



STAFF REPORT
1/22/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

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

SUBJECT: Amendment #3 to the CVAG-City of Coachella Reimbursement Agreement for Project Study Reports (Phase 1) for the Dillon Road Interstate 10 Interchange and the Dillon Road SR 86 Interchange and Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Document for the Dillon Road Bridge at Whitewater Channel, ST-109.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize City Manager to execute Amendment #3 to the CVAG-City of Coachella Reimbursement Agreement for Project Study Reports (Phase 1) for the Dillon Road Interstate 10 Interchange and the Dillon Road SR 86 Interchange and Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Document for the Dillon Road Bridge at Whitewater Channel, ST-109.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2007, City Council authorized a Reimbursement Agreement with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) providing \$3 million for the Dillon Road interchanges at I-10 and SR86 Phase 1 Project Study Report (PSR) as well as the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Design for the Dillon Road Bridge at Whitewater Channel (also known as the Coachella Valley stormwater channel).

In March 2009, City Council approved Amendment No. 1 adding \$149,238.75. The agreed upon work was to perform environmental documentation for the interchanges with CVAG paying 75 percent of the total costs of \$198,985.00 making the total CVAG commitment \$3,149,238.75. The City of Coachella completed the scope of work for the two interchange PSRs in 2010 for a total of approximately \$1,890,000.

In July, 2016, City Council approved Amendment No. 2 to the existing Reimbursement Agreement with CVAG to utilize remaining money in the existing agreement, approximately \$1,259,000, to pay 100 percent of eligible expenses to fund any additional design work and revalidate the environmental documents for the Dillon Road Bridge at Whitewater Channel.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

In November of 2018, the Dillon Road Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was established and a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement was entered into to help advance the Dillon Road Bridge project. The JPA empowered and authorized the City of Coachella, as the Lead Agency, to enter into contracts for the JPA and authorized the City to execute and administer professional services, update and complete the required environmental documents and complete the preliminary engineering and environmental document phase of the project.

During this time, the JPA successfully completed the preliminary engineering and environmental document phase (PA&ED); successfully resolved ownership questions related to the property and the structure; and changed state law to allow the Tribe to take the lead.

On October 2, 2024 the JPA passed Resolution DR-2023-01 to relinquish lead agency and project management rights and responsibilities from the City of Coachella and transfer those rights and responsibilities to the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians. Due to these recent changes, City staff requested an amendment to the reimbursement agreement between CVAG and the City to cover the costs incurred to complete the PA&ED phase to close out the project.

On December 2, 2024 CVAG's Executive Committee authorized Amendment #3 to the Reimbursement Agreement for Project Study Reports (Phase 1) for the Dillon Road Interstate 10 Interchange and the Dillon Road SR 86 Interchange and Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Document for the Dillon Road Bridge at Whitewater Channel. With this agreement, the final costs for the project will be reimbursed and the PA&ED phase of the project will be completed. The Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians will continue to move the project forward to complete the PS&E and Construction phases.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to FY 24/25 CIP Budget. Amendment #3 will increase CVAG's commitment by \$27,905.87 with a 100% match to cover all remaining costs.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Amendment #3 to the CVAG-City of Coachella Reimbursement Agreement for Project Study Reports (Phase 1) for the Dillon Road Interstate 10 Interchange and the Dillon Road SR 86 Interchange and Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Document for the Dillon Road Bridge at Whitewater Channel.