



City Council Report

Date: October 3, 2016
To: City Council
Through: Kari Kent, Assistant City Manager
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Subject: LeSueur and Main Street Pedestrian Signal Project
Design and Construction Agreement
City Project No. CP0586-01
District # 4

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council to consider and authorize the City Manager to enter into a Design and Construction Agreement (Agreement) between Valley Metro Rail, Inc. (METRO) and the City of Mesa (City) for a project to construct a new pedestrian signal at LeSueur and Main Street.

Staff recommends that Council approve the Design and Construction Agreement Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Agreement, which is attached.

Background

After the opening of the Central Mesa Light Rail Extension, the City identified a need for a pedestrian traffic signal at LeSueur and Main Street. Concurrent activities at Pioneer Park and the Mesa Temple have created a large concentration of people during seasonal events that attempt to cross the street at this location. The purpose of the project is to provide a safe and direct north-south signalized pedestrian crossing across Main Street and the light rail tracks and protect pedestrians who cross in this area.

Discussion

The purpose of this Agreement is to identify the roles, responsibilities, and expectations for the Design and Construction of the Project for METRO and the City. Early in the coordination for this Project, METRO requested the responsibility of overseeing the construction as it would involve demolition and reconfiguration of the existing concrete guideway area adjacent to the light rail track. The City lead the design effort and coordinated the reviews with METRO.

Alternatives

An alternative to this project would be to not construct these improvements. This would result in the possibility of continued jay walking across Main Street at LeSueur during seasonal events, resulting in unsafe conflicts with both vehicle and train traffic. This alternative is not recommended.

Fiscal Impact

Under this Agreement, the City is responsible for reimbursing METRO for the construction of the Project. The Project construction cost is \$165,398.24. A 10% contingency of \$16,539.82 for a total construction budget of \$181,938.06. Funding is available from Local Street Sales Tax.

Coordinated With

The Transportation Department and City Attorney's Office.