



# City Council Report

**Date:** June 6, 2022  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Marc Heirshberg, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Beth Huning, City Engineer  
Marc Ahlstrom, Assistant City Engineer  
**Subject:** Lehi Loop Shared Use Pathway (Phase 1)  
City Project No. CP0672  
Council District 1

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval for a resolution authorizing the City of Mesa to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the construction and maintenance of the Lehi Loop Shared Use Pathway – Phase 1, a portion of which will be located within SR202 right-of-way, approximately between Thomas Road and Val Vista Drive (Refer to Exhibit “A” for project location).

Staff recommends that Council approve the Resolution and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

## Background

The Lehi Loop Shared Use Pathway – Phase 1 is the first phase of a shared-use pathway around the Lehi Crossing community and surrounding vicinity. This project was approved by City of Mesa voters as part of the 2018 bond program. The pathway extends for 2.2-miles along the SRP South Canal and the ADOT SR202 freeway right-of-way, from McDowell Road to Val Vista Drive. This shared use pathway will provide connectivity to adjacent and future pathways, promote non-vehicular transportation methods, and will add a recreational amenity and feature for the Mesa community.

## Discussion

The purpose of this IGA is to identify the responsibilities of the City of Mesa and ADOT in regards to the construction and maintenance of the Project.

Under the agreement, the City's responsibilities will be limited to the construction and ongoing maintenance of the pathway – including pathway features, graffiti abatement and the removal of litter, debris, and trash generated by trail users and not natural to the landscape of the project corridor. The pathway section consists of an 18-foot-wide facility, 6-feet of decomposed granite for equestrian users and 12-feet of asphalt for pedestrians and bicyclists. The pathway improvements will include fencing, gates, lighting, removable bollards, drainage improvements, and protection of existing landscape and irrigation facilities. Two (2) trailheads will be constructed as part of this project, one near the intersection of McDowell Road and Lehi Road and one at Val Vista Drive north of the ADOT SR202. The trailhead improvements include landscaping, irrigation, paved parking, sidewalks, benches, lighting, signage, and shade structures.

Community Impact – This project will provide an ADA accessible pathway along the SRP South Canal and ADOT SR202 corridors.

### **Alternatives**

An alternative is for the City Council to not to enter into this IGA, which would result in a portion of the multi-use pathway not being constructed and the City would not be able to provide a connection to the future phases of this project. This is not recommended because this project was approved by voters in the 2018 bond program and is a priority for the City's multi-use pathway system master plan, nearby residents, and community members in the surrounding areas.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The City of Mesa agrees to the maintenance and operation responsibilities and associated costs for the construction and upkeep of this pathway. The project construction is funded through the 2018 Parks Bonds. The maintenance and operation costs are included in the Transportation Department's Operations & Maintenance (O&M) budget.

### **Coordinated With**

The Transportation Department concurs with this recommendation.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF MESA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE LEHI LOOP SHARED USE PATHWAY PHASE 1 PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Intergovernmental Agreement IGA20-0007996-I, between the Arizona Department of Transportation and the City of Mesa for the rights-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, construction, construction management, operation and maintenance of the Lehi Loop Shared Use Pathway Phase 1 Project; is hereby approved.

Section 2: That the City Manager, Christopher J. Brady, or his designated representative, is authorized and directed to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Mesa, and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to the signature of the City Manager or his authorized designated representative thereon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk