FROM: TLMA-TRANSPORTATION:

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/ TRANSPORTATION:
Approval of the Agreement between the County of Riverside and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments for the Funding to Prepare the Project Approval/Environmental Document for the Widening of Avenue 48 from Van Buren Street to Dillon Road (Project). 4th District; [$600,000-Total Cost]; Local Funds 100%.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve the Agency Reimbursement Agreement between the County of Riverside (County) and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) for the funding to prepare the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) for the widening of Avenue 48 from Van Buren Street to Dillon Road; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the same.

ACTION: Policy

[Signature]
Patricia Roma, Director of Transportation 6/1/2017

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Avenue 48 is an east-west major arterial in the City of Coachella (City) and the County of Riverside (County). Avenue 48 between Van Buren Street and Dillon Road grade separation currently consist of two vehicular lanes (one lane in each direction) and a striped two-way left turn median. The northerly half of Avenue 48 is in the jurisdictional boundaries of the County and the southerly half is in the jurisdictional boundaries of the City.

CVAG, the City, and the County desire to widen Avenue 48 between Van Buren Street and Dillon Road grade separation per County and City General Plan and to match the number of lanes on both sides to help improve traffic circulation.

The proposed improvements will add one westbound lane and two eastbound lanes with sidewalks and bike lanes to provide needed infrastructure improvements. The project will be designed to minimize impacts to the existing residents on the north side of Avenue 48.

Under this agreement, CVAG will fund 75% of the cost of the engineering and environmental services required to complete the Project Approval/ Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase of the project. The remaining 25% will be shared by the City and the County. Furthermore, CVAG, the City and the County desire the County to act as Lead Agency for this project.

For the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the approval of this Agency Reimbursement Agreement (“Agreement”) is not a commitment to proceed with any particular project involving the above described improvements and is not an approval of a project. The approval of any such project is contingent on completion of the CEQA review. The County will comply with the requirements of CEQA analysis when necessary for any future project as described in the Agreement.

Avenue 48 Widening Project Number: C7-0040

County Counsel has approved the Agreement as to form.

Impact on Residents and Businesses
The proposed improvements will improve safety and enhance operational efficiency for pedestrians and local traffic on Avenue 48.

SUPPLEMENTAL:
Additional Fiscal Information
The total estimated cost of the Project Approval/Environmental Document Phase of this Project is $600,000.

CVAG agrees to pay 75% of the qualified project costs for this phase an amount not-to-exceed $450,000.

County will invoice CVAG for 100% of the eligible project cost. CVAG will in turn invoice the County and the City for proportional shares of the 25% Local Share for this Project.

There are no General Funds used for this project.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
Vicinity Map
Agreement