



STAFF REPORT
1/13/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Andrew Simmons, P.E., City Engineer
SUBJECT: Pueblo Viejo Street Improvements at Palm View School

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize staff to receive invoices from the Coachella Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) for infill infrastructure work being performed on 7th street in the Pueblo Viejo Downtown district. The total reimbursable work shall not exceed Ninety Thousand (\$90,000) dollars and shall be reimbursed from funds allocated to the Pueblo Viejo Sustainable Transportation Project ST-130.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On October of 2020, the city entered into a grant agreement with an Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) program which also supplements an Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program grant. These two grants provide a total of approximately 3.5 million in funding and are allocated under City project number ST-130. These grant funds are to be used on infill infrastructure improvements in the downtown Pueblo Viejo District. Improvements included in the grant funding include: a traffic signal, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting, electrical undergrounding, public plaza improvements, landscaping, and ADA improvements.

BACKGROUND:

CVUSD is currently under construction on the rebuild of the Palm View elementary school on 7th street in the Pueblo Viejo downtown district. As part of their construction, they had included new street lights, new sidewalks and some ADA improvements to adjacent intersections. Some of these improvements are adjacent to and coincide with proposed infill infrastructure features included in the City ST-130 project. The City staff has worked with CVUSD in order to facilitate improvements that are consistent with the downtown district, including replacement of deteriorated curbs and gutter, installation of decorative downtown lighting and installation of intersection ADA improvements. These additional costs for enhancement were determined to be outside of the scope of the CVUSD project but to be reimbursable by the existing Pueblo Viejo Sustainable Transportation Project. As such, in order to install right-of-way improvements that meet the City's enhanced downtown district goals and meet the needs of the existing grant programs, the City Staff has recommended allocating Ninety Thousand (\$90,000) dollars to the CVUSD project. This value includes a maximum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) dollars for

enhanced street lighting upgrades and a maximum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) dollars for enhanced sidewalk, curb and gutter upgrades.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Working with CVUSD to complete the proposed enhanced infill improvements to current City downtown standards is valuable to the City, the School District and the community. Allowing CVUSD to complete the enhanced frontage improvements with existing onsite contractors is both financially prudent and expedient.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Ninety Thousand (\$90,000) dollars will be distributed from funds allocated to ST-130 and shall be reimbursed by existing grant funding. Council appropriates Ninety Thousand (\$90,000) dollars in the City's Grant Fund (152) for this expenditure.