



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Steve Powers, City Manager

FROM: Peter Fernandez, PE, Public Works Director

SUBJECT:

Regional Traffic Control Center Intergovernmental Agreement

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

ISSUE:

Shall City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for the purposes of receiving federal funds and providing local matching funds to operate the Salem Regional Traffic Control Center?

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation for the purposes of receiving federal funds and providing local matching funds to operate the Salem Regional Traffic Control Center.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The Salem Regional Traffic Control Center provides a focal point for the computerized control of traffic signals within the Urban Growth Boundary for the Salem-Keizer metropolitan area. The primary purpose of the Traffic Control Center is to provide, in one centralized location, the operational resources necessary to design, coordinate, operate, and maintain an expanded system of traffic signals within the various jurisdictions, including the cities of Salem and Keizer, Marion and Polk counties, and the State of Oregon.

For more than a decade, funding for the Salem Regional Traffic Control Center has been provided by federal funds allocated through the Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS), which is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for this area. Programs FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 will be the eighteenth and nineteenth year of funding the Salem Regional Traffic Control Center.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Salem Regional Traffic Control Center facilitates efficient operation of traffic signals throughout the Salem-Keizer metropolitan area.
2. The Transportation Improvement Program for the SKATS MPO includes up to \$510,000 for operation of the Salem Regional Traffic Control Center for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19.
3. The budget for this program provides for the continued employment of one Professional Engineer to manage and operate the Regional Traffic Control Center. The budget also includes approximately one-half the funding necessary to employ an additional engineer to help operate the Center. Additional staff may charge time to this project when appropriate.
4. The federal funds utilized in this agreement require a local match of a minimum of 10.27 percent, or \$52,377. The City will be providing up to \$168,372 of its allocation of State Highway Funds to cover this match and provide funding for the other half of the additional engineer position assigned to the Regional Traffic Control Center.

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Attachment:

1. Intergovernmental Agreement

April 6, 2017