

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



MEETING DATE: December 14, 2021

ITEM NUMBER: 9.F

SECOND READING:

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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 2022 Intergovernmental Agreement For Bus Service Between The City Of Fort Collins And The City Of Longmont

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Since 2009, the City of Fort Collins--the operator of the FLEX bus service between Fort Collins and Boulder--has built a coalition of jurisdictions with stops along the FLEX line, helping pay a share of the operational costs of this popular bus service. The City of Longmont has been part of this Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) since the beginning of the FLEX, and remains a proud partner of this transit service. The cost to Longmont, based on the City's percentage of ridership of the FLEX route in 2018, 2019, and 2020, is \$176,992.

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

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

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:

Staff recommends approving the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the attached IGA with the City of Fort Collins to continue regional bus service connecting Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud, Longmont and Boulder. This recommendation directly relates to the Council Workplan item B1.2 of increasing transit ridership and transit service hours in Longmont.

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

\$176,992; \$45,000 from the General Fund and \$131,992 from the Transportation (Street) Fund. These amounts are included and approved in the 2022 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.



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ATTACHMENTS:

Fort Collins Bus IGA 2022 Resolution
FLEX IGA 2022