

**ITEM 7D**

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
Executive Committee  
September 25, 2017**



**Staff Report**

**Subject:** 2017 CVAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program

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**Recommendation:** Approve ten project Reimbursement Agreements submitted for the CVAG 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program, and \$247,500 in additional funding for Signal Synchronization components in the Desert Hot Springs project.

**Transportation Committee:** CONCURS (Meeting of August 28<sup>th</sup>)

**Technical Advisory Committee:** CONCURS (Meeting of September 11<sup>th</sup>)

**Background:** In February, the Executive Committee approved \$10M in Regional funding for projects that directly address Bicycle and Pedestrian Accidents and Fatalities on CVAG's Regional Arterials. In June the Executive Committee approved the top ten projects recommended for funding consistent with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program for 2017.

The ten projects approved by the Executive Committee in June:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Accidents/year</u>
Desert Hot Springs	Palm Drive Signals/Lighting	\$2,000,000	3.7
Palm Springs	Palm Canyon Ped Enhancements	\$1,989,000	3.0
Palm Springs	E. Palm Canyon/S. Palm Canyon	\$1,255,500	2.7
Palm Springs	Indian Canyon Ped Enhancements	\$2,000,000	2.3
Cathedral City	Date Palm Sidewalk Gaps	\$ 451,500	2.0
City of Indio	Calhoun Street	\$ 786,203	1.3
Palm Springs	Vista Chino Signals	\$ 516,000	1.0
Cathedral City	Dinah Shore Mid-Block Xing	\$ 180,000	1.0
Palm Springs	Palm Canyon X walks	\$ 411,000	0.7
City of Indio	Avenue 48 Bike Lanes	<u>\$ 686,181</u>	<u>0.6</u>
		\$10,235,384	18.3

Collectively, these projects address situations that are responsible for 18.3 bicycle and pedestrian accidents per year. The proposed projects include segments where 67 accidents, including 8 fatalities have occurred in recent years. The recommended corridors include some of the region's heaviest bicycle and pedestrian activity, and the solutions presented will certainly make a difference in reducing injury and loss of life for cyclists and pedestrians.

The recommendation is to approve these ten Reimbursement Agreements as a group. All of the Reimbursement Agreements follow the same CVAG format. Each agreement includes two exhibits, one indicating project scope and one indicating project cost. All Agreements are attached with a scope and costs for all projects.

All Agreements had an original time trigger to start construction within one year of approval, which was June 26, 2017. At the September 11, 2017 TAC meeting, a request was made to extend the "Time Trigger." CVAG staff suggested that the date be pushed out to December 1, 2018 and that date was unanimously approved. Each of the reimbursement Agreements has been revised to extend the "Time Trigger" for the projects to be under construction by December 1, 2018.

Each of the projects that involve traffic signals and lighting include conditions that they design their improvements consistent with the Regional Signal Synchronization Program.

Staff is recommending approval of all ten Reimbursement Agreements as a group. There is one project that requires further elaboration. Desert Hot Springs' Palm Drive Signals and Lighting Project did not take into account the improvements necessary to be consistent with the Regional Signal Synchronization Program. There is a considerable cost savings to install these elements concurrently with this project as opposed to separately at a later date. The City estimates these additional costs at \$330,000. Staff recommends inclusion of these signal synchronization elements with the Safety Program project, and proposes that the \$330,000 be split 75%/25% with regional funding outside of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program funding.

**Fiscal Impact:** Regional Transportation Funds are available to cover CVAG's share of \$10,235,384 requested in the Safety Project applications, and the \$247,500 necessary to fund the Signal Synchronization elements in the City of Desert Hot Springs Project.

**Attachments:**

Individual Reimbursement Agreements (10)