



# City Council Report

**Date:** June 6, 2022  
**To:** City Council  
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**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for maintenance of ADOT right-of-way north of the northeast corner of Val Vista Drive and Thomas Road (City Project No. CP0896PLNT).  
Council District 1

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council adoption of a Resolution approving and authorizing the City to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for the maintenance of ADOT property (Property) within SR202 right-of-way located north of the northeast corner of Thomas Road and Val Vista Drive (Refer to Exhibit "A" for City Maintenance Area location).

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

## Background

During the Central Mesa Reuse Pipeline (CMRP) Project design, a pump station was identified as needed in the vicinity of Val Vista Drive and Thomas Road. ADOT agreed to sell the City a 32,800 square feet portion of ADOT right of way located at the northeast corner of Val Vista Drive and Thomas Road ("Sale Property"). As part of the agreement to sell, ADOT requested that the City of Mesa maintain a portion of ADOT right-of-way north of the Sale Property.

## **Discussion**

Currently, the City is purchasing the Sale Property from ADOT for the Central Mesa Reuse Pipeline Project pump station. The Sale Property is located at the northeast corner of Val Vista Drive and Thomas Road. As part of the purchase, ADOT requested that the City of Mesa perform certain maintenance of the ADOT right-of-way property that is north of the future pump station property.

The proposed IGA, IGA21-0008203-I, is to identify the responsibilities of the City of Mesa and ADOT regarding the maintenance of the Property. As part of the IGA, the City's responsibilities will be limited to landscape trimming, cleaning of an existing drainage channel, and removal of litter, trash, and debris. When the pump station is constructed on the Sale Property, the City will also replace the existing chain link fence with a masonry wall.

## **Alternatives**

An alternative is for the City Council to not to authorize entering into this IGA. This may result in ADOT not agreeing to the transfer of the Sale Property for the City's proposed pump station that is needed for the Central Mesa Reuse Pipeline Project. This would potentially result in increased expenses for the Central Mesa Reuse Pipeline Project, which could be significant. Since the ADOT property serves as the ideal location hydraulically for the CMRP pump station, any alternative site would require additional pipeline length which would add significant cost and potentially delay the design schedule.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The City of Mesa agrees to the maintenance responsibilities set forth in the IGA, budgeted at \$2,000 per year, and included in the Water Resource Department's Operations & Maintenance (O&M) budget.

## **Coordinated With**

The Water Department concurs with this recommendation.