



# City Council Report

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**To:** City Council  
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**Subject:** Ray Roads Connections at Ellsworth Road Arterial Improvement Project  
CIP Project No. CP0983  
Intergovernmental Agreement concerning maintenance responsibilities within ADOT right of way.  
(Council District No. 6)

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request the approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) concerning maintenance responsibilities within ADOT right of way for the Ray Roads Connections at Ellsworth Road Arterial Improvement Project. The Ray Roads Connections at Ellsworth Road Arterial Improvement Project (CP0983) is part of Mesa's Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) identified as RTP Project: ACI-RAY-30-03.

Refer to Exhibit "A" within in the agreement for the location map of the project.

Staff recommends that Council approve this Resolution.

## Background

The execution of an IGA allows the City to apply and obtain a permit with the State for the required construction work within the ADOT right of way. By developing the details of the work and identifying the areas where the Project is to encroach ADOT's right of way, the City and ADOT have established the maintenance and operation responsibilities once the Project is complete and open to traffic.

## Discussion

The City wishes to construct a 6-lane roadway with raised median including curb, gutter, sidewalk, streetlights, and a traffic signal on Ray Road between Hawes and Ellsworth Roads. Ray Road passes underneath the Gateway Freeway State Route 24 (SR24) within ADOT right of way, area defined as "Project Limits" as shown in Exhibit A. The City will administer the Project and be responsible for the operation,

and cost of the Project, as well as certain maintenance responsibilities as outlined in the IGA.

Some of the maintenance responsibilities that City has agreed to be responsible are listed below:

- Repair of potholes, signing and striping, pavement markings, leveling and/or patching of asphalt concrete pavement, seal coating, litter and trash removal, repair of the surface/base of damaged pavement presenting a safety hazard, new grates, storm drains, erosion control, rustication of surface treatments, aesthetics, and the removal of weeds, litter, debris, and trash not natural to the landscape of the Project and visible from the Project. The repairs or maintenance performed by the City shall not compromise the safety and structural stability of the State facilities.
- Major and minor maintenance within the Project Limits of areas and features such as fencing, street surfaces, shoulders, curbs and gutters, driveways, sidewalks, ADA ramps, median dividers, pavers, screen/sound walls, slope paving, and surface drainage features feeding into the State's system.
- Maintenance of the catch basins within the Project Limits including the storm drain that drains to the existing State basin as shown in Exhibit A
- Sweeping, crack sealing, mill and overlay, removal of spills and debris, graffiti abatement within the Project Limits

### **Alternatives**

The City Council could choose not to enter into this IGA. The City's lack of participation would prevent the City from constructing the project within ADOT right of way.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The City will increase its area where maintenance and operations is to occur. This increase has been accounted for in the CIP and accordingly, in FY24/25 when this project completion is expected, \$6,742.00 annually has been budgeted.

### **Coordinated With**

This IGA has been coordinated with Engineering, the Office of Management and Budget, and Financial Services.