

Recommendation to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) related to Ownership of State Highway 2, Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) Program

Resolution No. 2015-04

Project Description:

The City will be receiving \$15.7M from CDOT to take over ownership and maintenance responsibilities for 8.676 miles of State Highway 2 between mile marker 11.100 and mile marker 19.776, or 62nd Avenue to just south of the northbound ramps of I-76. This action concurs with CDOT's evaluation that this segment of highway no longer serves the ongoing purposes of the State Highway System. The City and CDOT are entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), which outlines the condition of the abandonment of the highway segment by the State and acceptance by the City.

The grant will be used, in conjunction with \$5.0M of City funds to widen Highway 2 from two lanes to four lanes, between 72th Avenue to just south of the northbound ramps of I-76. Two through lanes will be provided in each direction along with dedicated turn lanes or two-way center turn lanes as needed. A painted or raised median may be provided in certain locations along with on-street bike lanes and/or sidewalks or multi-use paths for pedestrians and bicyclists. No additional traffic signals are anticipated to be needed as a result of this project. Curb and gutter will be provided on the west side of the roadway from 64th Avenue to 72nd Avenue. Paved shoulders will be provided on both sides of the roadway where there is no curb & gutter.

The existing asphalt surface will be utilized to the extent possible. Improved drainage will be provided throughout the corridor including provisions to convey storm water from the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge under Highway 2. The possibility and efficacy of replacing the existing street lights with LED fixtures will be evaluated as well.

Upon approval of the IGA by the State Controller, the City will become responsible for maintenance, operations and enforcement. It is anticipated that approval by the State Controller will take 2-4 weeks, so ownership will revert sometime in mid- to late-March, 2015.

A re-naming process will be undertaken in late-2015 to change the name of the roadway from State Highway 2. There are no issues with leaving the roadway with this name until later this year.

Financial Impact:

The overall project budget is \$40,200,000 and includes adequate funding to fund this contract. This is a time-and-materials contract with a not to exceed contract maximum.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the intergovernmental agreement by adopting Resolution No. 2015-04.