

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 01/06/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.E. PMO - CIP No. 101520 - Downtown Storm Drain Project - IGA Flood Control District of Maricopa County
DATE PREPARED: 01/06/26	DISTRICT NO.: 1
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DEPARTMENT: Program Management Office	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council) Council to take action on Resolution No. 07-26 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement (FCD 2024A004) between the City of Buckeye, an Arizona Municipal Corporation, and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, for the construction, management, operation and maintenance of the Downtown City of Buckeye Regional Basin and Storm Drain Project; and authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement on behalf of the City of Buckeye.

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Downtown Storm Drain Project will alleviate flooding in the downtown corridor by replacing undersized and aging infrastructure with a modern system designed for a 10-year, 2-hour storm event. Project limits include Monroe Street (from Miller Road (1st to 9th Street), south along 6th Street (excluding the section adjacent to the school), and east along South Street to 7th Street, discharging into a proposed retention basin.

The total project cost is projected to be \$26,997,704.00 based on recent estimates. Funding is proposed as a 50/50 cost share between the City of Buckeye and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCDMC). The County's contribution will be provided in two equal installments of \$6,749,426 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 and \$6,749,426 in FY2029, subject to the terms of the IGA. The Flood Control Advisory Board (FCAB) has endorsed the IGA, and upon City concurrence, the IGA will be advanced to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors for final approval. The Board of Supervisors has formally approved its 50 percent funding participation for the Downtown Storm Drain Project consistent with the cost-share structure outlined in the IGA and reflected in the partially executed agreement.

In parallel, the City is pursuing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant funding to further reduce local financial burden and flood risk. The City has funded and initiated storm drain design at its sole cost and will request City Council authority to execute a construction contract prior to commencement.

Following completion, the City will assume full operation and maintenance responsibilities in accordance with the IGA, including annual inspections and reporting to FCDMC.

BENEFITS:

Approval of this IGA enables the City of Buckeye and the FCDMC to address long-standing flooding issues in the downtown corridor jointly. The agreement establishes a 50/50 funding partnership that fosters regional collaboration, promotes shared financial responsibility, and ensures efficient project delivery. This project will enhance public safety, protect infrastructure, and support continued downtown growth while strengthening the City's eligibility for FEMA BRIC and other grant opportunities to reduce local costs.

FUTURE ACTION:

Following Council approval and execution of the IGA the City will continue to coordinate with FCDMC to implement the Downtown Storm Drain Project in accordance with the agreed-upon funding schedule. Next steps will include pursuing FEMA BRIC grant opportunities to supplement project funding and construction procurement in accordance with IGA terms, and returning to the Council for approval of future contracts or amendments as needed. Upon completion, the City will finalize project closeout activities, including acceptance of as-built documentation, warranties, and lien releases.

Due to the preliminary nature of the project estimates, should costs increase greater than 30% of the current estimates, the project will require additional City Council approval.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Project will be programmed in the CIP program for construction in Fiscal Years 2028 (\$13.5M) and 2029 (\$13.5M). The total project construction cost is estimated to be \$26,997,704 based on recent estimates.

Total Construction Cost: \$27M
50% (\$13.5M) City of Buckeye
50% (\$13.5M) Flood Control District.

Buckeye is pursuing a FEMA BRIC grant opportunities to supplement our (City of Buckeye) project funding of \$13.5M - estimate \$4.3M = \$9.2M

Under the IGA, "at-risk" provisions (e.g., §§ 13 and 14.1.3) state that if the City terminates the Project before completion, the City must reimburse the District for uncommitted funds paid and its share of any incomplete project features that do not provide a functional 10-year drainage system. To mitigate exposure, staff recommends that no phase beyond preconstruction authorization proceed unless and until 100% of the total project funding is assured. The City will request Council authority to execute construction prior to commencing. This ensures fiscal protection while complying with IGA terms.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

The Project will be programmed in the CIP program for construction in Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029. The total project construction cost is estimated to be \$26,997,704 based on recent estimates. The design of the storm drain is currently on-going and there are no additional fiscal year cost anticipated as part of this action.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

FY 28 & FY 29

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

50213170-543186

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[IGA FCD - CITY of BUCKEYE- DOWNTOWN STORM DRAIN PROJECT.pdf](#)

[CIP101520_4.pdf](#)

[Resolution No. 07-26 Approving the IGA with FCDMC.pdf](#)