

COUNCIL REPORT

Highway 1 and Range Road 33 Interchange Improvements – Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors Funding Contribution

Electoral Division: 2 Application: 5011-302

Date:	July 9, 2024			
Presenter:	Jeannette Lee, Acting Executive Director, Operations			
Department:	Capital & Engineering Services			
Approved by:	⊠ Executive Director / Director and/or			

REPORT SUMMARY

On December 6, 2022, Council directed Administration to sign the Memorandum of Understanding & Interim Agreement for the interchange improvements at Highway 1 and Range Road 33 with Harmony Developments Inc. and Bingham Crossing Properties Inc. The agreement entails a financial contribution of \$6 million from the County and \$18 million from the Developers. Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (ATEC) initially committed \$2 million towards the project in July 2023. The County received a letter in late May 2024 from the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridor confirming additional funding of \$2.4 million towards the project.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's consideration for accepting the Alberta Government's contribution through the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the budget adjustment of \$2.4 million funding contribution from Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors for Highway 1 and Range Road 33 interchange improvements as per Attachment A.

THAT Council directs Administration to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the County and Transportation and Economic Corridors.

BACKGROUND

This overpass is a regionally significant piece of transportation infrastructure for The County's west side. In addition to residential users, the overpass is also extensively utilized to access services on both the north and south sides of Highway 1 which include, but are not limited to, all of Springbank's schools including the Edge School and Parks for All Seasons; Springbank Airport; Mickelson National Golf Club, Calaway Park, Commercial Court and Emergency Medical Services deployed from Springbank Airport.

To support continued growth for areas that have been approved by the County and future growth of the region, supportive transportation networks are required. The proposal, subject to endorsement by the County will accelerate the timing for the improvements and in doing so will improve the safety and functionality of the infrastructure. The existing interchange does not meet current Transportation and Economic Corridor standards. Stage II works will include two new bridges and improvements to the on and off ramps.

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The \$2.4 million funding contribution is intended to expedite construction of Stage II, improvements to the on and off ramps, and transition to Stage I currently being done by Bingham. It should be noted that construction of Stage I has not commenced.

ANALYSIS

The Highway 1 and Range Road 33 interchange urgently needed upgrades to accommodate growth and development, which is essential for supporting approved projects and anticipated regional expansion. The project entails substantial financial commitments from both the County and local developers. The recent additional funding from ATEC is pivotal in advancing the project to its next construction phase. This increase aims to expedite construction, mainly focusing on enhancing ramp functionality to improve traffic flow and safety.

COMMUNICATIONS / ENGAGEMENT

No additional communication or engagement is required at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$2.4 million funding contribution from the Government of Alberta will bring the overall budget total to \$28.4 million.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

	Key Performance Inc	Strategic Alignment	
Financial Prosperity	FP2: Ensuring County remains financially sustainable for future generations	FP2.1: Percent of assets (by value) that are incorporated in an Asset Management Plan	The interchange improvement will increase transportation connectivity to the businesses and community along the Highway 1 corridor.
Effective Service Delivery	SD4: Services are continually assessed for improvements in cost efficiency, effectiveness, and customer experience	SD4.1: Percent of services that are assessed annually for innovation opportunities and have demonstrable efficiency improvements	The interchange improvement will improve services overall and satisfaction among County's residents and businesses.

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

Administration does not have an alternate direction for Council's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Budget Adjustment Form

ROCKY VIEW COUNTY BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST FORM BUDGET YEAR: 2024

			Budget			
Description			Adjustment			
EXPENDITURES:	2 400 000					
Highwy 1 & Range Road	2,400,000					
TOTAL EXPENSE:			2,400,000			
REVENUES:						
Transportation and Eco	(2,400,000)					
TOTAL REVENUE:			(2,400,000)			
NET BUDGET REVISION:			-			
REASON FOR BUDGET REVISION	٧:					
		tribution from Transportation and Eco	nomic Corridor,			
bringing the overall budget of the project to \$28.4M.						
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AUTHORIZATION:						
Interim Chief						
Administrative Officer:		Council Meeting Date:				
Administrative officer.	Byron Riemann					
Executive Director	byron memami					
Corporate Services:		Council Motion Reference:				
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Manager: Date						
	Jeannette Lee					
	Budget AJE No:					
		Posting Date:				