



# City Council Report

**Date:** June 3, 2024  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Candace Cannistraro, Deputy City Manager  
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**Subject:** FY 2024 Closeout Award: IGA between the City of Mesa and Maricopa Association of Governments for the award of the Design Assistance Grant for the Red Mountain Multimodal Study (Council District 5)

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request the approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the IGA for the award of the Design Assistance Grant for the Red Mountain Multimodal Study.

Refer to Exhibit “A” for the location map of the project.

Staff recommends that the Council approve this Resolution.

## Background

On January 31, 2024, the Maricopa Association of Government’s (MAG) Regional Council approved the funding scenario for FY 2024 Closeout. The City of Mesa (City) was awarded an FY 2024 Design Assistance grant for the Red Mountain Multimodal Study:

TOTAL Grant	Award	Match (5.7%)
\$53,000	\$49,979	\$3,021

This project is funded with federal monies, and as such, MAG wholly manages the project contracting with a consultant through the federal procured FY 2022-2025 MAG Design Assistance and Active Transportation Services On-Call Consultant List. The Design Assistance Grant’s reports become the joint property of the applicant member agency and MAG. As Mesa was awarded the grant through Closeout funding, a 5.7% local match is required. Mesa’s funding source for this match is Local Streets Fund.

## **Discussion**

The consultant hired by MAG for Mesa will prepare a multimodal study for the area bounded by Thomas Road from Power to Higley Roads, Longbow Parkway between Higley and Recker Roads, and Recker Road between Thomas Road and Longbow Parkway. The study will assess the enhancement of bike lanes, separated, or buffered where feasible, and consider the design of these roadways for appropriate speeds, the separation of users, the improvement of connectivity and access for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders, including for people with disabilities, and the implementation of safety countermeasures.

## **Alternatives**

The City Council could choose not to execute this IGA and not continue with this study.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The City will be financially responsible for the match (5.7%) of \$3,021. This amount will need to be paid to MAG before the initiation of the Design Assistance Grant project.

## **Coordinated With**

This project has been coordinated with Engineering.