

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

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CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Agreement with the Maricopa Association of Governments for the Bullard Wash Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

STAFF PRESENTER(S): Nathan Torres, Parks & Recreation Director

OTHER PRESENTER(S): N/A

Summary: Consider approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to complete the Bullard Wash Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan, a resolution to authorize a grant match, and a budget transfer from the City Manager’s General Fund Contingency for the required matching funds.

Recommendation:

1. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) to complete a Bullard Wash Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan
2. Approve related budget transfer of \$39,600 from the City Manager General Fund One-time Contingency for the city share of project costs associated with the grant.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-2075 – APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) WITH MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE BULLARD WASH BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT AWARD FROM THE 2018-2022 MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS’ TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; PROVIDING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE WITH AUTHORIZATION AND DIRECTION TO CARRY OUT ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT FUNDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Fiscal Impact: The MAG Design Assistance and Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Program requires the awarded agency to provide 20% of the total project costs. The total cost of the project is \$197,669.77, with MAG providing 80% of the project costs (\$158,135.82) and Goodyear providing 20% of the project costs (\$39,533.95). Goodyear’s portion of \$39,533.95 will be funded through the City Manager Contingency Fund.

Background and Previous Actions

On July 14, 2014, City Council adopted the Goodyear Transportation Master Plan. The Plan identified the need for more sustainable transportation options for residents and visitors including a non-motorized transportation network that links neighborhoods with community activity centers.

On July 14, 2014, City Council adopted the Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan. The Plan identified the need for developing a complete, linked path and trail system so that non-motorized users can seamlessly move between on-street and off-street facilities to reach their desired destinations. The Plan's vision is to develop a connected, safe and convenient path and trail system that serves both recreational and active transportation needs and is integrated into an overall multi-modal system. Bullard Wash was identified as a major spine for this trail network.

On November 4, 2014, City Council adopted the Goodyear 2025 General Plan. The 2025 General Plan recognizes the need for a trail system that is regionally and locally linked and accessible, that serves existing and future residents and contributes to the community's social, economic, and environmental quality.

Staff Analysis

On December 4, 2015, federal funding was made available through the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The FAST Act authorized \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for various public transportation needs.

On May 23, 2019, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) announced that \$600,000 in FAST Act funding was set aside in FY20 to assist agencies in the development and funding of bicycle and pedestrian master plans. Per the grant requirements, all awarded projects are subject to a 20% grant match.

Goodyear staff submitted a grant application to MAG to develop a bicycle & pedestrian master plan along the unimproved Bullard Wash from McDowell Road south to Estrella Mountain Regional Park (EMRP). The Bullard Wash Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan will create vital, safe, and interconnected multi-use trails connecting Goodyear to neighboring cities. It will also identify additional non-motorized opportunities to travel to/from the new Goodyear Civic Square. Per the Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan, Bullard Wash is a major spine for trail connectivity.

The project team will utilize multiple consensus building approaches to fully engage the community and project stakeholders to reach a successful shared vision for the Bullard Wash Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. This will be achieved by gathering multiple inputs from the public, stakeholders, and community leaders while following the below outreach process: engage the community, collect information, prioritize information, and obtain feedback.

Once the Bullard Wash Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan is complete, staff will continue to search for additional funding opportunities to advance this project into design and ultimately construction.

Attachments

MAG Intergovernmental Agreement

Resolution

Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Master Plan – “Trails Access with Development Boundaries” Map

MAG Award Letter