



STAFF REPORT
9/8/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreement between the County of Riverside and the City of Coachella for Ave 52 Joint Paving Project, City Project ST-129

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute agreement between the County of Riverside and the City of Coachella and make the improvements described below to Avenue 52 and Calhoun Street, City Project ST-129.
2. It is recommended that the City Council determine the project to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA per section 15301 of the CCR and authorize City Staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Coachella Engineering Department has tentatively agreed to enter into a Cooperative Agreement, pending City Council approval, to rehabilitate the asphalt surface on 52nd Avenue from Van Buren Street to Calhoun Street and on Calhoun Street approximately ¼ mile north of 52nd Avenue and ¼ mile South of 52nd Avenue. The County is also rehabilitating the roadways in the portions outside of the City jurisdiction including 52nd Avenue from Calhoun to Monroe and Calhoun Street from the Southern City limits to 54th Avenue. The Improvements on 52nd Avenue include the complete removal and replacement of the Road section and widening the roadway to accommodate Class II bicycle lanes. See the attached Map included with Attachment 1, Exhibit A – Vicinity / Project Map, for more details.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

County of Riverside will fully manage this project and has prepared plans and specifications that have been approved by the engineering department. The County requested public bids in accordance with City standard practices and in compliance with public contract law. The estimated cost to the City is \$487,074.82, including contingency.

ENVIRONMENTAL:

The Project is exempt from CEQA per section 15301 of the California Code of Regulations, which includes: repair and maintenance of existing public facilities involving negligible expansion of existing or former use. Subsection (c) includes: *“existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety, and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes)”*

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Avenue 52 Joint Paving Project, ST 129, was included in the City’s approved CIP for FY 2021/22. The contract amount of \$487,074.82 will be funded with Measure A (Fund 117) and SB1 (Fund 109).

Attachments:

1. Cooperative Agreement