



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor or Members of the City Council

From: Jason Simpson, City Manager

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Date: January 10, 2023

Subject: Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program Reimbursement Agreement for Interstate 15 Franklin Street Interchange Improvement Project

Recommendation

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) to reimburse funds for the Final PS&E phase of the Interstate 15 Franklin Street Interchange Improvement Project in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

Background

Interstate 15 Railroad Canyon Road Interchange Improvement Project environmental document was approved in August 2017, which included the Interstate 15 Franklin Street Interchange improvements. The project was broken out into two (2) phases, where Phase 1 consisted of Railroad Canyon Road Interchange and Phase 2 of Franklin Street Interchange. Railroad Canyon Road Interchange completed construction in the summer of 2022.

Currently, Franklin Street is a two-lane overcrossing above Interstate 15 that serves the City of Lake Elsinore and its surrounding communities. The future Interstate 15 Franklin Street Interchange will consist of the new overcrossing with a diamond configuration located approximately 1,160 ft north of the existing Franklin Street overcrossing. With anticipated growth from future commercial and residential properties to the west and east of the interchange, the interchange improvements will not only relieve congestion and improve traffic operation in the adjacent communities but will also improve congestion and traffic operation of adjacent interchanges at Main Street and Railroad Canyon Road.

Discussion

In September 2022, the Western Riverside Council of Government (WRCOG) Executive Committee has approved the 2022 Southwest Zone 5-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which includes the Interstate 15 Franklin Street Interchange project. Per City's request, the TIP programmed \$6 million dollars of TUMF funds for costs related to the Final PS&E phase. In

addition, the City has allocated \$2.0 million towards the final design (PS&E) phase of Franklin Street Interchange in order to get the project ready to list. In order to receive TUMF funds, an agreement between WRCOG and the City is required. This agreement formalizes the reimbursement contract between WRCOG and the City of Lake Elsinore.

Fiscal Impact

Costs will be budgeted through the TUMF program and Measure Z funding. Impact to Measure Z is in the amount of \$2.0 Million.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Interstate 15 Franklin Street TUMF Agreement
Attachment 2 - Project Location Map