

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Joe Kerby, County Manager

**RE:** Rocky Mountain Greenway - Indiana Street Bridge Ownership  
JCOS25-05- Open Space

**Date:** 4/29/2025

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**Staff Recommendation:**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has received the recommendation made in Open Space Advisory Committee Resolution #25-05, authorizing Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) to take ownership of the Indiana Street Bridge, any necessary easement or other grant of right for the Bridge, abutments, and trail, and a maintenance agreement with local partners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board 1) authorizes JCOS to take ownership and assume ongoing maintenance of the Indiana Street Bridge and associated abutments upon completion of construction by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); 2) authorizes the Chair of the Board to execute an easement or other grant of right from the Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority (JPPHA) for any portion of the Bridge, abutments, and trail on JPPHA property; 3) authorizes the Chair of the Board to execute a maintenance agreement with local partners to perform day-to-day maintenance and collaborate on major repairs; and 4) authorizes other terms and conditions for this obligation as deemed necessary by the Open Space Division and the County Attorney's Office.

**Resolution No: CC25-118**

**Background:**

In the Spring of 2021, the City of Westminster, Jefferson County, the City of Boulder, Boulder County, and the City of Arvada entered the Rocky Mountain

Greenway (RMG) Crossings Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) which set out the mechanism for design cooperation and payment for two pedestrian crossings of the RMG into Rocky Flats Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge (RFNWR) – an underpass at Highway 128, and a bridge over Indiana Street. Jefferson County’s financial commitment was approximately \$220,000 of the \$3.93 million project.

The bridge and associated abutments are located on Jefferson County’s Indiana Street Right-of-Way (east abutment) and the Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority (JPPHA) Right-of-Way (west abutment). Future ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the underpass and bridge were not designated in the 2021 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). With the Indiana Street Bridge under construction and due to be completed this year, it is now necessary to identify an owner.

JCOS proposes to accept ownership and assume ongoing maintenance of the Indiana Street Bridge and associated abutments upon completion of construction by FHWA. JCOS will enter into a maintenance agreement with local partners to perform day-to-day maintenance and collaborate on major repairs and may seek to transfer ownership to another partner in the future. JCOS will also obtain an easement or other grant of right from the JPPHA for any portion of the Bridge, abutments, and trail on JPPHA property.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

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