



City Council Report

Date: January 12, 2026
To: City Council
Through: Marc Heirshberg, Assistant City Manager
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Subject: Ellsworth Road and Pueblo Intersection
City Project No. CM1053WM07
Council District 5

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Mesa to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Maricopa County for the relocation of water facilities necessary for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Ellsworth Road and Pueblo Avenue as shown on Exhibit "A".

Staff recommend that Council approve the resolution and authorize the City Manager to execute this IGA on behalf of the city, which will authorize the expenditure of \$101,167.33 for the cost to design, construct and manage the relocation of city water line facilities to accommodate a signalized intersection.

Background

The volume of traffic at the intersection of Ellsworth Road and Pueblo Avenue warrants increased safety features and meets the criteria for a signalized intersection. The project is located within Maricopa County rights of way, however, city owned water facilities fall within the improvement limits. This agreement allows Maricopa County to provide design and construction oversight to relocate city water facilities and contributes to accommodate the new traffic signal poles.

Discussion

The purpose of this IGA is to define responsibilities and financial commitments from

Maricopa County and the City of Mesa as it relates to designing and constructing the relocation of water facilities at the intersection Ellsworth Road and Pueblo Avenue. The waterline was installed by permit in 2005 within Maricopa County DOT Right-of-Way.

Community Impact – This project will provide safety improvements for the traveling public.

Alternatives

The City Council could choose not to enter into this IGA. This is not recommended because this project provides benefit to city residents and the agreement allows the city to monitor and protect a valuable asset in the water line that is being relocated.

Fiscal Impact

The total fiscal impact of this IGA is \$101,167.33. Mesa is responsible for the relocation cost because the waterline was installed by permit due to the County having prior rights.

This project is funded by Utility Replacement Extension and Renewal Fund.

Coordinated With

The Water Department concurs with this recommendation.