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## BOARD SUMMARY REPORT

**DATE:** May 10, 2019

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Bryan D. Weimer, PWLF, Director  
Public Works and Development

**SUBJECT:** **C19-007; GUN CLUB ROAD WIDENING (QUINCY AVENUE TO AURORA PARKWAY), APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, SOUTH AURORA REGIONAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (SARIA) AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,600,000. COUNTY SHARE IS \$2,300,000**

### Request and Recommendation

This agenda item is to recommend and request that the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approve the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) by and between the City of Aurora, the South Aurora Regional Improvement Authority (SARIA), and Arapahoe County for the preliminary design and initial utility relocations associated with the widening of Gun Club Road south of the Quincy/Gun Club Continuous Flow Intersection Project south to Aurora Parkway. Also, the action authorizes the chair to sign the IGA, and authorizes payment of the County funds pursuant to the IGA provisions. The County's share of this estimated \$4,600,000 project is \$2,300,000. SARIA is providing the other \$2,300,000 as part of their bond proceeds.

PWD Staff recommends that the BoCC approve the IGA, authorize the Chair to sign the IGA, and authorize staff to expend funds as defined in the IGA.

### Background

As part of the study and initial design effort in 2007 and 2012 that identified the need to widen Gun Club Road south of Quincy Avenue from the current 2 lanes to ultimately 6 lanes to match the improvements near the Southlands Development. The 2012 effort also recommended the continuous flow intersection at Quincy and Gun Club as a priority. The intersection improvements will begin during the summer of 2019 and it is believed that it





## **Fiscally Responsible**

Using the concept of multi-funding partners leverages the use of County dollars for needed public improvements, which allows the County dollars to be stretched further. Investments in County infrastructure improvements stimulates the economic environment and attracts development, as well as mitigates the adverse impacts of growth.

## **Service First**

The County's ongoing relationship with the City of Aurora and now SARIA invigorates our ability to provide the best County infrastructure reasonably possible. County staff interact with these entities, as well as State and Federal Government representatives as leaders in Transportation for the entire Denver metropolitan area and the State. This project will address the needs expressed by citizens of the area and users of these roadways.

## **Discussion**

Based on direction of the BoCC in the Executive Session on April 2, 2018, Staff has negotiated with the City of Aurora and SARIA and have come to agreement that SARIA (on behalf of Aurora) and Arapahoe County each will provide 1/2 of the estimated cost (\$4,600,000) of this initial phase of widening Gun Club Road. Furthermore, the project will include preliminary design and other initial components of the widening improvements, including but not limited to providing for the identification and relocation of some existing utilities, necessary to facilitate the final design and construction of the Gun Club Road Improvements. This project is scheduled to begin this summer after a consultant is selected.

The IGA specifies that the County will provide funding as follows:

2019	\$500,000	within 30 days of the effective date of the IGA
2021	\$1,800,000	On or before January 31, 2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,300,000</b>	

Pursuant to the IGA, the County shall pay to the City, on or before January 31, 2021, the remaining County funds after 2019 (\$1,800,000). The City and County may, subsequent to and apart from this IGA, enter into a separate intergovernmental agreement pursuant to which the City will advance some or all of the \$1,800,000 remainder of the County Contribution on the County's behalf. SARIA is funding \$2,300,000 and will pay the City within 30 days of the IGA effective date.

The SARIA Board is scheduled to approve the IGA on May 15.

Additional IGA's and funding will need to occur in the future to fund final design, necessary right-of-way acquisition, and construction. These costs, phasing plans, and a funding plan will be identified as part of this preliminary design effort for the Gun Club Widening project.

## **Alternatives**

The alternative to the County approval of the IGA would be for the BoCC to not approve the IGA, which would result in the project not being designed at this time or at best another party to the agreement having to cover what has been identified previously as the County's 1/2 share of the project. Both of these alternatives would significantly delay the project. Alternatively, approving this agreement will sustain funding for this important project and the County's relationships with the City of Aurora and SARIA.



## Fiscal Impact

Funding for this action is available in the following cost center and account

### 2019 Allocation

424519007-54360	Professional Services	\$500,000
WBS19007.1.1.4.1	Preliminary Design	\$500,000

### Full Obligation with IGA

424519007-54360	Professional Services	\$2,300,000
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**NOTE:** The 5-year Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan includes the remaining County obligation of funding identified in the IGA, which is subject to annual appropriation per the IGA. As budget is approved and allocated annually, the funds for the County's remaining share for the project (\$2,300,000) will be deposited into the above cost center from which payment will be made in accordance with the payment schedule identified in the IGA. Furthermore, Gun Club Road is eligible for Regional Transportation Improvement Fee funds and at time of the future year funding, Staff will evaluate the availability of the funds from this fee and use them accordingly to assist in funding the County's share of this IGA. Also, development along the corridor will have responsibility for funding frontage improvements and will contribute to the County's share of the improvements.

## Concurrence

Public Works and Development Staff have reviewed the proposed IGA and recommends approval.

## Attorney Review

The County Attorney's Department has reviewed and accepted the IGA and the resolution.

## Reviewed By

This Board Summary Report and IGA has been reviewed by the following:

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