the Capitals Projects Fund, Mason Corridor Project for the South Transit Center Project.

This funding contract between the City and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will allow for work to advance on the design of the South Transit Center, which is an important component of the Mason Corridor/MAX BRT Project. This funding will be used for final design, engineering, and architectural services for the South Transit Center Project. The State SB-1 funds are part of the City's local matching funds for the Federal Transit Administration federal funding for the overall Mason Corridor Project. The South Transit Center Project will be located on City-owned property which is the current site of the Mason Corridor bicycle/pedestrian trailhead parking area, located west of South College Avenue, near the intersection of Fairway Lane and Fossil Boulevard (approximately 1/2 mile 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 the design phase for the South Transit Center for the Mason Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service, now known as "Mason Express" or "MAX". The remainder of the State funds for construction of the South Transit Center will be granted to the City via a subsequent contract with CDOT. The total State contribution approved for the South Transit Center portion of the Mason Corridor Project is \$4,000,000.

The South Transit Center Project will be located on City-owned property that is located west of South College Avenue/US287, near the intersection of Fairway Lane and Fossil Boulevard (approximately 1/2 mile south of Harmony Road). (Attachment 2). This site is currently being used as the trailhead parking area for the City's Mason Corridor bicycle/pedestrian trail and the Fossil Creek trail. When the South Transit Center is complete, it will continue to serve as a trailhead parking location, along with serving as a park-n-ride and southern terminal for the MAX BRT service. The South Transit Center will also be a connecting point to other local and regional Transfort routes such as the Harmony Road service and the Foxtrot service to Loveland.

The anticipated schedule is to complete Transit Center design phase by the end of 2009. At the end of the design phase, the City (and CDOT will) enter into a separate contract agreement for the construction funds for the South Transit Center. The construction phase for the South Transit Center will be coordinated with the overall Mason Corridor MAX BRT system construction. The South Transit Center and MAX BRT service are scheduled to be operational by the end of 2011.

The South Transit Center Project is designed to be implemented and operational either as a component of the overall Mason Corridor/MAX Project, or if necessary, as an independent stand-alone improvement should any of the anticipated federal funding be delayed or not secured.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Funding agreement with the City of Fort Collins and the Colorado Department of Transportation.
2. Site map of the South Transit Center.

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ORDINANCE NO. 069, 2009
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN THE
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, MASON CORRIDOR PROJECT FOR THE
SOUTH TRANSIT CENTER PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Mason Corridor Project is a five-mile, north-south byway extending from Cherry Street to just south of Harmony Road; and

WHEREAS, the South Transit Center (the "STC") which is a component of the Mason Corridor Bus Rapid Transit service is ready for final design; and

WHEREAS, the STC will be built on City-owned property located near the intersection of Fairway Lane and Fossil Boulevard (the "Site") that was specifically purchased in 2003 to use as a transit center; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has 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 Bus Rapid Transit project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, CDOT's SB-1 Strategic Transit Project funding program will provide 80% of the project costs in the amount of \$212,000, and the 20% local match in the amount of \$53,000 will be provided by the use of the Site; and

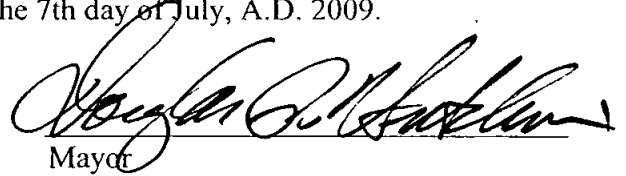
WHEREAS, the remainder of the State funds for construction of the STC will be granted to the City via a subsequent contract with CDOT, where the total State contribution approved for the STC portion of the Mason Corridor project is \$4,000,000; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the City Charter authorizes 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

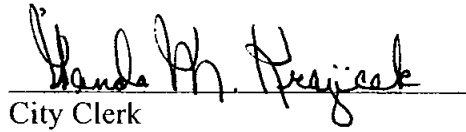
WHEREAS, City staff have determined that the appropriation of the revenue as described herein will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in that fund during any fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that there is hereby appropriated from unanticipated revenue from the Colorado Department of Transportation SB-1 funds in the Capital Projects fund the sum of TWO HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$212,000) 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 2nd day of June, A.D. 2009, and to be presented for final passage on the 7th day of July, A.D. 2009.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 7th day of July, A.D. 2009.

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