



# City Council Report

**Date:** May 6, 2019  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Karolyn Kent, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** RJ Zeder, Transportation Department Director  
MariaAngelica Deeb, Transportation Projects Coordinator  
**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa Association of Governments for Design Assistance Grants for US 60 Consolidated to Eastern Canal Pathways (District 2)

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council concerning a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) that would allow for Transportation to accept a grant.

Staff recommends that Council approve the execution of the IGA and Transportation Department’s acceptance of the grant and provide the City Manager authority to execute the necessary agreements.

## Background

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) has the Design Assistance Grant (DAG) program, whose intent is to fund project assessments (up to 15% design plans) for cities and towns that do not already have funds for the design and construction of such projects. The intent of the grant is for cities and towns to determine the feasibility of the project and the scope of it, if such should proceed. Additionally, the DAG project assessment documentation such provide all the necessary information for the city or town to apply for future federal aid construction funding.

## Discussion

The Transportation Planning group obtained a DAG for this project with a scope to study and propose a full-built pathway along the US60 connecting the Consolidated and Eastern Canal SUPs. Mesa has a gap in its network as there is no south connection between the existing Consolidated and Eastern canal improved pathways. The study would propose the ultimate improvements envisioned for this connection.

If the Council approves of the IGA, it will authorize Transportation’s acceptance of the grant detailed above and the City’s cost participation at 80/20.

DAG funds and Mesa's cost participation:

Project	MAG	Mesa	TOTAL
US60 Consolidated to Eastern Canal	\$ 72,958.49	\$18,239.62	\$ 91,198.11

**Alternatives**

An alternative to the acceptance of this grant is not to accept the DAG, not to determine the feasibility of the proposed projects and not to prepare documentation that will assist the City in future grant funding opportunities.

**Fiscal Impact**

The City would pay to MAG \$18,239.62, estimated to be a FY19/20 expense

**Coordinated With**

The Transportation Department concurs with this recommendation.