

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: July 27, 2010	1 st Reading _____ 2 nd Reading _____	Legal Review:	Work Plan # 11, 249	Agenda Location: Consent Calendar	Agenda Item: 8C
Subject: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF THORNTON AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ENHANCEMENTS ON THE 84 th AVENUE AND INTERSTATE 25 BRIDGE.					
Prepared by: Pete Brezall/P. Johnsen			Approved by: Jack Ethredge		Ordinance previously introduced by: _____
Reviewed by: Bud Elliot			Presented by: Bud Elliot, Deputy City Manager - Infrastructure		

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will replace the bridge starting early 2011 into 2012 at 84th Avenue and Interstate 25 as part of their Bridge Replacement Project BR 0253-217 (17925).
- Thornton wishes to include the following enhancements as part of the Bridge Project:
 - aesthetic elements such as monument/base walls with architectural lighting at each corner of the bridge;
 - light sculptures to be mounted on each of the corner monuments;
 - ornamental pedestrian fencing/lighting mounted on the bridge barriers;
 - stone veneer facing on retaining walls;
 - increase sidewalk widths from six feet (CDOT's standard) to ten feet wide on both sides of the bridge.
- The enhancements are similar to the enhancements on the 136th and 144th/Interstate 25 bridges.
- The 10-foot wide sidewalk will provide safe pedestrian passage across the 84th Avenue bridge.
- Project does not include landscaping. City will do a separate project for landscaping after the CDOT Bridge Project is complete.
- CDOT anticipates the Project will be advertised for bids in November 2010. Construction should begin in the first quarter of 2011 and take 18 months to construct.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- Thornton's estimated cost of the enhancements is \$1,730,000. The funds for this Project are included in the 2010 Adams County Road and Bridge Tax Fund and Thornton Development Authority – Original Area budgets.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Staff recommends approval of this Resolution to provide enhancements on the 84th Avenue and Interstate 25 bridge.
- This Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is included in the Council's Work Plan (Item #11 and #249).

HISTORY: (includes previous City Council action)

- On July 21, 2009, City staff solicited City Council's input for design concepts to be developed for the 84th Avenue/I-25 Interchange reconstruction.

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- A contract was issued on June 10, 2009 to the design team of Felsburg, Holt and Ullevig and their landscape architect sub-consultant, Frank Miltenberger, to develop concepts for potential bridge enhancements and landscape improvements for the 84th Avenue and I-25 Bridge Project.
- The 2009 Adams County Road and Bridge Tax Fund Budget included funding (\$150,000) for the development of concepts and design of enhancements to be added to CDOT's 84th Avenue Bridge Replacement Project.
- Senate Bill 108 (Funding for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery – FASTER) was signed into law by Governor Ritter on March 1, 2009, that includes the replacement of the 84th Avenue bridge at I-25.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF THORNTON AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ENHANCEMENTS ON THE 84th AVENUE AND INTERSTATE 25 BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the City of Thornton (City) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) desire to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Contract" and made a part hereof by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the City, will provide funds to CDOT for enhancements on and near the bridge at 84th Avenue and Interstate 25; and

WHEREAS, the City has made funds available (\$1,730,000) for enhancements on the CDOT Bridge Project BR 0253-217 (17925); and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of entering into an IGA authorizing participation of City funds for the enhancements to the bridge, which will provide for the safe passage of traffic and pedestrians along 84th Avenue over Interstate 25; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into the IGA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the IGA between the City of Thornton and CDOT pertaining to the enhancements of the Project, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.
2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and the City Clerk to attest the IGA and subsequent Amendments to the IGA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Thornton, Colorado, on _____, 2010.

CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO

Erik Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy A. Vincent, City Clerk