



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Reimbursement Agreement with Western Riverside Council of Governments for the Ethanac Road/Antelope Road/Highway 74 Intersection Realignment Project

MEETING DATE: March 5, 2025

TO: Mayor and City Council

PREPARED BY: Carlos Geronimo, Engineering Manager

REVIEWED BY: Nick Fidler, Public Works Director

APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Approve and authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program Reimbursement Agreement with Western Regional Council of Governments (WRCOG) for the Ethanac Road/Antelope Road/Highway 74 Intersection Realignment Project, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project No. 25-13, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000; and
2. Adopt a budget amendment resolution approving an increase in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 CIP budget by appropriating \$500,000 in revenues and expenditures to accounts assigned by the Finance Department in the TUMF Fund.

DISCUSSION

The Ethanac Road/Antelope Road/Highway 74 Intersection Realignment Project, CIP No. 25-13 ("Project") is identified in the City's General Plan as a long-range capital project necessary to address the increased traffic demand resulting from the commercial and residential development in the surrounding vicinity. The Project would construct an overpass to traverse the existing railroad tracks and realign Highway 74, Ethanac Road, and Antelope Road. The Project would include drainage, street lighting, and traffic signal improvements and would enhance multi-modal transportation by eliminating the current railroad crossing barrier and install sidewalks and dedicated bicycle lanes. The Project is currently in the preliminary planning phase with a feasibility study expected to be conducted in the upcoming months to determine the environmental, drainage, and right-of-way constraints.

Funds have been allocated to the Project through WRCOG's TUMF Program to support the preparation of a feasibility study ("Study"), which would prepare alternative alignments (horizontal

and vertical) to be further analyzed during subsequent phases of the Project. The Study would consist of analyzing the potential impacts of the proposed Project to the existing right-of-way, utilities, drainage, environment, and traffic conditions within the surrounding area. The Study would coordinate requirements between the City, Caltrans, and the Riverside County Transportation Commission for the roadway realignments and railroad grade separation. The Study would also analyze the impacts of proposed development in the area to ensure required right-of-way is reserved for the future improvements. The proposed TUMF Reimbursement Agreement (“Agreement”) outlines the funding requirements, conditions, and provisions are scheduled to be approved by the WRCOG Executive Committee on March 15, 2025, to allocate funds to the Project which are eligible for reimbursement.

The amount of the proposed Agreement exceeds the City Manager’s signing authority. Pursuant to Menifee Municipal Code §3.12.040, any contract amount that exceeds the City Manager’s signing authority shall be approved by the City Council.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Connectivity and Mobility

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of the proposed reimbursement agreement is for a total amount not-to-exceed \$500,000. The Finance Department would appropriate corresponding TUMF WRCOG revenues (2301-433550) and expenditures within the TUMF Fund for CIP Transportation projects (2310-PWD-CIPS-760000) in the amount of \$500,000, as summarized in Table 1 Below.

TABLE 1 – PROJECT BUDGET

Fund	Project Account String	Revenue Budget	Expenditure Budget
TUMF Fund	CIP25-13.2310.PRE.CAE	\$500,000	\$500,000
	TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

ATTACHMENTS

1. Project Location Map
2. Agreement
3. Budget Amendment Resolution