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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting: June 21, 2022

Subject

Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement between the City of Cupertino and the City of San José for a budget allocation of \$154,079 to participate in the Stevens Creek Boulevard Vision Study, which includes a 10% contingency.

Recommended Action

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement between the City of Cupertino and City of San José for the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 22-___ approving Budget Modification #2122-191 in the amount of \$154,079 for the City of Cupertino's contribution toward the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study, an amount that includes a 10% contingency (Attachment A.)

Discussion

On February 15, the Cupertino City Council received a presentation on the Stevens Creek Corridor Vision Study, a multi-jurisdictional transportation study led by the City of San José for the purpose of creating a cohesive vision for the Stevens Creek Boulevard Corridor, including studying the potential for transit. The City of Santa Clara, the County of Santa Clara, and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) are also participating in the Study. At the meeting, City Council approved a motion to support Cupertino's participation in the Study, including a budget allocation of \$154,079.

The Study, which is anticipated to begin in August, will address multi-modal transportation improvements and study high-capacity transit options for the corridor. The draft funding agreement (Attachment B) has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Offices for both Cupertino and the City of San José. The staff report to the Cupertino City Council on February 15 contains further information about the Study and is included as Attachment C.

Scope of Work

If approved, Iteris and Winter Consulting will be leading this project and are also leading the West San José Multimodal Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP.) The scope of work specifies a 19-month project schedule with two months allocated to project initiation, eight months allocated to the development of a Vision Statement, and nine months allocated to the vision implementation development. The total cost estimate of the consulting services is \$794,400.

The consultant team will prepare the draft and final Stevens Creek Boulevard Corridor Vision Study, which will summarize relevant information from project deliverables, such as the existing conditions report, public outreach results, a vision statement, alternative improvement concepts considered and evaluated, a final vision concept, and implementation and a funding strategy. The report will include a high-level non-technical executive summary and high-quality visual graphics illustrating the vision concepts for the corridor. The executive summary will reflect and relate to community priorities and be developed for an audience comprised of community members and elected officials.

Next Steps

The Study is anticipated to begin in August if Council elects to approve the funding agreement and recommended fund transfer. Staff will provide updates on this project via a dedicated webpage on the City website. Transportation staff will provide updates to Council at key points throughout the 19-month project.

Environmental Review

The Study is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act because it has no potential for resulting in physical change in the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15061(b)(3).) Any transportation improvement projects considered in the plan would be subject to appropriate environmental review before any project was approved by the City Council.

Sustainability Impact

There is no Sustainability Impact connected to participation in the Study. However, if the Study results in recommended improvements to Stevens Creek Boulevard for bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit, construction of those improvements may help achieve the City's sustainability goals, outlined in the City's Climate Action Plan.

Fiscal Impact

To participate in the Stevens Creek Boulevard Vision Study, the estimated cost for Cupertino is \$154,059. The overall project budget of \$794,400 includes a \$70,000 contingency, which is a cost shared across all project participants. If the proposed budget request is approved by Council, \$154,059 will be allocated from the General Fund into a Stevens Creek Boulevard Corridor Study special project account number 100-88-844 750-231 for this project. The budget modification number is 2122-191.

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Reviewed by: Matt Morley, Director of Public Works

Reviewed and Approved for Submission by: Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachments:

A – Draft Resolution

B – Draft Funding Agreement

C – February 15, City Council Staff Report