



**STAFF REPORT**  
**3/25/2020**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Gabor Pakozdi, P.E. - City Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Reimbursement Agreement with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments for Avenue 48 Arts and Music Line Project Design

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve a Reimbursement Agreement with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments Avenue 48 Arts and Music Line Project design; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) is the lead agency for the proposed Avenue 48 Arts and Music Line (Arts and Music Line Project) improvements and has contracted with Webb and Associates to design the project.

The proposed Arts and Music Line Project will be a community connector to the CV Link located primarily along Avenue 48. (Attachment 1: Project Route Map).

CVAG has requested the City's participation with the design, along with the Cities of Indio and La Quinta, to make it more competitive in the next round of Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants.

The participating cities' local share of the design cost is determined by linear mileage.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Avenue 48 Arts and Music Line is a priority identified in CVAG's Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS) and is therefore eligible for regional transportation funding.

CVAG worked with the cities of Coachella, Indio, and La Quinta and Riverside County to develop the 10-mile project.

By designing this project, the goal is to have a shelf ready project to help secure a future ATP grant for construction.

## **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

The Arts and Music Line is a pedestrian and bicycle community connector to the CV Link and located primarily along Avenue 48 (Attachment 1: Project Route Map). The eastern end will extend along Dillon Road to the Spotlight 29 Casino. The western end will extend southward along Washington Street and then further west and south along Eisenhower Drive, connecting to the Bear Creek Trailhead at the western terminus of Calle Tampico.

The project will provide pedestrians and cyclists safe access to the regional music and art festivals.

The project's design will incorporate both light and sound elements, plus. The project also includes partnerships with two school districts and Golden Voice, as the route provides an opportunity to feature students' art and music.

The proposed local share of the design cost has been calculated by linear mileage of the project. Additional factors, such as sidewalk use and construction of trail along one or both sides of the road were included in the calculation. Construction cost estimates will be developed during the preparation of engineering plans and specifications.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

Council may elect not to approve this agreement.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total project design cost is \$2,731,897 (Attachment 2). CVAG's regional share is \$2,048,923 and the 25% local share is \$682,974.

The local share is distributed between the Cities of Coachella, Indio, and La Quinta primarily by linear mileage and additional factors, such as sidewalk use and construction of trail along one or both sides of the road.

The City's share would be \$31,819.28, or approximately 1.2% of the total design cost. If approved, the City's share would be incorporated into the 2020/21 General Fund operating budget.

The City of Coachella could use non-ATP grant funding to leverage the City's local share.

- Attachment 1.
- Reimbursement Agreement with Exhibits.