



City Council Report

Date: October 28, 2021
To: City Council
Through: Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager
From: RJ Zeder, Transportation Department Director
Subject: Amendment No. One to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA 19-0007461-1, A. G.) between the Arizona Department of Transportation and the City of Mesa related to acceleration for construction of State Route 24 from Ellsworth Road to Williams Field Road (Council District 6)

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request the approval of a Resolution authorizing and approving the City Manager to execute Amendment No. One (Amendment) to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the City of Mesa (City) related to the construction of State Route 24 (SR 24) between Ellsworth Road and Ironwood Drive (IGA 19-0007461-1, A. G.).

The Amendment will fund an accelerated construction schedule for the portion of SR 24 from Ellsworth Road to Williams Field Road by March 19, 2022, with the full project scheduled for completion in August 2022,

Background

Bell Bank Park “Legacy Sports Park” is a multi-use sports and recreation facility with ancillary uses that will be developed on approximately 337 acres in Southeast Mesa. The facility will accommodate outdoor soccer, baseball, volleyball, and pickleball. The project includes approximately 477,000 square feet of building area for indoor activities that include, but are not limited to, gymnastics, cheer, dance, basketball and various other indoor special events.

One of the main access points to Bell Bank Park will be from Williams Field Road and SR 24. A development agreement between the City and The Legacy Group currently exists through which the City of Mesa has agreed to contribute up to \$1,500,000.00 towards the construction of a portion of Williams Field Road.

Discussion

The Legacy Group has asked that \$1,200,000.00 of the City’s contributed funds (\$1,500,000.00) be redirected to the SR 24 Project to expedite the completion and opening of SR 24 from Ellsworth Road to Williams Field Road by March 19, 2022. This will allow an additional access point to accommodate vehicular traffic for the many events they have scheduled in the Spring of 2022.

The remaining \$300,000.00 will be utilized for early vehicular access at the intersection of Ellsworth Road and Williams Field Road, which is currently under construction.

Alternatives

The City Council could choose not to enter into the amendment to this IGA. This is not recommended as this would result in significant traffic delays in this part of Mesa

Fiscal Impact

No additional financial impact. The referenced \$1,200,000.00 used to accelerate SR 24 construction will be funded by the City in lieu of the same amount that would have been used to construct a portion of Williams Field Road. The Legacy Group is still required to construct this section of roadway as noted in the development agreement.

Coordinated With

The agreement and amendment have been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and ADOT.