



City Council Report

Date: September 11, 2017
To: City Council
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Subject: Val Vista Drive Roadway Improvement Project (Baseline Road to US60)
City Project No. CP0105
Council District 2

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval for execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the City of Mesa (City) for the acceptance of roadway right-of-way (ROW) on Val Vista Drive from Inverness Ave to US60 (Refer to "Figure 1" for the project location) and ADOT funding to repave the street before acceptance of the ROW.

ADOT will contribute \$539,675.92 to the City's larger roadway project which will reconstruct Val Vista Drive from US60 to Baseline Road. The City will act as the designated lead agency and will be responsible for the roadway improvements. After construction, the City will also accept this portion of ROW from ADOT.

Staff recommends that Council approve the IGA and the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute this IGA on behalf of the City.

Background

The City intends to improve Val Vista Drive from Inverness Ave to US60 as part of a larger pavement reconstruction project. This segment of Val Vista Drive ROW is currently under the jurisdiction of ADOT; ADOT owns and maintains it. Significant aging has occurred along this section requiring pavement rehabilitation. The City currently does not have access control on this ADOT-controlled section and whenever ADOT restricts traffic in this location, it results in restrictions to the adjacent shopping center, Dana Park. The City and ADOT have negotiated this agreement to share the cost of the roadway improvements and allow the City to accept this ROW to operate and maintain. To support these efforts, ADOT will contribute \$539,675.92 for the roadway improvements. The City agrees to accept the roadway ROW from Inverness Ave to US60 once construction is complete.

Concurrently, this work is part of a larger pavement rehabilitation project that supports the City of Mesa's pavement operations and maintenance (O&M) program. It will provide additional traffic capacity between the Town of Gilbert, the City of Mesa and US60 and the adjacent shopping center, Dana Park, and will provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements for the safety of non-vehicular traffic between Baseline Road to US60.

Discussion

The purpose of this IGA is to document and clarify the actions and responsibilities which will be taken by the City and ADOT for this section of the roadway.

Community Impact – Upon the taking of ROW, the City would be responsible for the maintenance and operation of Val Vista Drive from Inverness Ave to the intersection of Val Vista Drive and US60. ADOT will retain ROW at the intersection of Val Vista Drive and US60.

Alternatives

The City Council could choose not to enter into this IGA. This is not recommended because the current ADOT ROW extends south towards Inverness Ave and the asphalt pavement is in poor repair. This would also delay the rehabilitation of Val Vista Drive and ADOT would retain control of roadway, associated maintenance activities and traffic restrictions. Currently, ADOT maintains this section of Val Vista Drive while the City operates the traffic signals.

Fiscal Impact

ADOT has agreed to reimburse the City for design and construction costs for the work in their existing ROW. ADOT intends to provide inspection of the improvements in the ADOT ROW then turnback the improved roadway ROW to the City at completion of construction.

The total authorized amount for reimbursement for this project will be \$539,675.92, based upon the 90% construction estimate. A possible \$10,333.04 will be made available in the event ADOT is unable to complete construction inspection in the ADOT ROW, increasing the agreement total amount to \$550,008.96.

Coordinated With

The Engineering Department has coordinated with the City Attorney's office and the Transportation Department. The City has also coordinated with Maricopa County.

The above departments and agencies concur with this recommendation.