

#### REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Jason Simpson, City Manager

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**Date:** August 22, 2023

Subject: Cooperative Agreement with Riverside County Transportation Commission

for the Interstate 15/Franklin Street Interchange Project

## Recommendation

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) for the PS&E phase of the Interstate 15/Franklin Street Interchange Project in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

#### **Background**

Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the City of Lake Elsinore (City) desire to enter into a cooperative agreement for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) phase of Interstate 15/Franklin Street Interchange Project. The PS&E phase of the project includes the preparation of the final PS&E design, and right-of-way management and acquisitions.

Interstate 15/Franklin Street Interchange Project (Project) will construct a new interchange located between the Main Street Interchange to the north and Railroad Canyon Road Interchange to the south. The Project has an approved environmental document from 2017 as it was originally part of the Interstate 15/Railroad Canyon Road Interchange Project. Due to economic reasons, these interchange projects were phased out with Railroad Canyon Road Interchange proceeding as Phase 1 and Franklin Street Interchange as Phase 2.

### **Discussion**

RCTC and the City agree to cooperate in the development of the PS&E document for the Interstate 15/Franklin Street Interchange Project, completion of the PS&E work and services, and the implementation of this agreement. The cooperative agreement establishes the roles and responsibilities between RCTC and the City.

The City will be responsible for securing funds when necessary or implementing project changes to ensure work can be completed with the funds obligated in this agreement. The City will be responsible for identifying and obtaining additional funding beyond described in this agreement.

#### RCTC I-15/Franklin Coop Agreement

Additionally, the City is responsible to timely review design plans for the project.

RCTC will be the lead agency responsible for managing the scope, cost, schedule and quality of the work activities and project component for the PS&E phase.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The City will reimburse RCTC for expenses incurred under this agreement for a total of \$12.5 million. The City has secured funding through WRCOG TUMF Program and the City's Measure Z. Funds are allocated within the adopted CIP budget.

# **Attachments**

Attachment 1 - Cooperative Agreement