



City Council Report

Date: May 19, 2014
To: City Council
Through: Kari Kent, Deputy City Manager
From: Jodi Sorrell, Transit Services Director
Subject: The Second Amendment to the Gilbert Road Light Rail Transit Extension Agreement
Council District 4

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this item is to request the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into the Second Amendment to the Gilbert Road Light Rail Transit Extension Agreement to Funding Agreement #12-175 with Valley Metro Rail, Inc. (METRO) for the Gilbert Road (LRT) extension. This amendment provides for the continuation of Project design and real estate acquisition activities and to extend the term of the amendment to December 31, 2015. This amendment also provides for the City to fund the (5.7%) local match of \$235,739 for the federal grant for this portion of the Project.

Background

In July 2012, METRO and the City entered into Funding Agreement #12-175 to fund the preparation of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Gilbert Road LRT extension. The agreement provided that the cost for the EA preparation was not to exceed \$750,000.

Following the preparation of the Environmental Assessment, MAG approved a major amendment to the RTP to add the Gilbert Road extension. This amendment also added the Project to the Five-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

In June 2013, the Funding Agreement was amended (Amendment #1) to fund the next phase of the Project, Preliminary Engineering and extend the duration of the agreement to June 2014. Funding for the PE included \$943,000 of federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds and a local match of \$57,000.

Discussion

With the completion of PE in the spring of this year, staff proposes to expand the agreement to procure the services of a design consultant and Construction Manager at Risk contractor, commence final design and pre-construction services. The agreement would also include preparing design for utility relocation, initiate real estate acquisition and fund City and METRO staff efforts to support these activities. The expanded agreement (Amendment #2) would also extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2015, to allow time to complete the added work.

Fiscal Impact

The total authorized funding to date is \$1.75 million. The cost of the additional work is \$4,135,738. MAG has advanced \$3.9 million in federal CMAQ funds within the region's TIP for this purpose. This will require \$235,738 of matching funds from the City of Mesa. The funds are included in the FY 14/15 Capital Improvement Program budget.

Coordinated With

Engineering and the City Attorney's Office concurs with this recommendation.