

SOUTHEAST METRO STORMWATER AUTHORITY
acting by and through
SEMSWA WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE

RESOLUTION 18-34

Authorization to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to Fund the
Big Dry Creek at East Easter Avenue Improvements

WHEREAS, the need for the Big Dry Creek at Easter Avenue Improvements (Project) is identified in the 2015 “Big Dry Creek (Downstream of County Line Road) Major Drainageway Plan” report; and

WHEREAS, the Big Dry Creek (Downstream of County Line Road) Major Drainageway Plan concludes that the East Easter Avenue roadway crossing is overtopped during a 100-year event and the backwater causes flooding of an adjacent condominium on the left overbank; and

WHEREAS, the City of Centennial (City) owns the right-of-way for East Easter Avenue within the Project limits; and

WHEREAS, this reach of Big Dry Creek is located on property owned by South Suburban Parks and Recreation District (the District), and the District operates and maintains a recreational trail along Big Dry Creek including a pedestrian underpass underneath East Easter Avenue; and

WHEREAS, through coordination with the City of Centennial and SEMSWA, the District would like to abandon this pedestrian underpass and only utilize the existing crosswalk across East Easter Avenue; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Project, the trail will be realigned to improve the connection to the East Easter Avenue crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Project the East Easter Avenue crosswalk will be realigned to improve the safety of the pedestrian crossing; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the pedestrian underpass along with improvements both upstream and downstream of East Easter Avenue would increase the 100-year capacity under East Easter Avenue and reduce flood risk to private property; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 17-09 was approved by the Board of Directors on March 15, 2017 to fund design of the Project; and

WHEREAS, SEMSWA, the City and SSPRD are interested in combining resources to construct the Project and SEMSWA has agreed to manage the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City and SSPRD each have agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$65,000 (\$130,000 total) for relocating trail connections, tree replacement, park landscape, irrigation restoration, and improving the existing on-street crossing for trail users for access across Easter Avenue; and

WHEREAS, SEMSWA's estimated maximum cost of construction of the stream channel improvements and removal of the existing underpass is estimated to be \$830,000, of which funds in the amount of \$500,000 have been identified for the Project in SEMSWA's budget through 2018; and

WHEREAS; the Project is planned for construction in 2019 with the remaining funds to be identified in SEMSWA's 2019 budget; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Project will not be authorized by the Board until final bids are received for the project in 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Executive Director is authorized to execute an agreement with the City and SSPRD for funding of the Project.
2. The final funding amount for the Project will be approved by the Board, prior to construction.

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Date: _____

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Attorney for
Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority

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