



STAFF REPORT
2/14/2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Gabriel Perez, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Cooperative Agreement with Riverside County Transportation Commission For the Coachella Rail Station Feasibility Study

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) for the Coachella Rail Station Feasibility Study and Integrated Land Use and Transit Network study phase.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Coachella and RCTC submitted a joint application to Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 (REAP 2.0) program for the Rail Station Feasibility Study and Integrated Land Use and Transit Network. The project includes conducting a transit station feasibility study and visioning plan to support the proposed Coachella Valley – San Gorgonio Pass Rail Corridor Service Tier II environmental work that would be undertaken by RCTC. On June 13, 2023, SCAG awarded the City of Coachella and RCTC \$2,005,000 for the Coachella Rail Station Feasibility Study and Integrated Land Use and Transit Network REAP Application.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

RCTC will serve as the implementing and sponsoring agency for the project, assisting the City of Coachella with managing the delivery of the project. RCTC will be responsible for:

- A. Providing project management services for the Study Phase. Be responsible for procuring, retaining, and overseeing consultant(s) as required for completion of the Study Phase, or as reasonably necessary for Study Phase Completion.
- B. Providing the City an opportunity to review and approve all study documents for the project prior to finalization of such document for the project.
- C. Invoicing SCAG for Study Phase expenses incurred in accordance with the Cooperative

Agreement.

The City and RCTC will collaborate in the development of the Study document for the project, completion of the Study Phase work and services, and the implementation of the Cooperative Agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with RCTC for the Coachella Rail Station Feasibility Study and Integrated Land Use and Transit Network study phase.
2. Not Authorize the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with RCTC for the Coachella Rail Station Feasibility Study and Integrated Land Use and Transit Network study phase.

FISCAL IMPACT:

SCAG and RCTC will be entering into a funding memorandum of agreement allocating the Project \$2,005,000 in REAP 2.0 funds. RCTC staff time will be reimbursed with REAP 2.0 funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Coachella Rail Station Feasibility Study Cooperative Agreement