

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



MEETING DATE: October 25, 2022

ITEM NUMBER: 9.K

SECOND READING:

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TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

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SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE: Approve One Capital Improvement Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This action will add one Capital Improvement (CIP) project in the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

- Approve CIP project as presented
- Modify then approve project

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS: Approve CIP project as presented

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Broadband Fund \$100,000,

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:

Council approval on the following CIP amendments is necessary due to the need for additional resources that are included in the appropriation ordinance that is on second reading.

BRB010 Mesh Network for St Vrain Valley School District:

This project is being amended to add \$100,000 in the Broadband Fund. Project costs are higher than anticipated due to inflation on materials and contractor expenses. These project expenses are offset by revenue from the St. Vrain Valley School District (SVVSD). SVVSD received a \$1.3 million grant from the Colorado Department of Education to partner with NextLight, the City of Longmont's publicly-owned, 100 percent fiber optic internet service, in order to provide high-quality internet access for low-income students. The grant is part of the Connecting Colorado Students Grant Program, which helps school districts provide broadband access to low-income families and school staff. From these grant funds, the School District will pay NextLight to implement a wireless mesh network that will provide robust internet service to underserved income-qualified students in Longmont and surrounding communities. SVVSD received the grant and will reimburse NextLight as equipment and installation expenses are incurred.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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