

# Dillon Road Joint Powers Authority

*Cabazon Band of Mission Indians  
City of Coachella  
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians*

## STAFF REPORT

3/7/2024

**TO:** Dillon Road Joint Powers Authority Chair and Board Members

**FROM:** Andrew Simmons, City Engineer, City of Coachella

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Submit Form LAPM 3-A, Project Authorization/Adjustment Request for \$1.5 million in Preliminary Authorization/Adjustment Request for \$1.5 million in Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way funds for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Authorize the City to Submit Local Assistance Project Manual (LAPM) form 3-A to Caltrans HBP District 8 for an authorization/adjustment request totaling \$1.5 million dollars for preliminary engineering and right-of-way funds for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Authorize a local cost share obligation for the of \$172,050 be assigned 50% towards Cabazon Band of Mission Indians and 50% towards Twenty Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians.

Authorize staff to negotiate a cost share reimbursement agreement with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) for design, right-of-way and construction costs.

Authorize staff to negotiate with the County of Riverside for project management services for the design, right-of-way and construction phases of the project.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In January of 2020, the Dillon Road Joint Powers Authority authorized Resolutions DR-2020-01 and DR-2020-02, which authorized the City of Coachella to apply for Highway Bridge Project (HBP) funding and to prepare National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental documents.

### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

In order to advance the project and keep it on schedule with HBP and FTIP funding objectives, it is recommended that the JPA authorize the City staff to submit an authorization for funds for the current fiscal year. The opportunity to submit this request is only open to the project in March, so the current approval of a preliminary funding request is critical to keep the project on track.

In order to meet the compliance and submittal deadlines for the March authorization request, it is required that the JPA identify a funding source for the local funding match. At this time, the City will only seek 1.5 million in total authorization, which will require a local match of \$172,050. It is recommended that the two tribal partners each contribute 50% of these local funds for this portion, while the City of Coachella will continue to contribute staff time, management to procure additional funding, and resources to the project.

Subsequent funding allocations will result in local shares totaling \$9,875,000. It is recommended that the City staff negotiate a local cost share agreement with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments to contribute to the project. This project is listed in the top 20 of the CVAG TIP and qualifies for cost share contributions thru the JPA. It should be noted that CVAG generously contributed 100% of local matching funds for previous portions of the project, including planning and environmental phases. However, it is more common for CVAG to contribute between 50% and 75% towards regional projects. The City will work with CVAG to address the local shares needed for the project and will present a comprehensive cost sharing plan to the JPA at a future date.

Lastly, City Staff has identified that significant additional resources will be needed to complete the project management and compliance portions of the project thru the design, right-of-way and construction phases of the project. City staff recommends that the County Bridge Design team be procured to complete project management duties for the project including but not limited to, design and right-of-way contract procurement and management, construction contract procurement, construction management, environmental compliance, state and federal compliance, and Caltrans local assistance compliance for the full expenditure of HBP funds. Any costs associated with County project management will be presented to the JPA Board at a future meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Per the approved FTIP currently on file with Caltrans, the following project costs are anticipated:

year	24/25	25/26	26/29	Total
Plans and Eng.	\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000		<b>\$3,500,000</b>
HBP funded	\$885,300	\$1,914,700		\$2,800,000
Local Funds	\$114,700	\$585,300		\$700,000
Right-of-Way	\$500,000	\$2,000,000		<b>\$2,500,000</b>
HBP funded	\$442,650	\$1,557,350		\$2,000,000
Local Funds	\$57,350	\$442,650		\$500,000
Construction			\$43,375,000	<b>\$43,375,000</b>
HBP funded			\$34,700,000	\$34,700,000
Local Funds			\$8,675,000	\$8,675,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>	<b>\$43,375,000</b>	<b>\$49,375,000</b>

City staff will work with the County and CVAG to determine appropriate cost share metrics for all local matching funds and management costs and will present a full funding analysis to the JPA Board at a future date.