

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

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Date Prepared: May 20, 2008

Council Meeting Date: June 3, 2008

TO: Terrence L. Ellis, City Manager
FROM: J.P. de la Montaigne, Community Services Director *J.P.*
PREPARED BY: Kirk Haines, Parks Manager
SUBJECT: Authorize an Expenditure of Funds to Agave Environmental Contracting, Inc. for Landscaping Along the New River Trail and a Budget Transfer from the General Fund Contingency for this Improvement

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor and City Council authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$116,475 to Agave Environmental, Inc. for installation of irrigation and landscape along the west side of the New River Trail, and charge this expense to the Capital Improvement Project, New River Trails – Landscape Project, Account No. 7920-7920-543005-CIPRT-CS00129. Currently this project is in the 10-year program in the FY09 CIP budget and has been requested to be moved to FY08 due to the completion of the trail segment and the need to complete and finalize this portion of the trail.

To do so, staff recommends the approval of a budget transfer in the amount of \$126,250 from the General Fund Contingency Account No. 1000-0300-570000 to the Rivers and Trails Development Impact Fee Fund, New River Trails – Landscape Project 7920-7920-543005-CIPRT-CS00129 in the amount of \$125,000, and 7920-7920-525515-CIPRT-CS00129 in the amount of \$1,250.

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to authorize an expenditure of funds using existing Job-Order-Contract (JOC) with Agave Environmental Contracting, Inc. to install approximately 1,300 linear feet of landscape plant materials and irrigation adjacent to the New River Trail. Last year, a segment of trail was constructed without landscape improvements between the Greenway Road alignment, and south toward Rio Vista Community Park. Landscaping and aesthetics are an important part of the rivers trail's system and this project area will be consistent with landscaping that already exists north and south of this segment.

Staff recently completed an extensive process to recruit and contract the most qualified

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and skilled contractor to perform landscape installation work through a JOC process. The contracts were recently finalized and staff completed a negotiated cost for this work along the edge of the New River Trail. The proposal by Agave was within the budgeted funds for this work and we are now ready to proceed with completing the landscaping installation. Work is scheduled to commence immediately once a new water meter service is provided. The project will be completed in approximately six weeks.

ATTACHMENT:

Greenway Road Alignment

