



# City Council Report

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**To:** City Council  
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**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement for Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Program Citywide

## Strategic Initiatives



## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide information for the City Council to review and consider approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) between Maricopa County (“County”), on behalf of the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, and the City of Mesa (“City”). The purpose of the IGA is to establish procedures to authorize County and City designees to enter into binding Letters of Agreement (“LOA” or “LOAs”) for specific roadway segments where clean-up activities are provided through the County’s Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Program (“AAH Program”), and where the road right-of-way is owned by both Parties.

Staff recommends the City Council approve the IGA and the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the IGA.

## Background

The AAH Program relies on individuals or organizations who desire to provide volunteer clean-up activities within their community. Due to annexations, a roadway segment that originally lay entirely within the County can become fragmented when a portion is annexed into the City. When it is in the best interests of both the City and County to allow the AAH Program to continue to clean-up these annexed portions of a particular road segment, County and City designees will enter into an LOA for that road segment.

## Discussion

The purpose of this IGA is to establish procedures to authorize County and City designees to enter into binding LOAs for specific roadway segments where right-of-way is owned by both Parties in order for volunteers to perform clean-up activities. This situation presently exists for two one-mile sections of Elliot Road between Power

Road and Hawes Road where the City owns about two-thirds of a mile and the County owns one and one-third miles. Clean-up activities are provided twice a year by volunteers and the trash is picked-up by the County's solid waste contractor. Typically the cost for pick-up is \$10 per pick-up so that the expected yearly cost for the two one-mile sections of Elliot Road is \$40, of which the City may be responsible for one-third (\$13).

Each LOA authorized by the IGA will describe the roadway segment and maintenance services being exchanged between the City and County. If applicable, the LOA will state the amount of reimbursement owed to the other Party if the value of services exchanged is not of equal value. Historically, the AAH Program operates at little cost.

### **Alternatives**

The City Council could choose not to enter into an IGA with the County. The City's lack of participation will result in the County dissolving the AAH Program on those road segments where right-of-way is owned by both Parties.