

## THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS GETS SHOVEL-READY FOR RECOVERY WITH GREENROADS

**Fort Collins Registers Vine/Lemay/BNSF Intersection Improvements for the Greenroads Project Rating Program**

**Fort Collins, CO**—Greenroads Foundation is pleased to announce that the City of Fort Collins, Colorado has registered its [Vine/Lemay/BNSF Intersection Improvements](#) project for the [Greenroads Project Rating Program](#). The project is estimated at \$24 million and is anticipated to begin the main construction phase in 2021 as a key part of the City's Capital Projects program.

"We wanted to submit a project that we can look back on and be proud of in terms of meeting our sustainability goals. We totally believe in what Greenroads is trying to do and we thought this project would be a good candidate," said Brad Buckman, Special Projects Engineer at the City of Fort Collins.

"We believe in Fort Collins too! The City got started with registration early and is already setting themselves up for success. We're happy to support this project," said Jeralee Anderson, CEO of the Greenroads Foundation.



LEMAY AVE. AT VINE DRIVE  
REALIGNMENT AND OVERPASS  
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IMAGE 1

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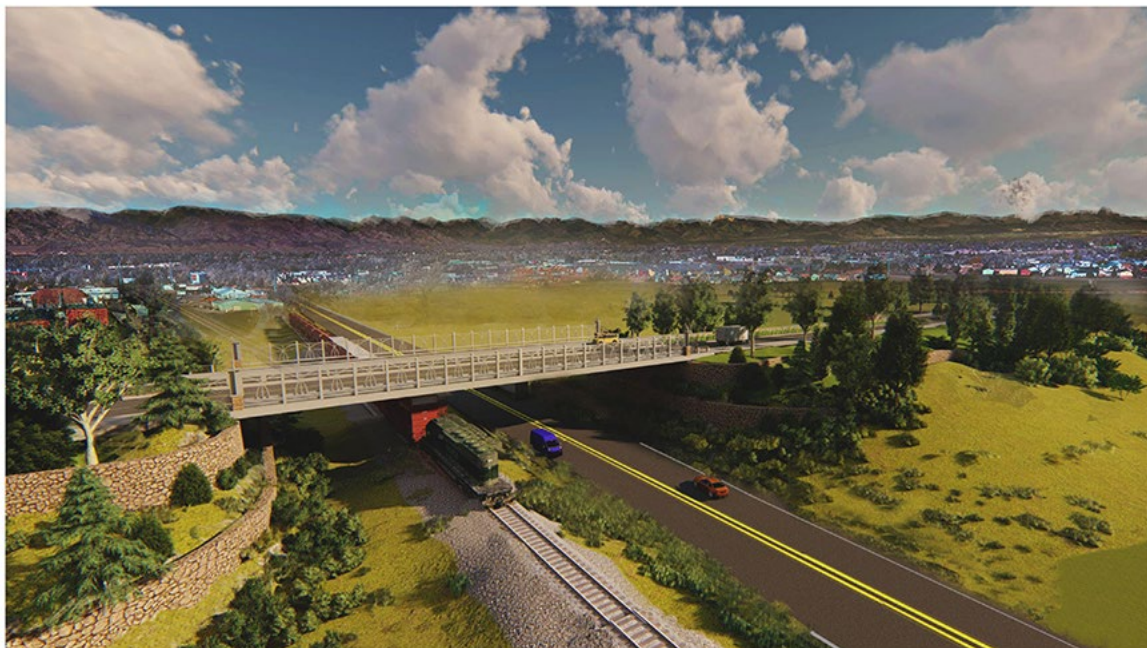
Currently, a major railroad crossing at the intersection of Vine Drive & Lemay Avenue causes major congestion that limits connectivity in Fort Collins' Alta Vista and Andersonville neighborhoods. This project will improve multi-modal access, connectivity, safety and livability in these neighborhoods and facilitate new housing and employment-related development.

“Fort Collins is unique in that we have a lot of railroads crossing right through the city. Railroads often block the crossing at Vine and Lemay, which makes it terrible for the residents of those two neighborhoods adjacent to that crossing,” Buckman said. “The two-lane roads become absolutely packed with cars trying to get across the intersection but are blocked by the railroad.”

A new overpass will greatly alleviate congestion at the BNSF railroad crossing. The project is part of the City’s Enhanced Travel Corridor Network, which feature improved facilities for cyclists, pedestrians, transit, and cars to increase accessibility across all parts of the city.

“Being that this is a bridge, we want to make this as bike- and pedestrian-friendly as possible. Bike and pedestrian travel on the existing Vine and Lemay intersection at grade will be improved, because we will basically be taking the arterial traffic overhead,” Buckman said.

“Through the [Enhanced Travel] Corridors, there is enhanced connection for all modes of travel throughout town. This intersection at Vine and Lemay will connect the midtown and downtown areas with the northeast part of town.”



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The project will likely use a Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) procurement method to optimize efficiency. The project team hopes to use as much recycled or reused material as possible when constructing the bridge.



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“This project is making use of reused fill from another capital project to build up the foundation for the bridge. We’re also looking to use as much reused asphalt and concrete as we can when it comes time to build the bridge,” said Buckman.

Currently, there are over 130 registered [Greenroads Projects](#) valued at over \$33 billion in 11 states and 8 countries in the world. There are now two municipalities in Colorado with projects registered or certified in the Greenroads Project Rating Program. A project in Denver successfully certified in 2014. This is the second registered Greenroads project that is a CMGC procurement model, and the seventh involving an active rail line.

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