



# City Council Communication

**AGENDA DATE:** March 2, 2026

**LEGISTAR ITEM #:** Res 2026-039

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jenna Hahn

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/> Admin Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

## REQUEST

Approve a resolution approving an agreement between the City and Adams County regarding funding for the proposed US85 & 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue interchange.

## BACKGROUND

The City has been working for many years with Adams County, the City of Brighton and CDOT to design and construct an interchange between 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue and US85 which would include a grade-separated crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad line.

Previously, CDOT was awarded \$8,700,000 in Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funds which required a match of \$1,000,000 from CDOT, \$1,250,000 from Adams County, \$400,000 from Brighton, and \$1,250,000 from Commerce City. CDOT has acquired right-of-way through this program funding.

In 2022, the City was awarded a Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). The agreement was obligated in late 2024 and includes \$9,589,000 for preliminary design, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) conformance, and right-of-way acquisition.

The agreement included an \$8,292,000 local match. \$4,395,000 is to come from Adams County, \$1,717,000 is to come from Brighton, with the remaining \$2,180,000 coming from Commerce City.

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As Commerce City was the applicant, Commerce City will pay the local share and the supporting applicants (Adams County and Brighton), will reimburse Commerce City.

This IGA is to formalize the amount and payoff period from Adams County.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	N/A
Amount of Request/Contract	N/A
Amount Not To Exceed	N/A
Amount Budgeted	\$8,000,000
Budget Year	FY2022
Funding Source	395-15-750-371
Additional Funds Needed	N/A
Funding Source (if funds needed)	N/A

### PROJECT TIMELINE

<b>Estimated Start Date</b>	<b>Estimated End Date</b>
February 16, 2026	December 29, 2028
<b>Years and Months of Contract</b>	<b>Number of Times Renewable</b>
N/A	N/A

### JUSTIFICATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
Citation	This project would improve traffic and multimodal mobility in the area. The grade-separated crossing would eliminate the possibility of crashes between trains and vehicles or pedestrians, greatly increasing safety for residents.		

### PUBLIC OUTREACH

The City and its design consultant have been meeting with the affected homeowners to discuss the acquisition process. Public meetings are

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planned over the course of the next several months to inform the greater public of the project.

### **AVAILABLE ACTIONS**

- Available Action #1: Approve as submitted resolution 2026-039 authorizing the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Adams County regarding funding for the US85 & 120th Avenue overpass.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends available action #1: Approve as submitted.