

City Council Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 04/06/2020
Recommended by: Kevin Louis, Public Works Director
Prepared by: Arri Odom, Engineering Technician
Finance Director Review: Rob Sweeney
City Attorney Review: Brett Wallace
Approved by: Larry Rains Date Submitted: 03/10/2020
Type of Action Requested: Ordinance

SUBJECT:

Approve an IGA with Pinal County for the Shared Design Costs For Thornton Road from Highway 84 to Interstate 8 and Award of Contract for the Design of Thornton Road from Highway 84 to Interstate 8.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Mayor and City Council approve an IGA with Pinal County that lays out the shared costs for the design of Thornton Road between Highway 84 and Interstate 8. This IGA states that the City of Casa Grande will be responsible for 56%, and Pinal County will be responsible for 44%, of the costs of the design.

Staff further recommends that Mayor and City Council award a Contract to Horrocks Engineering. This contract would provide for the design of Thornton Road from Hwy 84 south to Interstate 8. This contract would be for a base amount of \$1,387,500 with a contingency of \$200,000, for a total project amount of \$1,587,500.

DISCUSSION:

The Thornton Road corridor is located in a portion of Casa Grande and Pinal County that has been identified for large scale growth specifically geared toward the industrial sector. The government agencies have fostered relationships and prepared agreements to attract businesses to the region. Based on projections, the existing roadway will not be able to accommodate this growth. The capacity of the roadway will need to increase further to accommodate the traffic volumes over the next few years.

Both the City of Casa Grande and Pinal County own areas within the project scope and have developed an IGA to share in the costs of the design of Thornton Road between Highway 84 and Interstate 8. Pursuant to the IGA, the City will be responsible for 56% of the costs of the design and Pinal County will be responsible to 44%. The City will send an invoice to Pinal County for payment of their 44% share, which amounts to \$610,500, of the estimated costs contained within the contract with Horrocks Engineering. Furthermore, pursuant to the IGA, if any of the requested \$200,000 contingency is used, the City will send an invoice to Pinal County upon the completion of the design for Pinal County's portion of the difference between the estimated costs contained in the contract with Horrocks and the actual project cost.

The City advertised an RFQ for professional engineering of the final Design of Thornton Road to the ultimate four-lane section between the I-8 and Gila Bend Highway. This project will improve traffic circulation and address capacity issues and safety concerns. The scope includes full reconstruction of the roadway with related drainage improvements. We received two Statements of Qualifications (SOQs), and a review panel selected Horrocks Engineering based on four scoring categories.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total contract amount is \$1,587,500 which includes a contingency of \$200,000. These funds are available in account number 403-21-201-100-8301-17068.

ALTERNATIVES:

Deny request.