



# City Council Report

**Date:** June 6, 2022  
**To:** City Council  
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**Subject:** Sossaman Road & Baseline Road Intersection Improvements  
  
Resolution to Increase an Individual Job Order  
City Project No. CP0968 from \$1,500,000 to \$1,800,000  
Council District 6

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to approve an increased JOC contract limit from \$1,500,000 to \$1,800,000 for an individual Job Order for Sossaman Road & Baseline Road Intersection Improvements.

## Background

This project for improvements to the Baseline Road and Sossaman Road intersection was included in the 2020 Transportation Bond election. The project will widen the existing intersection of Baseline Road and Sossaman Road to improve traffic flow and safety. Improvements include adding a dedicated right turn lane for westbound to northbound traffic, a second left turn lane for southbound to eastbound traffic, new sidewalks, new traffic signal, and other associated improvements.

The amount of work necessary for the intersection to be complete exceeds the current \$1,500,000 limit; however, the intersection improvements could be completed if the individual job order was expanded to \$1,800,000. On January 25, 2021, Council passed a resolution that established a process to allow the maximum JOC work order limit to be increased from \$1,500,000 to up to \$2,000,000. This process requires that any work order that exceeds \$1,500,000 be brought to Council for approval by resolution. This proposed action conforms to the process previously approved by Council. Staff are requesting this approval so that the improvements at this intersection for safety and traffic flow can be met.

## **Discussion**

For many City projects, Job Order Contracting (JOC) is the most efficient and cost-effective method of project delivery. This resolution, which authorizes an increase in the maximum dollar amount for this specific job order, will allow the build-out of the intersection of Sossaman Road and Baseline Road intersection improvements using the JOC method of project delivery.

## **Community Impact**

Temporary impacts during construction will include traffic control measures at the intersection of Baseline Road and Sossaman Road. Public access will be maintained to businesses and local streets as required per contract documents. Additional impacts include potential left turn restrictions, lane closures and other temporary restrictions. Pedestrian access will also be maintained throughout the project limits.

Once underway, construction of this project is anticipated to last no more than 6 months.

## **Alternatives**

An alternative to increasing the maximum amount of this individual job order would be to construct this project using the traditional Design/Bid/Build method. This is not recommended as this would delay the start of start of construction by several months and work would occur during the busier winter season. Also, the JOC contractor is familiar with the project and Mesa's requirements and has developed a phasing plan on how to minimize restrictions.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The total authorized amount for this project is \$1,800,000.

This project is funded by 2020 Street Bonds.

## **Coordinated With**

The Transportation Department concurs with this recommendation.