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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING FUNDING FOR THE VASQUEZ BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the Mayor to enter into an IGA with CDOT for the advancement of the Vasquez Boulevard Improvements Project.

Summary & Background

As proposed, this IGA is to continue with the design, NEPA approvals, and ultimate to construct improvements to Vasquez Boulevard between 60th and 64th Avenues.

The City Council has received presentations on a couple occasions regarding the Vasquez Boulevard Improvements Project.

- At the 8 June 2020 Study Session, the initial alternatives developed for Vasquez Boulevard. were presented. City Council asked staff and CDOT to explore a more permanent solution for Vasquez, particularly at the 60th Avenue intersection.
- In August 2020, a design charrette was held to discuss potential long-term solutions to address the congestion at the Vasquez/60th Avenue intersection.
- At the 9 November 2020 Study Session, a presentation was made to City Council where CDOT reviewed the design charrette findings and discussed the modified traditional intersection as an interim improvement. In addition, CDOT reviewed several long-term preliminary design options for the Vasquez/60th Avenue intersection that would more permanently address congestion at the intersection. These options included a single roundabout, double roundabout, diamond interchange, and a continuous flow intersection. Considering the right-of-way acquisition and local business accessibility impacts - City Council's preference was the diamond interchange, as those improvements would most readily complement the modified traditional intersection that could be constructed in the near term.

CDOT has applied for an INFRA Grant for the I-270 project. As a part of that grant application, CDOT included improvements to Vasquez between 60th Avenue and 64th

Avenue. If CDOT receives an INFRA Grant for I-270, the money provided by this IGA will be integrated into the I-270 project to provide a more permanent solution for Vasquez/60th - 64th Avenue.

Staff Responsible (Department Head): Joe Wilson, Director of Public Works

Staff Presenting: Brent Soderlin, City Engineer

Financial Impact: \$12,000,000 - Commerce City portion is \$1,500,000.

Funding Source: \$4,750,000 from DRCOG, \$5,750,000 from CDOT, and \$1,500,000 from the US 85/Vasquez Capital Improvements and Preservation Plan Fund.

Staff Recommendation: Approval.

Suggested Motion: I move to approve Resolution 2021-45.