

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 10

DATE: February 3, 2004

STAFF: John Lang

SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 009, 2004, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the Building Community Choices Capital Projects Fund - North College Avenue Corridor Improvements, Phase I.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The North College Avenue Corridor Improvement project covers an area on Riverside/Jefferson from Mulberry to College and on North College Avenue from Jefferson to north of Cherry Street. The project is managed by City of Fort Collins Transportation Services and is funded by a combination of sources including the City's 1997 Building Community Choices funds, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) resurfacing funds, Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, and Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds.

Ordinance No. 009, 2004, was adopted 6-0 (Mayor Martinez was absent) on First Reading on January 20, 2004.

ORDINANCE NO. 009, 2004
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED REVENUE
IN THE BUILDING COMMUNITY CHOICES CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND -
NORTH COLLEGE AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE I

WHEREAS, on April 8, 1997, the voters of the City approved Ordinance No. 30, 1997 (the "Ordinance"), authorizing the imposition of a quarter cent sales and use tax for the purpose of generating revenues to construct certain transportation projects described in the "Building Community Choices" ("BCC") capital improvement program; and

WHEREAS, one such project approved for funding by the voters was the North College Avenue Corridor Improvements, Phase I (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the scope of the Project as outlined in the Ordinance calls for the phased construction of improvements to improve the safety of pedestrians and vehicles on North College Avenue focusing on the 1/4 to 1/2 mile north of Jefferson Street; and

WHEREAS, the project improvements may include: (1) drainage improvements; (2) widening the roadway to provide better and safer facilities for bicycles and pedestrians; (3) constructing medians for access control; and/or (4) improving to full arterial street standards including curb, gutter, and sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2002, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 38, 2002, appropriating \$142,270 in Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality ("CMAQ") funds from the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT") and \$34,730 in City matching funds to be used for design and construction of bicycle and pedestrian improvements associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2003, Council adopted Ordinance No. 10, 2003, appropriating an additional \$223,453 in CMAQ funds, from CDOT, and \$54,547 in local matching funds to be used for the same Project purposes, plus an additional \$2,500,000 in highway resurfacing funds from CDOT for other road improvements in the immediate area of the Project, including asphalt milling and overlaying along Jefferson and Riverside, and intersection improvements at the North College/Jefferson, and Mulberry/Riverside intersections; and

WHEREAS, CDOT has recently awarded the City of Fort Collins another \$200,143, in the form of Surface Transportation Program ("STP") funds, to be used to construct additional improvements associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, local matching funds needed, totaling \$48,857, have been identified in the form of existing appropriations in the Building Community Choices - North College Corridor Project; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned STP funds (\$200,143) from CDOT will be used along with previously appropriated, dedicated sales and use tax funds (Building Community Choices) and

federal funds, totaling \$5,463,222, in the Project, resulting in a total available appropriation of \$5,663,365; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2004, the City Council adopted Resolution 2004-007, authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract funding increase approval letter with the Colorado Department of Transportation for the construction of the North College Avenue Corridor Improvements and the receipt of the foregoing \$200,143 in STP funds; and

WHEREAS, the scope of improvements as described herein for the Project has been developed in accordance with the North College Avenue/US 287 Access Management Plan; and

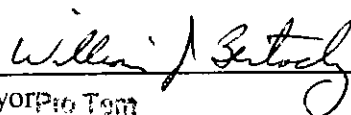
WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins (the "Charter") permits the City Council to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriations, in combination with all previous 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 has determined that the appropriation of STP funds (\$200,143) from the Colorado Department of Transportation, as described herein, will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Building Community Choices Capital Projects Fund - North College Corridor 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 \$200,143, in STP funds, in the Building Community Choices Capital Projects Fund - North College Avenue Corridor Improvements project to be used with existing appropriations for the construction of improvements along North College Avenue, between Jefferson Street and Vine Drive.

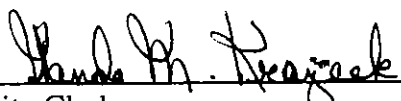
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that there is hereby appropriated for expenditure from unanticipated revenue in the Building Community Choices Capital Projects Fund - North College Avenue Corridor Improvements project, the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$200,143) from Colorado Department of Transportation STP funds, to be used for the construction of improvements along North College Avenue, between Jefferson Street and Vine Drive.

Introduced and considered favorably on first reading and ordered published this 20th day of January, A.D. 2004, and to be presented for final passage on the 3rd day of February, A.D. 2004.



Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 3rd day of February, A.D. 2004.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 17 A-B

DATE: January 20, 2004

STAFF: John Lang

SUBJECT

Items Relating to the North College Improvements.

RECOMMENDATION

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The purpose of this Resolution is to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract funding letter for an additional piece of federal funding for the North College Avenue Corridor Improvements project. The purpose of the Ordinance is to appropriate these funds into the Building Community Choices Capital Project Fund.

These most recent funds are Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and total \$249,000. This is in the form of \$200,143 of Federal Funds and \$48,857 in Local Agency Matching Funds. The matching funds will come from the existing Building Community Choices funds for the North College Improvements Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A. Resolution 2004-007 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract Funding Increase Approval Letter with the Colorado Department of Transportation for the Construction of the North College Avenue Corridor Improvements, Phase I.
- B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 009, 2004, Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue in the Building Community Choices Capital Projects Fund- North College Avenue Corridor Improvements, Phase I.

The North College Avenue Corridor Improvement project covers an area on Riverside/Jefferson from Mulberry to College and on North College Avenue from Jefferson to north of Cherry Street. The project is managed by City of Fort Collins Transportation Services and is funded by a combination of sources including the City's 1997 Building Community Choices funds, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) resurfacing funds, Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, and Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds.

The goals of the project include the addition of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, installation of drainage, access and landscaping improvements, and reconstruction of the roadway surface with concrete paving on North College Avenue between Jefferson and Cherry Street. Also incorporated in the project are roadway resurfacing improvements on Jefferson/Riverside between College Avenue and Mulberry Street, including the Riverside/Mulberry intersection.

This proposed Resolution will authorize the Mayor to finalize the agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation for this component of the federal funding.

Project Design and Scope:

The first phase of the North College Improvement project is funded by the City's Building Community Choices 1/4 cent sales tax. The ballot language describing the project reads as follows:

"This is a four phase project to improve the safety of pedestrians and vehicles on North College Avenue. Phase I will focus on the 1/4 to 1/2 mile north of Jefferson Street. Anticipated improvements may include: (1) drainage improvements; (2) widening roadway to provide better and safer facilities for bicycles and pedestrians; (3) constructing medians for access control; and/or (4) improving to full arterial street standards including curb, gutter, and sidewalk. Planning, design, right-of-way acquisition and other project costs may also be included."

The City of Fort Collins and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) along with consulting team of Felsburg Holt & Ullvig finalized the engineering phase of the North College Improvement Project in June of 2003. The project is currently under construction. This project includes the portion of North College Avenue (US287) from the Jefferson Street (SH14)/Maple Street intersection on the south to Vine Drive on the north. In addition, CDOT has added resurfacing funding to the project so that roadway maintenance can be completed along Jefferson and Riverside (SH14) from North College (US287) to Mulberry (SH14). The roadway maintenance improvements include asphalt mill and overlay of the roadway and concrete improvements in the intersections. The design has been developed in accordance with the US 287/SH14 Access Management Plan.

The design is based upon input from the community gathered from public open house events as well as individual meetings with local business/property owners.

The project includes the following elements:

1. Single southbound left turn lane from North College to Jefferson;
2. Free flow right turn lane from westbound Jefferson to northbound College;
3. Raised, landscaped medians along the North College corridor;
4. Future removal of the northbound left turn from College to Cherry street, however this change can be phased in over time as traffic conditions warrant – it is not needed with the first phase of this project;
5. Double left turn lanes eastbound at the Cherry Street/North College intersection;
6. Extensive bicycle and pedestrian improvements, including enhanced crosswalks, on and off-street bikeways.

Budget Background

The City has previously approved two contracts and one additional funding letter with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for this project. These include two Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) appropriations and a Resurfacing Funds appropriation. The Federal funds are intended to assist with the construction of the improvements associated with the Building Community Choices (BCC) project along North College Avenue/US 287 between Jefferson Street and Vine Drive and the Resurfacing funds are intended to improve Jefferson and Riverside between College and Mulberry. The State and Federal funds for this project are summarized as follows:

	<u>CONTRACT</u> 2002 CMAQ	<u>CONTRACT</u> 2003 Resurfacing	<u>Additional</u> <u>Funding Letter</u> 2003 CMAQ	<u>New Funding</u> <u>Letter</u> 2003 STP
Federal/State	\$142,270	\$2,500,000	\$223,453	\$200,143
<u>Local Match</u>	<u>\$34,730</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$54,547</u>	<u>\$48,857</u>
Total:	\$177,000	\$2,500,000	\$278,000	\$249,000

Besides the Federal and State Funds, the Building Community Choices (BCC) funds have been previously appropriated into the project. The Building Community Choices (BCC) funds total \$2,562,769.

The total budget for this project based upon the BCC, Federal and State funding, is summarized as follows:

Building Community Choices Funds	\$2,562,769
CMAQ Federal Funds	\$400,453
CDOT Resurfacing Funds	\$2,500,000
STP Federal Funds	\$200,143
Total	\$5,663,365

ATTACHMENTS

Project Area Map

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