



# City Council Report

**Date:** August 29, 2022  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Marc Heirshberg, Deputy City Manager  
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**Subject:** Water and Wastewater Facility Relocations at University Drive from Power Road to Higley Road  
City Project No. M02-2020-003  
Council Districts 2 and 5

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval for a resolution authorizing the City of Mesa (City) to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (County) for the relocation of existing water and wastewater facilities on University Drive from Power Road to Higley Road (refer to Exhibit "A" for the Project location).

Staff recommends that Council approve the resolution and authorize the City Manager to execute this IGA which will authorize the expenditure of \$22,000 for water and wastewater facility relocations.

## Background

The County operates and maintains University Drive from Power Road to Higley Road and plans to upgrade sidewalk ramps, sidewalks, driveways, bus stops, and traffic signals on this section of roadway to meet current standards (Project).

To accommodate these upgrades, the Project includes the relocation of existing City of Mesa owned and operated water and wastewater facilities including hydrants, manholes and valves located within the County right of way.

## Discussion

The purpose of this IGA is to identify and define the responsibilities of the County and the City for the design and construction of the water and wastewater facility relocations for the Project.

The County will act as the lead agency for all aspects of the design and construction of the Project, which will be completed to County and City standards as applicable.

The City will provide design review, public relations assistance, inspection of City facilities, and no-cost traffic control permits for the Project. The City will retain responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the relocated water and wastewater facilities. The City will participate in the funding of the Project with a maximum contribution of \$22,000.

Community Impact – These relocations will require short term temporary water shutdowns and temporary traffic impacts starting in the fall of 2023 at various times throughout the 9 month duration of the construction Project. Residents and businesses will be notified, and shutdowns scheduled to minimize the impact. When complete, residents will have Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk ramps, sidewalks, driveways, bus stops and signal equipment on this section of University Drive.

### **Alternatives**

The City Council could choose not to enter into this IGA with the County. This is not recommended because the City would be required to perform the water and wastewater facility relocations without the benefit of combining the work with the County Project, resulting in additional cost for the City.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The total fiscal impact of this IGA is \$22,000.

This Project is funded by the City's Water Resources Water RER Funds.

### **Coordinated With**

The City Attorney's office and the Water Resource Department concur with this recommendation. The City has also coordinated this agreement with Maricopa County.