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FOCUS AREA: Other / NA

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS: Facilities/Public Transportation

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 24-1582**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **APPROVING** the City of Douglas **TRANSIT SITE SELECTION** and **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS STUDY**.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Douglas initiated the Transit Site Selection and Environmental Analysis Study in 2020, seeking to locate a new transit administrative office and vehicle storage facility for transit operations and to address any environmental clearances required to be eligible for future funding for the construction of a transit facility. Key efforts of the study included site identification, site evaluation, field visits, environmental analysis, development of evaluation criteria, technical evaluation and fulfillment of a coordinated Public Involvement Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Douglas Transit Department received a grant from ADOT to conduct a study and select potential site(s) for a new Transit Facility. On April 14, 2021, CivTech presented to Mayor & Council the results of the study, which identified a preferred site or sites to accommodate the development of a transit administration building and transit center/transfer facility. A total of six (6) potential sites were identified and evaluated based on the following factors: site size, existing use/site ownership, surrounding area, circulation and access, site suitability, site conditions, environmental concerns and proximity to city resources.

Based on the site evaluation results, input received from the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) and public input received as part of the Public Involvement Plan, the site recommendation(s) for preferred location(s) were:

- A transit administration building at 9th Street and G Avenue (site 2); and
- Transit fleet storage at the Sulphur Springs Street and Lawrence Avenue location (site 6)

City staff was given direction to continue searching for alternate site locations for a transit center/transit administration building. A potential site identified by staff in June 2022 was rejected by ADOT for potential contaminants, as it was previously owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad. Then, earlier this year, a city-owned building located at 1815 9th Street became available and staff made the decision to relocate transit administration offices to that location. We engaged CivTech once again to add this location to the site study. The site evaluation and environmental analysis was conducted on the location and an update was presented to Mayor & Council on October 11, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

The city would like to formally request approval by the Mayor and Council of the Transit Site Selection and Environmental Study, identifying site recommendations as follows:

- A transit administration building at 1815 9th Street (site 7) – 9th Street & San Antonio Ave; and
- Transit fleet storage at the Sulphur Springs Street and Lawrence Avenue location (site 6)

Approval of the study will allow staff to submit the recommendations to ADOT for their approval to move forward with engineering and design of the improvements necessary for the fleet storage facility and will open up eligibility and opportunities for future federal funding for construction of the facility.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Transit received a \$300,000 grant allocation from ADOT in 2020 for engineering and design of a new transit facility. Approval of this study is necessary for ADOT to grant final approval to expend the engineering & design funds; once E&D is complete we can apply to ADOT for capital improvement funds.

Fiscal Year: 2023/2024

Amount Requested:

Budgeted: Y / N

Account (s):

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 24-1582.”