

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



MEETING DATE: July 9, 2024

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TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

PRESENTED BY:

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SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:

A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City Of Longmont And The City Of Fort Collins For Flex Bus Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In December 2023, the Longmont City Council passed a Resolution for an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Fort Collins for bus service between the two entities. After the Resolution passed, the City of Fort Collins notified all the partner jurisdictions served by this bus service that the costs needed to change based on a grant issue. The new cost to Longmont, based on the City's percentage of ridership of the FLEX route in 2019, 2021, and 2022, is now \$144,439 rather than the previously approved amount of \$148,372, creating a savings to the City of Longmont of \$3,933.

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Approve the new Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the attached IGA
2. Approve the new Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the IGA with amendments
3. Deny the attached new Resolution

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:

Staff recommends approving the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the revised IGA (attached) with the City of Fort Collins to continue regional bus service connecting Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud, Longmont and Boulder.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

\$144,439; \$46,395 from the General Fund and \$98,044 from the Transportation (Street) Fund. These amounts are included and approved in the 2024 budget.

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:

In 2009, Fort Collins and Loveland secured a two-year Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) grant to fund a new bus service from Fort Collins to Longmont through Berthoud and Loveland called FLEX. This bus service began in June 2010. In 2012, the grant expired and the jurisdictions with FLEX stops agreed to increase their payments to replace the original grant.



A second grant to extend the bus service to the City of Boulder and the University of Colorado expired at the end of 2018. The grants served the purpose of proving that there was a strong transit ridership base for this service along this growing corridor. The grants also brought more partners to the table to help pay for operations once the grants expired. Based on the City's share of ridership (7.28%) and receiving a new grant after the Longmont City Council approved the original 2024 IGA, the City of Fort Collins is requesting that Longmont pay \$144,439 (rather than the original request of \$148,372) in 2024 as part of the FLEX bus partnership. A performance report is available upon request. City staff recommends continued support of this service as it continues to provide transportation to people without access to private vehicles, and to those workers still needing to access critical jobs throughout the corridor.

ATTACHMENTS:

Fort Collins Bus IGA 2024 Revised Resolution
FLEX Revised IGA 2024