



City Council Report

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To: City Council
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Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa Association of Governments for Design Assistance Grant for Mesa Gateway Shared-Use Pathway Phase III (Hawes to Power Roads) (District 6)

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 the Mesa Gateway Phase 3 alignment and consider alternatives that provide a connection from the Mesa Gateway shared-use pathway (SUP) at Hawes to the Gilbert San Tan SUP at Power Road. The study will also compare the alternatives to the previous MAG design assistance project assessment for the Mesa Gateway SUP loop which proposed the alignment follow the 202 right-of-way (ROW) and pedestrian bridges be constructed over the Roosevelt Water Conservation District (RWCD) and East Maricopa Floodway (EMF) facilities. In 2020 Mesa will have a gap in their shared use path system from Mesa

Gateway at Hawes and the Town of Gilbert San Tan trail end at Power Road. The City of Mesa will have to develop alternatives where pedestrians and bicyclists safely cross these locations. Currently, the only alternative that has been studied is building the pathway along the SR202L, with a structure to cross the EMF and RWCD facilities. This option is cost prohibitive. This option is cost prohibitive as a pedestrian bridge over the EMF and RWCD facilities is required and the requirements of RWCD and Flood Control District make this bridge a costly facility. The proposed study would provide at least 3 alternatives and priorities that can be prioritized based on ROW impacts and cost.

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
Mesa Gateway Phase III	\$147,113.60	\$36,778.40	\$183,892.00

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 \$36,778.40, estimated to be a FY19/20 expense

Coordinated With

The Transportation Department concurs with this recommendation.