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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2017**

**FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT      WARD: 4**

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND CITY OF RIVERSIDE FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ON VAN BUREN BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000**

## **ISSUE:**

Approve the Agreement by and Between County of Riverside and City of Riverside for Project Development Activities on Van Buren Blvd Widening Project to widen Van Buren Boulevard between Wood Road and Washington Street, for the City to contribute \$400,000 toward engineering.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement by and Between County of Riverside and City of Riverside for Project Development Activities on Van Buren Blvd Widening Project for \$400,000 to widen Van Buren Boulevard between Wood Road and Washington Street; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Agreement by and between County of Riverside and City of Riverside for Project Development Activities on Van Buren Blvd Widening Project, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Van Buren Boulevard corridor is classified as a 120-ft 6-lane arterial roadway and is a major thoroughfare which connects the SR-91 and SR-215 freeways traversing through City and County of Riverside jurisdictions. Van Buren Boulevard between Wood Road and Washington Street carries approximately 45,000 motorists daily and widening Van Buren Boulevard from four to six lanes will improve traffic flow and reduce delays. The Project will also complement a 2013 Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) grant project that synchronized the traffic signals along Van Buren Boulevard through City and County jurisdictions in an effort to improve traffic flow and reduce delays and emissions.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The County of Riverside is taking the lead to design and construct the \$20,000,000 Project which includes design, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction engineering, and contingencies. As the segment of Van Buren Boulevard between Wood Road and Gamble Avenue is either fully or partially located within the City, at the request of the County, the Public Works Department is recommending that the City provide a local match of 45% (\$400,000) towards the cost of preliminary and final engineering. Riverside County is engaging in discussions with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) to fund the right-of-way and construction phases of the Project, thus the City is not anticipated to provide matching funds for these phases of the Project. Construction of the Project is expected to begin in early 2019.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City is requested to contribute \$400,000 toward the cost of preliminary and final engineering and has already set aside \$253,478 in project accounts 9892630-440313 (Van Buren–Washington to Wood – Measure A) and 9892627-440223 (Van Buren–Washington to Wood - Gas Tax). The Public Works Department will fund the remaining \$146,522 of the City's commitment in the FY2018/2019 Capital Improvement Program budget.

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Approved as to form:	Gary G. Guess, City Attorney

### Attachments:

1. Cooperative Agreement with the County of Riverside
2. Location Map