

STAFF REPORT

Date: September 11, 2019

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Sabra Newby, City Manager

Subject: **B.3. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Interlocal Reimbursement Agreement with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) for enhancements to be installed with the Virginia Street Bus RAPID Transit Project in the amount of \$222,600. (Room Tax Fund)**

From: Kerrie Koski, Engineering Manager

Summary: Staff recommends the approval of the Interlocal Reimbursement Agreement with RTC for \$222,600 for enhancements related to the Virginia Street Bus RAPID Transit Project in MidTown.

Previous Council Action:

April 10, 2019 – Council approved \$300,000 from Room Tax for enhancements associated with the RTC’s Virginia Street Bus RAPID Transit Project.

March 13, 2019 – Council approved an interlocal agreement with RTC for \$120,000 in funding associated with artistic bike racks and seating benches.

Background: The MidTown area of Virginia Street has an organic and eclectic nature. The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) project plans for the street reconstruction contain the basic elements of a typical streetscape such sidewalk, asphalt, curb and gutter, traffic control and traffic signal upgrades.

The RTC project will also include the following items, which are not included in a standard street rehabilitation project:

- Widened sidewalk
- Colored concrete
- Decorative street lighting
- Banner arms on street lights
- Funding for bike racks and benches
- Conduit for electrical outlets at trees
- Street trees and irrigation

- Roundabout landscaping
- Art foundations and utilities

Discussion: Council authorized funding for additional enhancements beyond what was provided in the RTC project. Staff formed a Design Review Committee (DRC) of MidTown stakeholders to review and prioritize enhancements to be added to the MidTown portion of the project. Over the course of four meetings, the MidTown DRC prioritized the use of the funds. Since that time, staff has worked with RTC to develop an interlocal agreement to facilitate the purchase and installation of the enhancements that must be installed with the street project. The interlocal agreement was approved by the RTC Board on August 16, 2019.

Staff will be working with various vendors to procure the remainder of the items in accordance with City policy and Nevada Revised Statutes 332.

Items to be installed by RTC Virginia Street MidTown Project:

Electrical infrastructure at tree wells for future lighting	\$ 142,600
Two sets poles for special event banners	70,000
Concrete stamp (MidTown logo)	6,000
District street signs	<u>4,000</u>
Reimbursed to RTC	222,600

Items to be purchased and installed by Reno:

Metal/kinetic banners	41,400
Historic markers	20,000
BigBelly trash cans	<u>16,000</u>
Paid Directly by City of Reno	<u>77,400</u>
Reno Funding Approved	\$ <u>300,000</u>

Financial Implications: Funding previously approved from Room Tax Fund.

Legal Implications: Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, RTC will perform the requested City improvements listed above, and the City will reimburse RTC for the cost of the improvements.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the interlocal agreement with RTC for enhancements to be installed with RTC's Virginia Street Bus RAPID Transit project in Midtown.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

- CityofReno.Virginia Street Project.Reno DRC Enhancements.Reimbursement Agreement - Execution Copy (PDF)