

**DOUGLAS, AZ
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: 11/13/2024

SUBMITTED BY: Luis Pedroza, Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: Ana Urquijo, City Manager

FOCUS AREA: Other / NA

**ORGANIZATIONAL
IMPROVEMENTS:** EnterTextHere

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 24-1645**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona **AUTHORIZING** the execution of an **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT** between the City of Douglas and Cochise County regarding efforts to **DESIGN** and **CONSTRUCT** the **CONNECTOR ROAD** for the **COMMERCIAL LAND PORT** of **ENTRY** in Douglas, Arizona.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The city and the county are partnering under this Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to collaborate in designing and constructing the connector road from the new commercial port of entry to State Route 80.

BACKGROUND:

With this IGA the city and the county agree to a coordinated and collaborative effort using State and Federal partners to design and construct the new connector road. The city would pledge the grant awarded by the State of Arizona in the amount of \$8,170,000 towards any aspects of the project.

Specifically, the county recently applied for a federal MPDG grant in the amount of \$43 million for the construction of the connector road and the city pledged its \$8.17 million awarded by the State of Arizona legislature towards a match for this federal grant. The grant asked that a formal commitment be made and remit it with the grant application. Although the grant is already submitted, it was stated that the city and county would execute a formal commitment. This IGA provides that commitment and allow the city and the county to continue to work on other future grant applications for this same purpose. In addition, ADOT applied for a congressional directed spending grant for \$20 million and the county was awarded a \$5 million SMART grant for design.

The IGA also allows collaboration between the city and the county to begin the Right of Way acquisition process for the connector road. This has been discussed with ADOT and agrees that city and county could get ahead and begin the acquisition process. The city and county doing the ROW process would save approximately 7 months in the timeline, something that all agencies are working through to achieve a Q2 2028 POE opening.

Both the city and the county agree that they would continue to partner with ADOT, who is leading the effort, and federal agencies to complete the Connector Road Project. If these efforts proved not to be successful, the city and the county, to the financial means available and to then county standards, will combine efforts to complete the connector road project. This commitment was also requested by the GSA to be included in the Donation Acceptance Agreement language.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommend approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

Fiscal Year: 2024/2025

Amount Requested: \$0

Budgeted: Y / N

Account (s):

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 24-1645.”