



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JUNE 22, 2021

FROM: PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: UTILITY AGREEMENT NO. 24533 STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO CITY OF RIVERSIDE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,483.33 FOR WASHINGTON STREET OVERCROSSING ON INTERSTATE 215 PROJECT CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO UTILITY CONFLICT MITIGATION – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Approve Utility Agreement No. 24533 with State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for reimbursement to City of Riverside in the amount of \$37,483.33 for Washington Street Overcrossing on Interstate 215 Project construction related to utility conflict mitigation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve Utility Agreement No. 24533 with State of California Department of Transportation for reimbursement to City of Riverside in the amount of \$37,483.33 for Washington Street Overcrossing on Interstate 215 Project construction related to utility conflict mitigation;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Utility Agreement with State of California Department of Transportation, including making minor and non-substantive changes and any amendments to increase the reimbursable amount of the agreement;
3. With five affirmative votes of the City Council, authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$37,483.33 from the Water Fund to Work Order Number 1930912 to fund the project; and
4. Record an increase in estimated revenue of \$37,483.33 to reflect the reimbursement to the Water Fund.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On May 24, 2021, the Riverside Board of Public Utilities voted unanimously, with all members present, to recommend that the City Council approve Utility Agreement No. 24533 between State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and City of Riverside for reimbursement to City of Riverside in the amount of \$37,483.33 for Washington Street Overcrossing on Interstate 215 Project construction related to utility conflict mitigation and appropriate \$37,483.33 to fund

the project and increase estimated revenue for the same amount to reflect the reimbursement.

BACKGROUND:

The State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is reconstructing the Washington Street Overcrossing on Interstate 215 (I-215) which consists of a new four-lane bridge that will increase the vertical clearance over the I-215 freeway to meet current standards. Their project extends from the west side of the existing Washington Street Overcrossing to the intersection of Washington Street and South Mt. Vernon Avenue, east of I-215 and is located within the City of Colton in the County of San Bernardino. Construction of the overcrossing replacement project is anticipated to begin in April 2021 and be completed in approximately two years.

DISCUSSION:

The Project will impact an existing 4-inch air vacuum valve (air valve) appurtenance that is part of the Gage Canal Co. (Gage) 48-inch water supply main. The existing air valve is currently located in the landscaped greenway in the existing street right-of-way, however because of the new bridge approach alignment and elevated grade, the 4-inch air valve will need to be relocated by the City of Riverside Public Utilities Department (RPU). The air valve will be relocated approximately 135 feet north of the existing Gage pipeline in the public right-of-way by City Field Forces. Caltrans has requested that the air valve relocation take place before their grading work begins. City Forces estimates that it will take less than a week to complete the relocation work. The actual 48-inch Gage pipeline will not be affected by Caltrans’ project.

As a majority shareholder of the Gage Canal Co., RPU has superior property rights that predate the establishment of existing street right-of-way within Caltrans’ project location. Consequently, the water line relocations will be funded by Caltrans. Under the terms of Utility Agreement No. 24533, Caltrans will reimburse RPU for the cost to complete the air valve relocation, which is estimated at \$29,986.66; however, under the terms of the Utility Agreement, Caltrans has allowed for a contingency of up to 25%, bringing the total Utility Agreement amount to \$37,483.33. RPU will obtain the necessary encroachment permit with the City of Colton before relocating the air valve.

The project breakdown is as follows:

Project Breakdown:	
Engineering Performed By:	Riverside Public Utilities
Construction to be Performed By:	Riverside Public Utilities (Field Forces)
Anticipated Start Date:	July 2021
Anticipated Completion Date:	July 2021 (to be completed in less than one week)
Coordination Required With:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Riverside Public Utilities/Water ▪ Caltrans ▪ City of Colton
Reimbursements:	RPU Construction - Estimated Cost: \$29,986.66 Contingency: 25% Total UA Amount: \$37,483.33

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of the recommendation is estimated to be \$37,483.33. Upon approval, with at least five affirmative votes of the City Council, appropriate \$37,483.33 related to Work Order Number 1930912 in the Water Fund and record an equal amount related to the revenue reimbursement related to this Work Order in the Water Fund. If the final bill exceeds 125% of the estimated cost of the Utility Agreement, an Amended Agreement shall be executed by both parties prior to payment of the final bill.

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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. Project Site Map
2. Utility Agreement No. 24533
3. Board Meeting Minutes
4. Presentation