



City Council Report

Date: October 6th, 2025
To: City Council
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Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement for Drainage Improvements Along Elliot Road from East Maricopa Floodway to Ellsworth Road
City Project No. CP0982
Council District(s) 6

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Mesa (City) to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (District) for drainage improvements along Elliot Road from East Maricopa Floodway (EMF) to Ellsworth Road. The project will mitigate excess stormwater runoff that impacts existing and proposed properties along this corridor. This will be achieved by the construction of new storm drains and other drainage features to collect stormwater and drain to EMF. Refer to Exhibit "A" for the Project location.

Staff recommends that Council approve the resolution and authorize the City Manager to execute this IGA on behalf of the City, which authorizes the expenditure of \$4,000,000, which constitutes fifty percent (50%) of the project cost estimated at \$8,000,000. Accordingly, the District is expected to cover the remaining fifty percent (50%) amounting to \$4,000,000.

Background

The proposed improvements were studied as part of the East Mesa Area Drainage Master Plan Update (EMADMPU) prepared in November 2013. The EMADMPU provided regional solutions to mitigate the flood hazards in the area, which includes the drainage improvements along Elliot Road from East Maricopa Floodway to Ellsworth Road.

Prior IGA FCD 2024A002 was executed with the District to engage and authorize execution of design, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocations.

This IGA FCD 2025A007 pertains to the construction, construction management, operation, and maintenance of the Project which will consist of storm drains and other improvements along Elliot Road from East Maricopa Floodway (EMF) to Ellsworth Road in Mesa, aimed at mitigating flooding resulting from a 10-year event.

Discussion

The purpose of this IGA is to facilitate the construction, construction management, operation, and maintenance necessary for the Project. This will be achieved through the implementation of the new storm drains and other drainage features to divert stormwater to EMF.

Community Impact – This project will provide stormwater solutions that would otherwise impact existing and proposed residences and businesses.

Alternatives

The City Council could choose not to enter into this IGA. This is not recommended because the City would lose the funding provided by the District, which is intended to cover a significant portion of the drainage construction costs.

Fiscal Impact

The total fiscal impact of this IGA is \$8,000,000. The District will fund 50% of the Project costs (\$4,000,000) and the City will fund the other 50% (\$4,000,000).

This project is funded by 2020 Transportation Bond.

Coordinated With

The Transportation Department concurs with this recommendation.