City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

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

FROM: **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** **WARD: 2**

SUBJECT: **IOWA AVENUE WIDENING FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD TO UNIVERSITY AVENUE - AGREEMENT WITH THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $80,000; SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

ISSUE:

Approval of an Agreement with the Western Riverside Council of Governments for $80,000 in Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee program funds for the engineering phase of the Iowa Avenue Widening project; and authorize a supplemental appropriation of the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program Agreement with the Western Riverside Council of Governments to reimburse $80,000 in Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee funding for the of the Iowa Avenue Widening project;

2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Agreement with the Western Riverside Council of Governments, including making minor and non-substantial changes; and

3. Authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $80,000 in Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee funds to the Iowa Avenue Widening project account number 9899819-440315, and increase the estimated revenue by the same amount in the project account number 9899819-339100.

BACKGROUND:

Iowa Avenue, between Martin Luther King Boulevard and University Avenue, is currently a two lane undivided roadway dissecting the agricultural research property for the University of California, Riverside (UCR). In March 2016, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced it would acquire a portion of the UCR agricultural property and construct a new state of the art facility along Iowa Avenue. In October 2017, CARB broke ground for the construction of their facility.

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 Iowa Avenue Widening project as a qualifying project of regional importance. The approval of this agreement will release $80,000 in TUMF funds which will allow the City to proceed with completing the engineering design of the project. WRCOG has also programmed $2,920,000 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 roadway to provide for two-travel lanes in each direction as well as construction of a raised landscaped median. Proposed improvements include asphalt paving, concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk, underground utilities including storm drain, sewer, water, and electric, signing and stripping, installation of new street lights, installation of new traffic signal at the intersection of Iowa Avenue and Everton Place, and construction of a dedicated 2-way bicycle track separated from Iowa Avenue by a raised landscaped median between Martin Luther King Boulevard and Everton Place. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in January 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Agreement with WRCOG provides $80,000 in TUMF funding to complete the engineering design of the project. The TUMF funding will be appropriated into the Iowa Avenue Widening project account 9899819-440315.

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Approved by:	Rafael Guzman, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form:	Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Location Map
2. WRCOG Agreement for the Engineering Phase