

ITEM 6B

Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Transportation Committee
April 2, 2018



Staff Report

Subject: Cathedral City Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Scope Change

Contact: Eric Cowle, Transportation Program Manager (ecowle@cvaq.org)

Recommendation: Approve the no-cost change in scope of work for the City of Cathedral City's mid-block pedestrian crossing project.

Background:

In September 2017, the Executive Committee approved reimbursement agreements for 10 projects as part of the inaugural round of the Bike and Pedestrian Safety program. Cathedral City's Dinah Shore Mid-Block Crossing was one of these projects.

Cathedral City's project included the following language as part of the scope of work:

The Scope of Services for this Project includes the installation of a HAWK crossing beacon on Dinah Shore Drive at Vaquero Road with necessary signing and striping.

A HAWK crossing is designed to safely allow protected [pedestrian crossings](#) by stopping road traffic only as needed. Having designed the entire project, Cathedral City is now requesting to provide an additional HAWK crossing beacon on Dinah Shore Drive at Via De Anza. An in-ground crossing system is already located at that intersection, and the City would like to improve it to the HAWK beacon standard. As the second crossing is within one-half mile of the planned mid-block crossing at Vaquero Road, replacing the old crossing with the new HAWK beacon makes sense.

Staff is recommending amending the scope of work to include the following language:

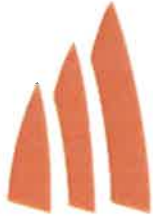
The Scope of Services for this Project includes the installation of HAWK crossing beacons on Dinah Shore Drive at Vaquero Road and at Via De Anza including the necessary signing and striping.

Cathedral City understands that adding the second HAWK beacon will add to the project's cost, but the City is not asking for any additional grant funding from CVAG.

Financial Analysis: There is no change in cost to the Reimbursement Agreement with Cathedral City, which has already been approved for \$180,000 in regional funding. This is a change in scope only.

Attachments:

Cathedral City request letter



Cathedral City

March 14, 2018

Tom Kirk
Executive Director
Coachella Valley Association of Governments
73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Ste. 200
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Cathedral City and CVAG signed a reimbursement agreement providing the City with \$180,000 from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program for 2017. The funds are to be used to construct a HAWK System, mid-block pedestrian crossing on Dinah Shore Drive near the intersection of Vaquero Road.

During the preliminary design phase of the project, contacts with HAWK equipment suppliers indicated that recent price reductions may result in the Vaquero Road project costing less than the original estimate and there may be grant funds remaining after construction is complete. If, in fact, there are grant funds remaining, Cathedral City requests that CVAG authorize their use on a second mid-block crossing project.

The City will be advertising a project to reconstruct Dinah Shore Drive between Date Palm Drive and the western city limits. This reconstruction will require the removal of an existing, in-pavement lighted, mid-block pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Via de Anza and Dinah Shore Drive. This pedestrian crossing signal has a long history of problems including poor visibility and high maintenance costs. We believe that a safer pedestrian crossing will result by constructing a HAWK System at this location, also.

This is to request that CVAG authorize the City to use any grant funds remaining from the construction of the mid-block pedestrian crossing at Dinah Shore and Vaquero to construct a HAWK System pedestrian crossing signal at Dinah Shore and Via de Anza.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

John A. Corella, P.E.
City Engineer