



City Council Report

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To: City Council
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Subject: Elliot Road: East Maricopa Floodway (EMF) to Ellsworth Road Arterial Improvement Project
CIP Project No. CP0982
Project Agreement with Maricopa Association of Governments. Project Agreement No. 23-ACI-ELT-10-03-F
(Council District No. 6)

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request the approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Project Agreement (PA) between the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the City of Mesa.

The PA is for the Elliot Road: East Maricopa Floodway (EMF) to Ellsworth Road Arterial Improvement Project (CP0982) Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) project (RTP Project # ACI-ELT-10-03-F) which defines the regional reimbursement schedule for the Project.

Refer to Exhibit "A" for the location map of the project.

Staff recommend that Council approve this Resolution, authorizing Staff to seek ALCP reimbursements.

Background

In November 2004, the voters of Maricopa County approved a transaction excise tax for the purpose of implementing the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The arterial street component of the RTP, defined in the ALCP, includes major arterial streets and intersection improvements (Arterial Street Improvements) with a revenue allocation. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) allocated Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to the MAG region as sources of revenue. These are administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and are eligible to be used to implement the RTP.

Discussion

Funds for ALCP are administered by the ADOT through its Regional Arterial Road Fund (RARF) sub-account for arterial streets, and through allocations of the Federal Highway Administration's STBG and CMAQ funds that are allocated to the MAG region and administered by ADOT. Funds will be disbursed by ADOT once federal, state or local requirements are satisfied (as applicable), and upon the presentation of an invoice approved or reviewed with concurrence by MAG as provided in this Agreement.

The ALCP includes the following:

Design and construct 2.5 miles of a six-lane roadway including curbs, gutters, streetlights and sidewalk on Elliot Rd from the East Maricopa Floodway (EMF) (located to the west of Sossaman Rd) to east of Ellsworth Rd.

This Project is described in greater detail in the Project Overview submitted by the City, dated July 6, 2022 and on file in the offices of the City and MAG.

Alternatives

The City Council could choose not to enter into this PA with MAG. The City's lack of participation would prevent the City from receiving the eligible ALCP reimbursement.

Fiscal Impact

The Elliot Road: East Maricopa Floodway (EMF) to Ellsworth Road Arterial Improvement Project (CP0982) is an ALCP project and Mesa is eligible for reimbursement for 70% of the project total cost or up to \$12,728,194, whichever is less. If the PA is not approved, then Mesa is no longer eligible for these. The total project cost is estimated at \$24,592,406 and Mesa must upfront the money as the ALCP is a reimbursement program.

A breakdown of the total estimated construction cost for the Project is as follows:

| Project Description | Total Estimated Project Cost | MAG Estimated Contribution | City's Estimated Contribution |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Elliot Road: EMF to Ellsworth Road | \$24,592,406 | \$12,728,194 | \$11,864,212 |

Coordinated With

This Agreement has been coordinated with the Engineering Department, the Office of Management and Budget, and Financial Services.

Exhibit A

