



**STAFF REPORT**  
**4/27/2022**

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Reimbursement Agreement with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments for Avenue 48 Arts and Music Line Project Design

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve a Reimbursement Agreement with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments Avenue 48 Arts and Music Line Project design; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) is the lead agency for the proposed Avenue 48 Arts and Music Line (Arts and Music Line Project) improvements and has contracted with Webb and Associates to design the project.

The proposed Arts and Music Line Project will be a community connector to the CV Link located primarily along Avenue 48. (Attachment 2: site maps).

CVAG prepared a cost share agreement with the City of Coachella that was presented to City Council on March 25, 2020, for a total sum of \$31,819.28. However, this agreement was never fully executed by CVAG. CVAG is requesting to modify the previous cost share agreement with the City of Coachella to a new, not to exceed, sum of \$54,638.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Arts and Music Line is a pedestrian and bicycle community connector to the CV Link and located primarily along Avenue 48 (Attachment 1: Project Route Map). The eastern end will extend along Dillon Road to the Spotlight 29 Casino. The western end will extend to Washington Street.

The project's design will incorporate both light and sound elements, plus. The project also includes partnerships with two school districts and Golden Voice, as the route provides an opportunity to feature students' art and music.

The proposed local share of the design cost has been calculated by linear mileage of the project. Additional factors, such as sidewalk use and construction of trail along one or both sides of the road were included in the calculation.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

On January 10, 2021, Gov. Newsom released his January budget proposal which includes \$500 million in funding to the Active Transportation Program (ATP). However, it is not 100 percent certain if the ATP funding will go to last year’s Cycle 5 augmentation or if it will be allocated to the competitive process in Cycle 6. You’ll recall that – should funding augmentation for Cycle 5 materialize the Arts and Music Line is in a strong position to receive funding.

For the last two ATP funding cycles, CVAG has been mere points shy of the funding cutoff in the statewide round. It has been CVAG staff’s recommendation that – until, and unless, the augmentation is reality – we prepare to resubmit the Arts and Music Line, and encourage the City of Desert Hot Springs to resubmit for the extension, for the upcoming Cycle 6. Based on information from our state lobbyists, the chances for Cycle 5 augmentation looks dim. In March 2022, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) released a call for projects for ATP Cycle 6. Applications are due in mid-June. On February 28, 2022, The CVAG Executive Committee approved augmentation to the contract with Webb and Associates to provide consulting support for the ATP cycle 6 submittal.

Also, CVAG has recommended amendments to the CV Arts and Music Line design cost-sharing agreements with each City. The amendments would reflect changes to the project scope and route design, which eliminated a segment in La Quinta. This was done in order to increase the competitiveness of the application given the strong disadvantaged community focus of ATP. The table below was used to calculate the new cost-sharing numbers. The amounts in the table below include Webb and Associates’ contingency, resulting in a total fee of \$2,731,897. Therefore, the 25% local share would be \$682,974 and would be split between the three agencies. Please note that the Cycle 5 reimbursement agreement was approved by City council but was never fully executed by CVAG. The current proposed reimbursement agreement for Cycle 6 will be in lieu of the previous non-ratified Cycle 5 agreement.

La Quinta	Indio	Coachella	Total Local Share(25%)	Notes
\$ 324,061	\$ 327,094	\$ 31,819	\$ 682,974	Cycle 5 Reimbursement Agreement
47%	48%	5%	100%	
\$ 170,744	\$ 457,593	\$ 54,638	\$ 682,974	Amended Cycle 6 Reimbursement Agreement
25%	67%	8%	100%	
\$ (153,317)	\$ 130,499	\$ 22,819	\$ -	Delta

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Council may elect not to approve this agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total project design cost is \$2,731,897 (Attachment 2). CVAG's regional share is \$2,048,923 and the 25% local share is \$682,974.

The local share is distributed between the Cities of Coachella, Indio, and La Quinta primarily by linear mileage and additional factors, such as sidewalk use and construction of trail along one or both sides of the road.

The City of Coachella's share would increase from \$31,819 to \$54,638, or approximately 2% of the total design cost. If approved, the City's share would increase by \$22,819 appropriated from the General Fund along with any related interfund transfers for consistent accounting.

- Attachment 1. Modified CVAG Arts and Music Line Cost Share Agreement
- Attachment 2. Site Maps
- Attachment 3 non-executed reimbursement agreement