



Legislation Text

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A resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer the Intergovernmental Agreements between the City of Colorado Springs and the Colorado Department of Transportation for the construction management and the maintenance and operations obligations associated with the extension of State Highway 21 between I-25 Expressway and Voyager Parkway.

Presenter:

Travis Easton, P.E., Director of Public Works

Summary:

The attached Resolution authorizes the Mayor to execute and administer the two Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) between the City of Colorado Springs and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Both IGAs are attached to the proposed Resolution as Exhibits A and B.

Background:

The I-25 / State Highway 21 Interchange has been planned through numerous studies and documents including:

- The Federal Highway Administration - North Powers Environmental Assessment (EA) from 1999
- The Interstate 25 improvements through the Colorado Springs Urbanized Area EA in 2004
- The Federal Highway Administration Interstate access Request, Volume II, Section 5: Northgate Interchange with I-25 in 2004
- The Re-evaluation of Interstate 25 improvements through the Colorado Springs Urbanized Area EA in 2012
- The Moving Forward 2040 Regional Transportation Plan of 2015
- PPACG 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for the construction of North Powers Blvd. from I-25 to Voyager Parkway.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) included this project in the Strategic Corridors Program originally funded under Senate Bill 1. However, there are currently no funds programmed for the interchange now, or into the future. The Powers Extension is currently shown in PPACG's Transportation Improvement Plan as being constructed with private funds.

The Copper Ridge Urban Renewal Authority Plan was approved in June of 2010 by a 9-0 City Council vote. It authorized the use of tax increment financing towards the construction of Powers Blvd. The necessary right of way has already been transferred to CDOT, and was done so in 2014.

Completion of the Powers Extension to I-25 benefits the Colorado Springs Airport, United States Air Force Academy, Peterson Air Force Base, in addition to improving regional traffic circulation.

Previous Council Action:

N/A

Financial Implications:

Obligations of the City will be passed onto the Copper Ridge Metropolitan District through a separate Intergovernmental Agreement.

City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

N/A

Stakeholder Process:

N/A

Alternatives:

To not construct the State Highway 21 extension to I-25

Proposed Motion:

Move to approve the Resolution hereby approving the IGAs and authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer the IGAs on behalf of the City.

N/A