

RESOLUTION NO. R2024-069

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR ARIZONA STATE MATCH ADVANTAGE FOR RURAL TRANSPORTATION (AZ SMART) FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A DESIGN CONCEPT REPORT (DCR) FOR THE INTERSTATE-8 / AVENUE 8½ E TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE

WHEREAS, the AZ SMART Fund was established by the Arizona Legislature in 2022 to help cities, towns, counties and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to compete more effectively at the national level for Federal Grants established in the 2021 Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA); and,

WHEREAS, the AZ SMART fund awards are limited to federal discretionary grants for surface transportation purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the ADOT requires applicants to have jurisdictional approval prior to submitting an application for AZ SMART funds; and,

WHEREAS, the City seeks to apply for AZ SMART funds to develop a DCR to study alternatives to improve safety and traffic operations at the I-8 / Ave 8½ E traffic interchange; and,

WHEREAS, a project to improve safety and traffic operations at the I-8 / Ave 8½ E traffic interchange is of mutual benefit to the City and ADOT; and,

WHEREAS, the City, upon authorization by the City Council, will submit an application to ADOT for AZ SMART funding; and,

WHEREAS, the City, upon award of AZ SMART Funds, will develop a DCR to study alternatives to improve safety and traffic operations at the I-8 / Avenue 8½ E traffic interchange; and,

WHEREAS, the City, will apply for a federal discretionary grant for design and construction of the I-8 / Avenue 8½ E traffic interchange within two years upon receiving AZ SMART funds as required by the AZ SMART guidelines;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yuma, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council authorizes the City Administrator and City staff to apply for AZ SMART funding.

SECTION 2: The City Administrator is authorized and directed to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with ADOT on behalf of the City of Yuma and to perform all such acts as may be necessary to implement the intent of this resolution.

Adopted this 18th day of December, 2024.

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls
Mayor

ATTESTED:

Lynda L. Bushong
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard W. Files
City Attorney