



## **CITY OF MENIFEE**

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SUBJECT: Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Project Initiation Document for the Garbani Road / I-215 Interchange, CIP 20-05.

MEETING DATE: July 7, 2021

TO: Mayor and City Council

PREPARED BY: Haile Ford, Senior Engineer

REVIEWED BY: Nick Fidler, Public Works Director

APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Approve the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Menifee and California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans") for the Project Initiation Document Phase for the Garbani Road / I-215 Interchange, Capital Improvement Program Project No. 20-05.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase order to pay Caltrans' estimated expenditures to support the preparation and processing of the Project Initiation Document, estimated to be a total amount of \$200,000.

### **DISCUSSION**

Garbani Road is a two-lane east-west roadway that intersects Antelope Road on the east side of the I-215 freeway and intersects Haun Road on the west side of the I-215 freeway. Garbani Road does not continue across the freeway. There is a traffic signal at the intersection of Garbani Road and Antelope Road.

Because Garbani Road does not continue across the freeway, motorists driving on Garbani Road who want to get to the other side of Garbani Road have to drive either to the north or to the south, and then go across the freeway, essentially taking a detour to arrive at their destination. Bicyclists and pedestrians face even greater challenges with access.

Future and ongoing construction of residential and commercial developments in the area are expected to generate traffic volumes beyond what the existing transportation network can accommodate. Due to the traffic impacts expected in the coming years, the City has identified the

need to construct an interchange at Garbani Road.

A feasibility study was developed in May 2020. The feasibility study established a Purpose-and-Need statement, and also provided a preliminary traffic study and a list of preliminary design alternatives for the project. The next step in the project development process is to prepare and process a Project Initiation Document (PID) that includes a Project Study Report and Project Development Study (PSR-PDS). The PSR-PDS will identify the environmental documents needed, potential interchange geometry alternatives, and right-of-way impacts of the project. The PID documentation will be the basis for the subsequent phases of the project, which will be the Project Approval and Environmental Document, the Plans, Specifications and Estimate, right-of-way acquisition, and project advertising and construction. It is anticipated that the future interchange will consist of an overhead structure over I-215 that connects Garbani Road to the east and west, northbound and southbound on- and off-ramps, the extension of Garbani Road to the west between Haun Road and I-215, and the re-alignment of Antelope Road to the east, to connect with Scott Road to the south.

In accordance with the Streets and Highways Code, Sections 114 and 130, the City must enter into a cooperative agreement with Caltrans, which is the owner and operator of the State Highway System (SHS), in order to continue with the project development phase. The Cooperative Agreement defines the responsibilities of each participating agency for the following work:

### **Project Initiation Document (PID)**

With this cooperative agreement, the City commits to follow Caltrans guidelines, specifications, and procedures for preparing the necessary documentation to fully develop the project. Caltrans, as the owner and operator of the SHS, will support the preparation and processing of the PID as follows:

- Review existing reports, studies, and mapping.
- Provide relevant existing proprietary information and maps related to geologic and geotechnical information, utility information, environmental constraints, traffic modeling and forecasts, topographic and boundary surveys, “as-built” centerline and existing right-of-way information.
- Perform pre-consultation with appropriate resource agencies, as needed, to reach consensus on need and purpose, avoidance alternatives, and feasible alternatives.
- Actively participate in the Project Delivery Team meetings.
- Review, circulate, and approve the PID as required by California Government Code, Section 65086.5.

The City Attorney and Caltrans have been working on the language of the Cooperative Agreement for some time now.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on May 10, 2021, for a consultant engineering firm

to prepare and process the PID and PSR-PDS documentation. It is anticipated that the RFP solicitation process will be complete, and a consultant contract awarded in August 2021. It is also anticipated that the PID / PSR-PDS documentation will take approximately one year to complete.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE**

Accessible and Interconnected Community

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

After the execution of the Cooperative Agreement and 45 working days prior to the commencement of PID expenditures, Caltrans will invoice the City for an initial deposit of \$32,000. This deposit represents two months' estimated costs. Thereafter, Caltrans will invoice the City for reimbursement of actual costs incurred and paid for its work in supporting the preparation and processing of the PID as described in the Discussion section. Engineering previously anticipated the total cost for Caltrans' PID services to be \$150,000. However, based on Engineering's communications with Caltrans during the development of the Cooperative Agreement, it has now been estimated that the City's cumulative expenditures for Caltrans' PID services will be approximately \$200,000.

Funding for this agreement is funded under the following FY2020-21 accounts:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
<b>Capital Projects</b>	Garbani / I-215 Interchange	320-4555-58087	\$130,397	\$130,397
<b>Scott Road RBB</b>	Garbani / I-215 Interchange	410-4555-58087	\$662,189	\$69,603

When the consultant contract to prepare and process the PID and PSR-PDS documentation is brought before the City Council for award, staff will identify the fund accounts that will cover the cost of the project.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Cooperative Agreement 08-1735