



# City Council Report

**Date:** October 20, 2025  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Marc Heirshberg, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Lance Webb, City Engineer  
**Subject:** Pecos Road Basins and Storm Drain Improvements  
City Project No. CP1230PRSD  
Council District 6

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Mesa (City) to amend the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCDMC) for the design, rights-of-way acquisition, and utility relocation efforts (Design Phase) necessary for the Pecos Road Basins and Storm Drain Improvements (Project). The City and FCDMC previously entered into the Design Phase IGA in the winter of 2024. As part of the Design Phase IGA, The City entered a cost share agreement with the FCDMC for Design Phase expenditures. The City is responsible for thirty-five (35%), up to \$5,600,000, and the FCDMC is responsible for sixty-five percent (65%), up to \$10,400,000. This IGA amendment would clarify the mechanism by which the City could seek reimbursement from FCDMC for property acquisition to include documentation of recorded easements and associated appraisals demonstrating the value of the easements.

A future IGA will address remaining construction improvements that support the overall drainage improvements along Pecos Road for the project. Refer to Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" for the Project location.

Staff recommends that Council approve the resolution and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute this IGA amendment on behalf of the City. The IGA will not alter the financial responsibility of the City for the Design Phase costs but will provide additional flexibility to the City in receiving reimbursement from FCDMC.

## Background

Pecos Road between Meridian Road and Ellsworth Road has experienced multiple instances of flooding. The roadway corridor is a concentration point for regional storm water runoff coming from the east. The East Mesa Area Drainage Master Plan Update (ADMPU) previously studied the area and identified needed drainage improvements. In 2015, the FCDMC completed a Design Concept Report (DCR) which proposed the

construction of a series of basins and storm drain improvements along Pecos Road to mitigate flooding in the region.

Since the development of the 2015 DCR, improvements and new development in the watershed have altered drainage conditions in the Pecos Road corridor. These include improvements such as State Route 24 (SR24) and Meridian Road between Ocotillo Road and the SR24 interchange. FCDMC is currently working on a new master drainage plan, the Queen Creek/East Mesa ADMP. The proposed drainage improvements in the 2015 DCR have been further developed into an updated design concept in the spring of 2023.

The City and FCDMC entered into the Design Phase IGA and began the Project design in the winter of 2024. Since starting, the design has progressed to the 60% stage, one key easement has been acquired and another easement acquisition is in process.

## **Discussion**

The City is the lead agency for the Project, and is responsible for acquiring the land rights, preparing the construction documents, leading utility relocation efforts, and funding 35% of the Design Phase costs. The purpose of this IGA amendment provides clarification on the Project cost share agreement through easement acquisitions necessary to the Project.

Community Impact – Once complete, the Project drainage improvements will reduce regional flooding and provide increased roadway access during storm events.

## **Alternatives**

The City Council could choose not to amend the Design Phase IGA. This is not recommended, because it would limit the City's flexibility in seeking reimbursement from the FCDMC as part of the cost share agreement. Without the proposed improvements, the Pecos Road corridor would continue to be negatively impacted by storm events, including flooding of the roadway and around adjacent properties.

## **Fiscal Impact**

This IGA amendment does not have a fiscal impact; however, it does provide flexibility in how the City will seek reimbursement from the FCDMC for their cost share of the property acquisition. Future fiscal impacts may include additional costs for construction of the Project.

This Project is funded by Local Street Sales Tax and the Transportation Fund.

## **Coordinated With**

The Transportation Department concurs with this recommendation.