



# City Council Report

**Date:** August 22, 2016  
**To:** City Council  
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**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation to Construct and Maintain Parking Lot for Lehi Crossing Trail  
District #1

## Strategic Initiatives



## Purpose and Recommendation

Staff request approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Mesa to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for construction and maintenance of a public parking lot at the Lehi Crossing Trail trailhead; located where Val Vista Drive ends in a cul-de-sac north of the 202L Red Mountain Freeway. (See Exhibit A for a vicinity map and Exhibit B for a site plan.) Under the agreement, the City construction will be limited to the installation of a perimeter fence, access gates, signage and delineation for parking. The City will be responsible for maintenance.

Staff recommend that Council approve the Resolution and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

## Background

Currently, designated public parking is not available at the Lehi Crossing Trail trailhead at Val Vista Drive. This area is located within ADOT right-of-way, so an IGA is required to authorize the City of Mesa to construct a fence around and maintain a public parking lot for residents to use to access the trail.

## Discussion

Community Impact – Construction of the parking lot will extend over a period of approximately thirty days and will involve temporary noise and dust. After completion, the parking lot will make the trail more accessible to residents, increasing their recreational and cultural opportunities.

## **Alternatives**

An alternative is to not approve this agreement, which would mean the parking lot could not be constructed. This is not recommended as it would forego the benefits mentioned in the previous section.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The one-time construction costs per the agreement is estimated at no more than \$20,000 and will be funded by Transportation Department's FY16/17 Operations Budget. The anticipated costs to maintain the parking lot is negligible and shall be funded in future years by Transportation Department's operations budget as needed.

## **Coordinated With**

The Office of Management and Budget concurs with this recommendation.