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SECOND READING:

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TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

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SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:

A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving An Amendment To The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City Of Longmont And The Colorado Department Of Transportation For Additional Federal Funding For The Coffman Street Mobility Improvements Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Coffman Street Mobility Improvements (TRP135) project consists of a variety of improvements to multimodal transportation access on Coffman Street from 1st Avenue to 9th Avenue. Improvements include the addition of protected bike lanes, wider sidewalks, mid-block crosswalks, and shorter pedestrian crossing distances at intersections. The project also includes dedicated transit lanes in some areas to support Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) transportation. In addition, this project addresses the aging pavement condition along this segment of Coffman Street through full replacement of the existing asphalt pavement.

This project was previously awarded a federal and state funded grant of \$6.75 million. The City Council previously authorized an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) allowing access to the grant funding. After the execution of the IGA, an additional federal grant of \$1 million was awarded to the project. An amendment to the existing IGA with CDOT is required to formalize the award of the additional grant funding. All Federal and State funding will be used exclusively for improvements on Coffman Street from 1st Avenue to 9th Avenue.

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Approve the Resolution, providing \$1 million in additional federal grant dollars.
2. Approve the Resolution, with specific City Council conditions.
3. Do not approve the Resolution.

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:

Option 1

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The total design and construction cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$22.8 million. The existing funding for this project comes from a combination of federal, state and city sources. Existing federal and state funding for the project is \$6.75 million, with all remaining costs funded by the City at an amount of \$16.05 million. The additional \$1 million of federal funding would decrease the City's funding contribution to \$15.05 million. The City's contribution is programmed from a combination of the Street, TCIF, Storm Drainage, and Sewer Funds, specifically from CIP# TRP135, Coffman Street Busway (Coffman Street Mobility Improvements).

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:

Coffman Street from 1st Avenue to 9th Avenue is designated as a collector within the City's Envision Longmont Plan. The City's Enhanced Multi-use Corridor Plan goes on to designate this segment of Coffman Street as a critical corridor for enhanced bike, pedestrian, and transit facilities. This segment of Coffman Street is also part of a regional vision to support Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to Downtown Longmont. The Coffman Street project is closely linked to the 1st & Main Station which will act as a transit hub for the BRT system. More information about the project can be found on the project website at:

<https://www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-n-z/planning-and-development-services/transportation-planning/coffman-street-busway-project>

In support of the design and construction of the project, non-City funding opportunities were pursued in 2019, with \$6.75 million awarded to the project from federal and state sources. The federal funding source was from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) via the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The awarded state funding was sourced from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

On transportation projects awarded federal funding, the Colorado Department of Transportation is the "pass through" agency for funding that is awarded from the DRCOG and FHWA. CDOT receives federal grant dollars and allocates those dollars on behalf of the DRCOG and FHWA. The Longmont City Council approved Resolution R-2020-47 on May 26, 2020, allowing the City to enter into an IGA with CDOT, providing a conduit for the \$6.75 million in federal and state funding. By accepting the federal and state funding, additional contract and administrative provisions had to be met by the project.

In spring 2024, an additional \$1 million in federal funding was awarded to the project. With a total project cost estimated at \$22.8 million, and \$6.75 million in existing outside funding, the current remaining balance of \$16.05 million must be covered by the City's Capital Improvement program, specifically TRP135. Accepting the additional funding will decrease the City's funding contribution from \$16.05 million to \$15.05 million. The additional \$1 million federal award to the project requires the same additional contract and administrative

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provisions as those required by previously awarded funding. Therefore, no additional effort will need to be made on behalf of the project to ensure compliance with the required provisions that come with accepting the additional \$1 million in federal funding.

Project construction began in June 2024, and is expected to be completed by the summer of 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

Att 1 – Resolution Approving the IGA Amendment with CDOT

Att 2 – Existing IGA with CDOT

Att 3 – Amendment to the Existing IGA with CDOT