



# City Council Report

**Date:** December 9, 2019  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Karolyn Kent, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** RJ Zeder, Transportation Department Director  
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**Subject:** Arizona Department of Transportation Intergovernmental Agreement 19-00007440-I for the construction and maintenance of the Multi-use Pathway: Mesa Gateway Pathway at 202 San Tan Freeway (Phase 2) Elliot Rd – Hawes Rd (District 6)

## 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 west side of the 202L San Tan Freeway between Elliot and Hawes Roads. (Refer to Exhibit “B” for the project location).

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

## Background

The City constructed in 2016 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. The first two-mile section extends from Baseline to Elliot Roads (Phase 1) and was constructed on the east side of the State’s right-of-way (ROW) along the 202L San Tan Freeway.

This second phase includes a two-mile section extending from where Phase 1 ended at Elliot Road crossing to the west at this traffic interchange and ending at Hawes Road.

## Discussion

Under the agreement, the City’s responsibilities will be limited to the construction and ongoing maintenance of a 10-foot path including pathway features and be responsible for graffiti abatement and the removal of litter, debris, and trash that are generated by trail users and not natural to the landscape of the Project Corridor. The pathway will include

lighting, a 42-inch chain link fence, node rest areas, wider sidewalks at the traffic interchange at 202L and Elliot Road, new pedestrian traffic signal at Warner Road and protection of existing landscape and irrigation.

In order to construct the multi-use pathway in the State's ROW the pathway needs to meet ADA standards, provide lighting and include fencing to act as a physical barrier between the pathway users and the freeway. The construction of the multi-use pathway will provide connection to the future Power Road connection into Gilbert, making it a regional pathway system.

### **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 multi-use pathway, to Power Road. Additionally, the City will have to forego \$2,032,624 in a federal construction grant amount for this segment.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The construction and maintenance costs of this path were already approved by Council as part of the Capital Improvement Project Budget for Mesa Gateway Bike & Ped Path Segment 2 (Elliot to Hawes Roads) and the acceptance of the construction grant mentioned above. This request is seeking approval by Council to enter the Intergovernmental Agreement associated with the capital improvement project.

### **Coordinated With**

The Engineering Department concurs with this recommendation.