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TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **May 30, 2023**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering**

FILE: **1718-041/G**

SUBJECT: **20 Avenue Overpass of Highway 99
Agreement with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information;
2. Approve entering into an Ownership, Maintenance and Rehabilitation Agreement (“OMR Agreement”) with His Majesty the King in the Right of the Province of British Columbia, as represented by the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, for the 20 Avenue Overpass of Highway 99; and
3. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the finalized OMR Agreement, provided it is substantially the same as that included as Appendix “I”.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s approval to enter into an OMR Agreement with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (“MoTI”) for the 20 Avenue Overpass of Highway 99 (the “Overpass”), as illustrated on the map attached to this report as Appendix “II”.

BACKGROUND

The Overpass will help alleviate traffic congestion on 16 Avenue and 24 Avenue, as well as support growth in the Grandview Heights community.

The Overpass will consist of two lanes westbound and two lanes eastbound, with a separated multi-use pathway on the north side for pedestrians and cyclists. The Overpass is generally illustrated in the rendering attached as Appendix “III”.

The City hosted an open house on May 17, 2023 to introduce the project and to engage with and seek input from the public. 160 people attended the open house. Generally, the public was in support of the project and the main themes of feedback surrounded: the need for congestion relief and multi-modal infrastructure; inquiries regarding impacts to private property; and road safety measures that will be incorporated into the detailed design of the Overpass project.

DISCUSSION

OMR Agreement

Staff are finalizing the design for the Overpass and the City is now seeking to enter into an OMR Agreement with MoTI in advance of construction of the project. The OMR Agreement, attached as Appendix "I", establishes the City is responsible for 100% of the ownership, construction, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation requirements.

Project Timeline

The Overpass project has advanced into the detailed design phase. Staff anticipate bringing a report to Council in 2024 to commence construction for the realignment of Croydon Drive, with the construction of the Overpass subsequently commencing in 2025. The preliminary cost estimate for this project is \$25-30 million, and this estimate will be refined as detailed design is completed over the next year.

Legal Services Review

This report and related OMR Agreement have been reviewed by Legal Services.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve entering into the OMR Agreement with MoTI for the Overpass project.

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Appendix "I" – Draft Agreement with MoTI

Appendix "II" – Map of Project Location

Appendix "III" – Project Rendering