



**STAFF REPORT**  
**7/14/2021**

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

**FROM:** Andrew Simmons, P.E., City Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 1 to the Reimbursement Agreement with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) in an amount of \$9,250,000 for construction of the Avenue 50 Widening Project, City Project ST-93.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Reimbursement Agreement with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) in an amount of \$9,250,000 for the construction of the Avenue 50 Widening Project, ST-93. This value reflects the total estimated project cost which includes 75% cost share provided by CVAG (\$6,937,500) and a 25% local cost share provided by the City (\$2,312,500).

**BACKGROUND:**

The Project is to improve Avenue 50 from Calhoun Street to Cesar Chavez Street and is among the Top 10 projects listed in the 2015 Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS). Avenue 50 is classified as a Major Arterial with enhanced bicycle facilities per the Mobility Element of the City's General Plan. The proposed roadway segment will have three lanes in each direction, a two way left turn lane, a landscaped median and includes pedestrian bicycle and neighborhood electric vehicle (NEV) facilities.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

On March 9, 2016 City Council authorized a reimbursement agreement by and between the City of Coachella and Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) for a total of \$4,500,000 regional funds toward the design and construction of the Avenue 50 Widening Project. On November 29, 2017 City Council authorized an agreement with KOA Corporation for professional design services. At this time, the City has completed 90% drawings and environmental clearances are expected within the next month.

During the design and environmental phases of the project it was determined that the cost would exceed the initial budget estimate due to unforeseen drainage issues and complicated right-of-way acquisition procedures. This Amendment is in response to the request made by the City on May 24, 2021. CVAG Executive Committee approved it on June 28, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The existing reimbursement agreement splits cost under a 75% regional share/25% local share. CVAG will fund an additional amount of \$3,562,500 for a total of \$6,937,500 for the final plans, specifications and engineer's estimate (PS&E) documents, right-of-way acquisition and construction of the above referenced project. The City's share would be an additional \$1,187,500 for an amended amount of \$2,312,500 and will be funded by Street and Transportation Development Impact Fees (Fund 127).

Project Description	Total Project Cost	CVAG (75%)	City (25%)
Avenue 50 between Calhoun Street and Cesar Chavez Street	Initial Project Estimate (2015)		
	\$4,500,000	\$3,375,000	\$1,125,000
	Current project estimate		
	\$9,250,000	\$6,937,500	\$2,312,500

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Letter to CVAG  
Amendment No. 1 to the Reimbursement Agreement