



STAFF REPORT
7/22/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Gustavo J. Romo, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Amendment #2 to the Reimbursement Agreement with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) for the Airport Blvd Bridge Replacement Project, City Project ST-141.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment #2 to the Reimbursement Agreement with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) for the Airport Blvd Bridge Replacement Project, extending the time trigger to June 30, 2027, City Project ST-141.

BACKGROUND:

The County of Riverside has secured Highway Bridge Program (HBP) federal funds to replace the existing functionally obsolete and seismically vulnerable bridge that currently extends over the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel with a wider two-lane bridge to meet Caltrans highway standards and seismic design codes in the amount of \$18,007,470, which is 88.53% of the HBP participating costs. The remaining 11.47% cost is \$2.3 million. The total HBP non-participating cost is \$4.3 million. The total remaining amount not covered by the federal funds is approximately \$6.6 million.

The County of Riverside, as the lead agency, in collaboration with the City of Coachella, requested regional transportation funds from Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) to cover the design and construction of a bridge replacement along Airport Boulevard from Orange Street to Desert Cactus Drive.

On June 26, 2023 Coachella Valley Association of Governments' Executive Committee moved to approve the reimbursement agreement with the County of Riverside as the lead agency for the Airport Blvd Bridge Replacement Project (Orange Street to Desert Cactus Drive), providing a not-to-exceed amount of \$4,950,000 in regional funding for eligible design and construction costs. The agreement also includes language to account for the future development of CV Link. The agreement states that design and construction of the required CV Link undercrossing shall be included in the scope of work for the bridge, and that CVAG shall fund this added scope of work.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The PS&E phase is nearing completion and the next step is to submit a Request for Authorization (RFA) to Caltrans obligating the construction phase funding. The current time trigger for start of construction is June 30, 2026. The County is now requesting an extension to the time trigger in its reimbursement agreement with CVAG to allow for obligation of Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds, construction bidding process and contract award. On June 29, 2026 the CVAG Executive Committee moved to approve Amendment #2 to extend the construction phase time trigger to June 30, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact. The budget remains the same as previously approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Amendment #2 to the Reimbursement Agreement – Coachella Valley Association of Governments