



# City Council Report

**Date:** August 24, 2020  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Kari Kent, Assistant City Manager  
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**Subject:** Utility Portion of the Ellsworth Channel Relocation Project  
City Project No. M99-2020-024  
Council District 6

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval for execution of an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (PMGAA) for the utility portion of the Ellsworth Channel Relocation Project, which will aid in the future development of the northeast side of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. (Refer to Exhibit "A" for the project location).

Staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to execute this IGA on behalf of the City, which will authorize the expenditure of \$783,404.60, which includes a change order allowance in the amount of \$71,218.60 (10%), for construction of water and wastewater infrastructure to serve future development and expansion efforts at the Airport.

## Background

PMGAA is administering the design and construction of the Ellsworth Channel Relocation Project, which will aid in the future development of the northeast side of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, by relocating the existing Ellsworth Channel and constructing Hawes Road, south of Ray Road, as an entrance to the Airport property.

The overall project is funded by the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (PMGAA) which includes the relocation of the existing Ellsworth Channel, new landscaping, roadway improvements on the Hawes Road alignment, and water and wastewater utilities in Hawes Road and into the airport expansion site to serve future development and the Airport. However, portions of the constructed infrastructure will ultimately become part of the City's water and wastewater system, and therefore the City has agreed to reimburse PMGAA for the construction costs for only these utility infrastructure improvements.

Channel relocation construction costs and Hawes Road construction and hardscape improvements will be covered by funding provided by PMGAA.

## **Discussion**

The purpose of this IGA is to set forth the roles and responsibilities of PMGAA and the City of Mesa with respect to the Ellsworth Channel Relocation project, including engineering design services, design review, construction administration, construction permitting and inspection, ownership, and financial burden of the constructed facilities.

Community Impact – This project will provide for much needed expansion at the airport in the northeast expansion area. The project will not have an immediate impact on the public during construction due to the area being isolated from any interaction with the public.

## **Alternatives**

The City Council could choose not to enter into this IGA. This is not recommended because the northeast expansion of the Airport will provide for economic stability in the southeast area of Mesa and the construction of this project helps facilitate that much needed expansion as the airport grows.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The total potential fiscal impact of this IGA is \$783,404.60, which includes a change order allowance in the amount of \$71,218.60 (10%).

This project is funded by 2014 authorized Water bonds.

## **Coordinated With**

The Water Resources Department concurs with this recommendation.