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CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Agreement between the Maricopa Association of Governments and the City of Goodyear for the Avondale-Goodyear Transit Feasibility Study.

STAFF PRESENTER(S): Christine McMurdy, Administrative Services Supervisor

OTHER PRESENTER(S): N/A

Summary: The Avondale-Goodyear Transit Feasibility Study will explore the need for enhanced and/or expanded transit service throughout the cities of Goodyear and Avondale. MAG will hire the consultant using \$200,000 of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds and the cities of Goodyear and Avondale will split the local match, paying \$25,000 each.

Recommendation:

Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Maricopa Association of Governments to administer the Avondale-Goodyear Transit Feasibility Study, and authorize a budget transfer of \$25,000 from the Arizona Lottery Fund balance to pay for the local match required by the Federal Transit Administration.

Fiscal Impact: The cost of the study will not exceed \$250,000. Goodyear's share is \$25,000, which is available in the Arizona Lottery Fund. The ending fund balance for FY2020 is currently projected to exceed \$600,000. The City receives an annual allocation from the Arizona Lottery through Valley Metro that is near \$200,000.

Background and Previous Actions

The Southwest Valley Local Transit System Study, completed in August 2012, was the last transit study that made recommendations for transit service expansion and enhancement in and around Goodyear and Avondale. Recommendations made by the consultant for short-term improvements in Goodyear that were implemented included expanding the Avondale Zoom Circulator and improving existing arterial fixed route service on McDowell (Route 17). Mid-term recommendations include expanding east-west and north-south fixed route bus service and creating a Goodyear circulator service.

Staff Analysis

In addition to changes in activity centers and development in Goodyear since the 2012 study, the Avondale-Goodyear urbanized area will see a change in apportionment of FTA funds after the 2020 Census. Our urbanized area, which includes Avondale, Goodyear, and portions of Buckeye, Glendale, Litchfield Park and Surprise is likely to exceed the 200,000 population threshold, which would result in the loss of funding to operate the Avondale Zoom Circulator by 2022. At around the same time, MAG will be preparing a ballot initiative to extend Proposition 400 – the 1/2 cent sales tax that funds transportation in the region. The results of this study, which will include a robust public participation effort, would give the city a guideline for transit priorities for our future.

The study will be completed through a consultant contract that will be competitively bid, procured and administered through MAG. Staff at MAG anticipate advertising the solicitation for a consultant in February and after Avondale and Goodyear staff approve a consultant selection, they estimate the study would begin in either March or April 2020 and wrap up by April 2021.

Attachments

Intergovernmental Agreement