



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2019

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARDS: 3 AND 7

**SUBJECT: VAN BUREN BOULEVARD WIDENING FROM JURUPA AVENUE TO THE
SANTA ANA RIVER BRIDGE - AGREEMENT WITH THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS; FOR \$160,000 IN TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM
MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM FUNDS; SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

ISSUE:

Approval of an Agreement with the Western Riverside Council of Governments for \$160,000 in Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee program funds for the planning and engineering phases of the Van Buren Boulevard Widening project; and a supplemental appropriation of the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement with the Western Riverside Council of Governments for \$160,000 in Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee funding for the planning and engineering phases of the Van Buren Boulevard Widening project;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Agreement with the Western Riverside Council of Governments, including making minor, non-substantial changes; and
3. Authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$160,000 in Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee funds to the Van Buren Boulevard Widening project account number 9840919-440315, and increase the estimated revenue by the same amount in the project account number 9840919-339100.

BACKGROUND:

On May 10, 2011, the City Council (1) found that the Van Buren Widening between Jurupa Avenue and the Santa Ana River bridge will not have a significant effect on the environment based on the analysis and mitigation set forth in the case record, as outlined in the written staff report, and adopted a mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and (2) approved Case EPW-10-002.

In September 2012, the County of Riverside completed the reconstruction of the Van Buren Boulevard Bridge over the Santa Ana River. The bridge was reconstructed to accommodate three

lanes in each direction between the Cities of Riverside and Jurupa Valley.

On May 20, 2014, the City Council awarded a construction contract to widen the easterly side of Van Buren Boulevard from Jurupa Avenue to the Santa Ana River bridge to accommodate a third travel lane. Widening of the westerly side of the roadway was postponed due to insufficient funding.

DISCUSSION:

The Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) developed and administers the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF), a program that ensures that new development pays its fair share for the increased traffic that it creates. The TUMF fees paid by new development in Western Riverside County are held in trust by WRCOG for the purpose of funding qualifying projects. WRCOG has identified the Van Buren Boulevard Widening project as a qualifying project of regional importance. The approval of this agreement will release \$160,000 in TUMF funds, which will allow the City to proceed with completing the engineering design for the project. WRCOG has also programmed \$1,951,000 in TUMF funds for the construction phase. The execution of a new agreement with WRCOG and the appropriation of the construction phase funds will be requested at the time the City Council awards the construction contract for the current project.

The current project will widen the westerly side of Van Buren Boulevard from Jurupa Avenue to Santa Ana River bridge to accommodate a third travel lane. Proposed improvements include asphalt paving, concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk, storm drain modifications, reconstruction of a portion of the Santa Ana River Trail bikeway, construction of a retaining wall along portions of the west side of Van Buren Boulevard, signing and striping, and installation of new street lights. Construction of the project is anticipated to occur in summer of 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Agreement with WRCOG provides \$160,000 in TUMF funding to complete the engineering design of the project. TUMF funding will be appropriated into the Van Buren Boulevard Widening project account 9840919-440315.

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availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
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Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Location Map
2. WRCOG Agreement for the Planning and Engineering Phases