



# City Council Report

**Date:** November 21, 2022  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Scott J. Butler, Assistant City Manager  
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**Subject:** Ellsworth Rd: Posada Avenue to Prairie Avenue  
CIP Project No. CP1097  
Project Agreement with Maricopa Association of Governments. Project  
Agreement No. 23-ELL-30-03  
(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 Ellsworth Road: Posada Avenue to Prairie Avenue Arterial Improvement Project (CP1097) Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) project (RTP Project # ACI-ELL-30-03) 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 the required arterial road improvement to finish the north-bound improvements and add a 3rd thru lane, bike lane, curb, gutter and sidewalk. New signing and pavement markings will be required. Pavement treatment may be also required. This Project is described in greater detail in the Project Overview submitted by the City, dated September 20, 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 Ellsworth Road: Posada Ave to Prairie Ave Arterial Improvement Project (CP1097) is an ALCP project and Mesa is eligible for reimbursement for 70% of the project total cost, which is currently estimated at \$324,470.00. As part of the ALCP program, Mesa must upfront the total project cost. If the PA is not approved, then Mesa would no longer be eligible for the reimbursement.

Currently, the programmed ALCP reimbursement money exceeds the estimated project cost as Mesa has been able to reallocate the regional funding to priority projects while delaying the construction of others. After the Ellsworth Road: Posada Avenue to Prairie Avenue project is completed and the reimbursements received by Mesa, the City will be able to reallocate the ALCP saving to fund other active and in need of funding projects.

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

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Total Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>MAG Estimated Contribution</b>	<b>City's Estimated Contribution</b>
Ellsworth Road: Posada Ave to Prairie Ave	\$324,470	\$227,129	\$97,341

**Coordinated With**

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

## Exhibit A

