



# City Council Report

**Date:** October 17th, 2016  
**To:** City Council  
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**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to Construct and Maintain a Multi-Use Pathway adjacent to the 202L San Tan Freeway between Baseline and Elliot Roads.  
District #6

## Strategic Initiatives



## Purpose and Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council approve 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 the Multi-Use Pathway located on the east side of the 202L San Tan Freeway between Baseline and Elliot Roads. (Refer to Exhibit "A" for the project location). Under the agreement, the City's responsibilities will be limited to the construction and ongoing maintenance of a 10-foot path including pathway features. The pathway will include lighting, a 42-inch fence, node rest areas and protection of existing landscape and irrigation.

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

## Background

The City is to construct the first two miles of a seven-mile long, 10-foot wide multi-use pathway along the 202L San Tan Freeway, which begins at Baseline Road and ends at Power Road. This two-mile section extends from Baseline to Elliot Roads and will be constructed on the east side of the State's right-of-way along the 202L San Tan Freeway.

## Discussion

Community Impact – In order to construct the multi-use pathway in the State's right-of-way, the pathway needs to meet ADA standards, provide lighting and include fencing to act as a physical barrier between the pathway users and the storm water drainage

channel. The construction of the multi-use pathway will provide connection to the future federal aid funded Southeast Multi-Use Pathway, extending from Elliot to Warner Roads. Once the pathway's construction is extended to Power Road, the path will provide a regional connection to the existing Gilbert San Tan Freeway Trail.

### **Alternatives**

An alternative is to not approve this agreement, which would result in the multi-use pathway not being constructed and the City will not be able to provide a connection to the future federal aid funded Southeast Multi-Use Pathway, extending from Elliot to Warner Roads, therefore potentially having to forego such funding. This is not recommended as it would forego the benefits mentioned in the previous section.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The construction and maintenance costs of this path was already approved by Council as part of the Capital Improvement Project Budget for Southeast Mesa Bike & Ped Path Segment 1 (Baseline to Elliot Roads). This request is seeking approval by Council to enter the Intergovernmental Agreement associated with the capital improvement project.

### **Coordinated With**

The Office of Management and Budget concurs with this recommendation.