



City Council Memorandum

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2021

FROM: PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR UTILITY RELOCATION IMPROVEMENTS WITH CITY OF CORONA FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO CITY OF RIVERSIDE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,090,000 FOR MCKINLEY STREET GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION RELATED TO UTILITY CONFLICT MITIGATION – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – WORK ORDER NO. 2026278

ISSUE:

Approval of the Cooperative Agreement For Utility Relocation Improvements with the City of Corona for reimbursement to City of Riverside in the amount of \$2,090,000 for McKinley Street Grade Separation Project Design, Construction and Construction Inspection related to utility conflict mitigation within the project area of City of Corona’s McKinley Grade Separation Project; appropriate \$2,090,000 to fund the project and increase estimated revenue for the same amount to reflect the reimbursement; and approve the expenditure of \$2,090,000 for Work Order No. 2026278.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Cooperative Agreement For Utility Relocation Improvements with the City of Corona for reimbursement to City of Riverside in the amount of \$2,090,000 for McKinley Street Grade Separation Project Design, Construction, and Construction Inspection related to utility conflict mitigation within the project area of City of Corona’s McKinley Street Grade Separation project;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Cooperative Agreement and any amendments including those to increase the reimbursable amount of the agreement;
3. Authorize an increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$2,090,000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Water Fund (520) to fund the project;
4. Approve the capital expenditure of \$2,090,000 for Work Order No. 2026278 for the City of Riverside’s design, construction and construction inspection costs for City of Corona’s McKinley Street Grade Separation project.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On January 25, 2021, the Riverside Board of Public Utilities voted unanimously, with all members present, to recommend that the City Council approve the Cooperative Agreement For Utility Relocation Improvements between City of Corona and City of Riverside for reimbursement to City of Riverside in the amount of \$2,090,000 for McKinley Street Grade Separation Project Design, Construction and Construction Inspection related to utility conflict mitigation within the project area of City of Corona’s McKinley Grade Separation Project; appropriate \$2,090,000 to fund the project and increase estimated revenue for the same amount to reflect the reimbursement; and approve the expenditure of \$2,090,000 for Work Order No. 2026278.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Corona (Corona) is constructing the McKinley Street Grade Separation Project (Project) which consists of a new four-lane overhead grade separation at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks near the intersection of McKinley Street and Sampson Avenue where the City of Corona adjoins the unincorporated area of Riverside County. The project extends from Magnolia Avenue north to State Route 91. The Grade Separation will relieve traffic congestion and provide a safer passage of vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists over passing trains. Construction of the grade separation project is anticipated to begin in 2021 and be completed in roughly 26 months.

The City of Corona unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement For Utility Relocation Improvements between the City of Corona and the City of Riverside at their January 6, 2021 City Council meeting.

DISCUSSION:

The Project will impact approximately 1,300 linear feet (LF) of existing City of Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) 12-inch asbestos cement (AC) pipeline within McKinley Avenue and Estelle Street along with related water appurtenances (valves, fire hydrants and services), which will need to be relocated by RPU. Approximately 600 LF of 12-inch main within McKinley Avenue will be relocated to a utility easement provided by the City of Corona, while the approximately 400 LF of conflicting 12-inch main within Estelle Street will be abandoned and alternatively rerouted from Magnolia Avenue and Grant Street to eliminate additional future maintenance burdens that would result if the pipeline were to be reconstructed within the grade separation footprint.

RPU has superior property rights for the water facilities that pre-date the establishment of existing City of Corona and County of Riverside right-of-way within the project location. Consequently, the water line relocations will be funded by City of Corona. Under the terms of the Cooperative Agreement, Corona will reimburse RPU for the costs to perform engineering design, construction and construction inspection of the waterline relocations which is estimated at \$2,090,000. Corona will obtain all necessary easements to construct the utility relocations by March 31, 2021 and RPU shall complete construction of the relocation improvements by October 31, 2021.

The project breakdown is as follows:

Project Breakdown:	
Engineering Performed By:	Riverside Public Utilities
Construction to be Performed By:	Riverside Public Utilities (Outside Contractor)
Anticipated Start Date:	May 2021
Anticipated Completion Date:	October 2021
Coordination Required With:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Riverside Public Utilities\Water ▪ City of Corona ▪ County of Riverside
Reimbursements:	RPU Design, Construction, and Construction Inspection (Estimated Cost: \$2,090,000)

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of the action is \$2,090,000. Funding for this relocation project is currently not budgeted, therefore, a supplemental appropriation of \$2,090,000 in the Water Fund (520 Undesignated Reserves) and an increase in the estimated revenue of \$2,090,000 in the Water Fund is required to reflect the reimbursement. Under the terms of the Agreement, Corona shall pay the estimated costs to RPU in immediately available funds within thirty days of the execution of the Cooperative Agreement. Upon completion of the relocation improvements, RPU will prepare a written accounting of the final cost for the relocation improvements. To the extent that the final cost exceeds the estimated cost, Corona shall pay RPU the difference; to the extent that the final cost is less than the estimated cost, RPU shall refund Corona the difference.

Prepared by: Todd M. Corbin, Utilities General Manager
 Certified as to availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
 Approved by: Al Zelinka, FAICP, City Manager
 Approved as to form: Kristi J. Smith, Interim City Attorney

Attachments:

1. January 25, 2021 Unofficial RPU Board Meeting Minutes
2. Cooperative Agreement for Utility Relocation Improvements
3. Site Map
4. Presentation