



Public Works Department
City of Apache Junction
Home of the Superstition Mountains

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 18, 2021

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager
Michael Wever P.E., Public Works Director

FROM: Raquel Schatz, Project Engineer

SUBJECT: Utilization of Unobligated Federal Funds
HFE 21-04 Delaware Drive Roadway Improvement Project

REQUEST

Staff respectfully requests the mayor and city council, discuss and consider an Intergovernmental Agreement with ADOT for design and construction of the City's Delaware Drive Roadway Improvement Project, from 16th Avenue to Broadway Avenue.

BACKGROUND

The city requested funds from Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) from three (3) different committees using different funding sources.

The MAG Active Transportation Committee is composed of representatives from MAG member agencies, Valley Metro, and the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists as well as members of the landscape architecture and public health community. This committee focuses on meaningful implementation by recommending bicycle and pedestrian projects for funding. All pedestrian related improvements such as bicycle lanes, curb & gutter, sidewalks, sidewalk ramps, street counters, etc.

The Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) is available to the Pinal County cities and towns that are part of MAG. Projects within this specific area qualify for funding in the Pinal County Arterial Bridge Program. Such projects are roadways, principal and minor arterials, and major collectors. Eligible activities include capacity expansion, rehabilitation of existing roadway and bridge infrastructure, and intersection and drainage improvements.

MAG attempts to utilize all of the spending authority made available to the region. To meet this goal, MAG established a closeout process. The most important criteria for a Closeout project is that it must have completed the federal project development process through a self-certified agency (ADOT) and be in a position to go to bid by the end of the current federal fiscal year (June 1st). Closeout priorities are to advance a current federally funded programmed project that are ready to be obligated, second is to increase the federal share of projects being obligated, then street sweepers, and lastly design. This is the only program that funds design.



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DISCUSSION

The City is in an agreement with ADOT for the following:

Work	Funding Type	Year	Federal	City	Total
Design	Closeout	2021			
(5.7%)			\$424,350	\$25,650	\$450,000
(100%)				\$30,000	\$30,000
Construction		2024			
(5.7%)	CMAQ		\$906,499	\$54,794	\$961,293
(21.6%)	STBGP		\$1,777,573	\$488,466 *	\$2,266,039
		TOTAL	\$3,108,422	\$598,910	\$3,707,332

* Closeout eligible if the city wishes to advance the construction to the previous year (2023), which means that the design is completed and shovel/bid ready.

RECOMMENDATION

Although the timing is extremely aggressive, the City has pursued and is hoping to utilize these available funds on Delaware Drive from 16th Avenue to Broadway Avenue.

The Public Works Department is requesting City Council approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with ADOT which will provide additional funding for the construction of the Delaware Drive Roadway Improvement Project.

ACTION REQUIRED

Discussion and consideration of the proposed In

Attachment 1: Intergovernmental Agreement

Attachment 2: Exhibit A (Cost Estimate)