SUBJECT: Valencia Road Project Update

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REQUESTED ACTION/SUGGESTED MOTION

- Information Only

ASSOCIATED OWP WORK ELEMENT/GOAL

- Work Element 1446, Regional Transportation Authority

SUMMARY

On May 22, 2014, the RTA Board approved moving forward with the design of the Valencia Road, Wilmot to Kolb project utilizing the existing roadway alignment to develop the proposed roadway improvements. The Board also approved entering into a design contract with EPS Group to design the improvements. The purpose of this memo is to provide the current status of the design and right-of- way acquisition phases.

The design is currently at the 100% design review stage, with design issues being finalized. The project extends from the connection point with the Alvernon to Wilmot phase of the project, easterly to a point approximately 4,700 feet east of the Kolb Road alignment. The eastern termination point was determined in consultation with the City of Tucson, and will ensure that traffic from the indirect left turn south of the intersection is fully merged.

Schedule

The design plans and the specifications will be finalized this summer. The actual bidding of the plans and oversight of construction activities will be conducted by the City of Tucson, and an IGA for the transference of the project is needed. It is anticipated that this IGA will be presented to both the City Council and RTA Board in September. Bidding of the project will occur in the fall with construction following after the first of the year. Construction should take place over 24 months.

Right of Way

Right of Way will be required from 9 landowners, and offers have been made. To-date, offers have been accepted by 4 land owners for necessary right-of-way or easements. The remaining land owners are in discussion with staff over access and utility considerations.

Estimated Cost

The current Engineer's Cost estimate is $18.2 million for construction and construction administration. The cost of right of way is estimated at $0.7 million. This compares favorably to the estimated cost of construction of $19.4 million reported to the RTA Board in April of 2014.

PRIOR BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE ACTION

The RTA Board has been presented information on this project on numerous occasions, beginning with the notice from Pima County that it was terminating its role as Lead Agency at the December 6, 2012 meeting.

Discussions about the design occurred at the October 24, 2013, December 5, 2013, and April 24, 2013 meetings, with the final direction on design given at the May 22, 2014 meeting.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The funding available for this project includes funding remaining from the Valencia Road, Alvernon to Kolb (RTA #24) project, The Kolb/Valencia intersection (RTA #36) and a proportionate share of the Valencia, Kolb to Houghton (RTA #25) project. The total funding available from these project funds exceeds the estimated project cost.

Funding Available*	
RTA #24	$ 8,237,408.93
RTA #25 (19.143% of project)	$ 6,677,476.00
RTA #36	$ 4,339,409.18
Total Committed Funding	**$ 19,254,294.11**
* Funds remaining from the original board approved allocation or ballot sub-element	
Estimated Costs	
Engineer's Estimate	$ 15,787,552.00
Contingency	$ 789,377.60
Construction Admin @10%	$ 1,657,692.96
Right of Way	$ 726,271.00
Total Estimated Cost	**$ 18,960,893.56**

TECHNICAL, POLICY, LEGAL OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None noted.

ATTACHED ADDITIONAL BACKUP INFORMATION

A. Project map

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