



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE:

June 6, 2018

DEPARTMENT:

City Administration

DIVISION:

- ☐ Motion
- ☒ Resolution
- ☐ Ordinance - Introduction
- ☐ Ordinance - Adoption
- ☐ Public Hearing

TITLE:

Resolution of Support: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Grant

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution supporting the application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grant, to complete the development of a Multi-Modal Transportation Center (Center) in downtown Yuma at the historic Hotel Del Sol. (Administration) (Greg Wilkinson)

REPORT:

In October 2017, the City of Yuma (City) submitted its fifth grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation to receive grant funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. The City was informed that its application was selected as a top contender for a second year in a row, but unfortunately was not selected as one of the final awardees. Arizona Department of Transportation, to support the City of Nogales, received the only award given in the State of Arizona through the 2017 TIGER Grant.

Shortly after the 2017 TIGER awards were made public, an additional grant opportunity was announced by the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1.5 billion dollars. This new funding opportunity, now known as BUILD, is patterned after the previous TIGER grant. The City wishes to apply for this new funding opportunity to support the ongoing efforts to develop a Multi-Modal Transportation Center at the Hotel Del Sol in downtown Yuma.

Multi-Modal Background History:

A 1995-2015 Countywide Transportation Study (Study) was prepared by local planning and transportation stakeholders to address the transportation needs for residents of and visitors to Yuma County. The Study recognized the need for public transportation services within Yuma County, in addition to the existing private inter-city bus services and Amtrak rail services. Creating a safe and convenient place to accommodate rail passengers sparked the need for an additional feasibility study. The Yuma Multi-Modal Transportation Study/Feasibility Study was completed in 2010. This study was conducted with input from private consultants, local transportation agencies, City and County governments, the general public, surrounding border communities and other community stakeholders to further evaluate how to improve transportation mobility throughout the community and region, raise the image and profile of transportation services, stimulate economic development and redevelopment

in adjacent areas, and, enhance the communities' local historic and architectural heritage. One of the conclusions of the Yuma Multi-Modal Transportation Study/Feasibility Study was that a Multi-Modal Transportation Center (Center) was needed for the Yuma region. Out of 16 potential sites identified for a Center, the Hotel Del Sol in downtown Yuma was selected as the final site based on the criteria of location, the relationship to existing transportation services, the potential to complement the surrounding area, safety, cost-effectiveness, and land availability. The location of the Hotel Del Sol currently serves as the Downtown Yuma Transfer Center for Yuma County Area Transit's main transfer point for riders to either walk to downtown Yuma or to connect to another route in the system.

The City strongly supports the transportation efforts to assist in providing the community with alternate methods to get to and from school, work and daily events. The City further supports and recognizes the need to help create opportunities for economic stimulation.

By assisting with the transformation of the historic Hotel Del Sol for use as a Center, the City would enhance transit access to the downtown area. The Center will centralize several modes of transportation, help revitalize the heart of the City and support the community's transportation needs. The project is also anticipated to promote private sector development by incorporating prime commercial space into the plans for the Center.

FISCAL REQUIREMENTS	CITY FUNDS:	\$0.00	BUDGETED:	\$0.00
	STATE FUNDS:	\$0.00	AVAILABLE TO TRANSFER:	\$0.00
	FEDERAL FUNDS:	\$0.00	IN CONTINGENCY:	\$0.00
	OTHER SOURCES:	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	FUNDING FOR THIS ITEM IS FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT / FUND / CIP:	
	TOTAL:	\$0.00		
	FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION NOT ATTACHED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM THAT IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.			
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SIGNATURES	CITY ADMINISTRATOR:		DATE:	
	Gregory K. Wilkinson		5/30/2018	
	REVIEWED BY CITY ATTORNEY:		DATE:	
	Richard W. Files		5/29/2018	
	RECOMMENDED BY (DEPT/DIV HEAD):		DATE:	
Ron Corbin for Gregory K. Wilkinson		5/21/2018		
WRITTEN/SUBMITTED BY:		DATE:		
Laurie Neinast		5/8/2018		