



City Council Report

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To: City Council
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Subject: Germann Road and Sossaman Road Intersection Improvement Project; Project Agreement with Maricopa County and Town of Queen Creek (District 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) between the Maricopa County (County), the Town of Queen Creek (Town) and the City of Mesa (City).

The IGA is for the design of Germann Road and Sossaman Road Intersection Improvement Project.

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

Staff recommends that Council approve this Resolution, authorizing Staff to participate in the design of this improvement project.

Background

The Germann Road and Sossaman Road Intersection is in southeast Maricopa County and is bound by the City of Mesa to the north and the Town of Queen Creek to the south. The County, Town and City completed a Design Concept Report (DCR) dated July 2015 by Dibble Engineering to evaluate the intersection and, the Union Pacific Railroad at-grade crossing, and traffic impacts to Pecos Road and Rittenhouse Road. In addition, the DCR identified limits for the right-of-way preservation and underground utility impacts.

The 2015 DCR's Alternative One was selected and included shifting the Germann Road alignment to the north. The design improvements will maintain the current alignment of Sossaman Road (Exhibit A). When constructed it will reduce the right-of-way and utility impacts and maintain the north-south connectivity that currently benefits the traveling public. The County, Town and City are participating in the design. The County will not financially participate in the funding of the construction of the improvements. The City's participation in the construction has not yet been agreed to.

Discussion

The City will be responsible for one-third (1/3) of the estimated cost of the design which includes but it is not limited to, consultant direct design cost, Parties staff time, administration and overhead, permits and survey data collection, printing and conducting public outreach activities, which is estimated to be \$1,300,000.

All parties have agreed to participate equally - in the design improvements of the Germann Road and Sossaman Road Intersection at an estimated cost to the County that will not exceed \$500,000. If the total costs for design exceed \$1,500,000, the excess costs will be divided equally between the Town and the City.

A future IGA will be executed for the construction phase of this project.

Alternatives

The City Council could choose not to enter into this IGA. The City's lack of participation would prevent the City from ensuring the design addresses the concerns of the City in the vicinity of the proposed improvements.

Fiscal Impact

The City is responsible for one-third (1/3) of the total estimated design cost of \$1,300,000. If the actual design costs exceed \$1,500,000, then the City will be responsible for one-half (1/2) of the total excess.

Coordinated With

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