

# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS . 11465 WEST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE . AVONDALE, AZ 85323

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
May 13, 2013  
6:00 PM

## CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR ROGERS

**1 ROLL CALL**

**2 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION UPDATE**

City Council will receive information regarding the Fiscal Year 2012-13 activities and accomplishments of the Avondale Youth Advisory Commission. For information and discussion only.

**3 UPDATE ON THE VAN BUREN DRAINAGE-RECREATION CORRIDOR PROJECT**

City Council will receive an overview on the Van Buren Drainage-Recreation Corridor Project. For information, discussion and direction only.

**4 DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSED BRIDGE FOR THOMAS ROAD**

Staff will be seeking direction regarding Council's desire to pursue plans for a proposed bridge for Thomas Road. For information, discussion and direction.

**5 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. City Council may hold an executive session pursuant to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the City's Attorney in order to consider its position and instruct the City's Attorney regarding potential litigation.

**6 ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Carmen Martinez  
City Clerk

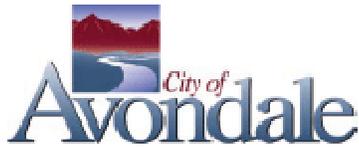
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# CITY COUNCIL REPORT

**SUBJECT:**  
Youth Advisory Commission Update

**MEETING DATE:**  
May 13, 2013

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Gina Montes, Neighborhood & Family Services Director (623) 333-2727  
**THROUGH:** Charlie McClendon, City Manager

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this item is to provide City Council with an update regarding the activities and accomplishments of the 2012-13 Avondale Youth Advisory Commission.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City Council established the Youth Advisory Commission on January 7, 2002. It was created to act as an advisory body to the City Council, City Manager and city departments on issues affecting youth and teens in the City. Currently there are 15 members of the Commission.

The Commission focuses on several issues including youth involvement in the community, positive youth actions, and increasing quality of life options, among other goals. In addition to working on these issues, the Commission engages in a variety of meaningful leadership development and civic engagement opportunities.

**DISCUSSION:**

With the support and direction of Youth Services staff, the Youth Commission serves the community by planning, sponsoring or volunteering for a variety of community focused initiatives. During the 2012 - 2013 fiscal year the Youth Commission was involved in the following:

**Community Volunteer Service-** Youth Commission members provided approximately 700 hours of volunteer service during the current fiscal year, many of which were at City of Avondale events. Volunteer activities included: Make a Difference Day, National Kids at Hope Day Celebration, Out & About Event series and the Care1st Avondale Resource & Health Fair.

**Holiday School Spirit Food Drive-** Members sponsored and promoted the annual food drive that has generated over 61,000 lbs. of food for families in need since the annual drive began in 2008.

**Tri City West Youth & Family Summit-** Served on the event planning committee and provided youth input during the two-day summit.

**West Valley Youth Leadership Council-** Alex Maltagliati, Vice Chair Avondale Youth Advisory Commission serves as the Treasurer for the West Valley Youth Leadership Council. Alex voluntarily serves on the council as a representative of the Avondale Youth Advisory Commission.

**Flavors of the West -**Youth Commission members provided volunteer support during the event at the ticket sales counter and children's play zone. Funds generated from the culinary event were donated to benefit the Phoenix Children's Hospital.

**Avondale Voice of Youth Teen Summit** - Youth Commission memberswork to help plan and support this annual event by serving on the steering committee and assisting with event set-up and clean-up. Each year the Avondale Youth Advisory Commission recommends a conference theme base on the issues deemed most relevant and needed for that particular year. The most recent summit focused on leadership and civic engagement. Previous summits have addressed the topics of: teen health issues, college, careers and service learning.

**Relay for Life** - Youth Commission members worked to generate funds and raise awareness to support the American Cancers Society by participating in an overnight 12 hour team relay on the Westview High School Campus.

**Leadership Development Training** - The highlight of the year for the Commission was the group's participation in the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference March 9 - 13, 2013 in Washington, D.C. Six members had the opportunity to visit our nation's capitol with City Council, other local elected officials and youth leaders from across the country provides an enriching life experience that cannot be matched by local events.

Youth Commission members also participated in local leadership development opportunities:

- League of Arizona Cities & Towns Conference
- Governor's Youth Leadership Day
- Students Against Destructive Decisions State Conference.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Funds from the existing Neighborhood & Family Services and Youth Commission budget, fundraising, participant contributions and sponsorships were used to toward the cost of participation in all leadership development opportunities.

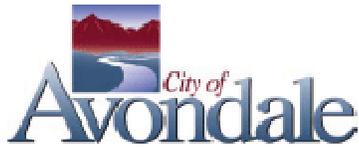
**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report is for information and discussion only.

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# CITY COUNCIL REPORT

**SUBJECT:**

Update on the Van Buren Drainage-Recreation Corridor Project

**MEETING DATE:**

May 13, 2013

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Charles Andrews, P.E., City Engineer, 623-333-4216

**THROUGH:** Charlie McClendon, City Manager

**PURPOSE:**

Staff will provide an overview to the Mayor and City Council on the Van Buren Drainage-Recreation Corridor Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2009, City staff submitted the Van Buren Drainage-Recreation Corridor Project to the Flood Control District of Maricopa County's (FCDMC or District) Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Capital Improvement Program Prioritization Procedure. The Project was approved and FCDMC initiated the Design Concept Report (DCR) which will be completed in 2013. The Project's conceptual cost estimate is \$13,788,000, and project implementation is expected to occur over a 15 year period.

On April 10, 2013, the Board of Directors of the District adopted a resolution authorizing the District to cost-share in the design, rights-of-way (ROW) acquisitions, construction, construction management, and operation and maintenance of the Project.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Van Buren Drainage-Recreation Corridor Project drainage area is bounded by I-10 on the north, Van Buren Street on the south, 99th Avenue on the east and the Agua Fria River on the west.

The DCR developed conceptual plans for the Project that includes a channel and culverts on the north side of Van Buren Street. The channel will utilize existing retention basins at Coldwater Depot Logistics Center and Desert Springs Village and will outlet into the Agua Fria River with a penetration of the east levee. The proposed project will:

- Provide a drainage system along Van Buren Street for 10-year design flows.
- Provide an outlet to safely convey storm water to the Agua Fria River from a developing area that includes the mixed-use, high density Avondale City Center, and existing and future commercial, industrial, and residential development.
- Solve drainage issues for the future development of the Avondale City Center.
- Incorporate a multi-use features that enhances pedestrian and bicycle connections, and improve the aesthetic appearance of the Van Buren streetscape.

In order to cost-share with the District on this Project, an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is necessary. The IGA identifies and defines the responsibilities of the FCDMC and the City for Project activities related to the design, ROW acquisition, utility relocations, construction, construction management, operation and maintenance.

The IGA proposes that FCDMC shall:

- Plan and coordinate the design of the Project.
- Fund 50% of the Project DCR cost, estimated to be \$196,000.
- Fund 40% of the Project design cost, other than the DCR (estimated to be \$1,200,000).
- Fund 40% of the Project Phase I cost for ROW, utility relocations, construction and construction management (estimated to be \$9,347,000).
- Serve as the lead agency for Project DCR and the Phase I construction management.

The IGA proposes that the City shall:

- Fund 50% of the Project DCR cost.
- Fund 60% of the Project design cost, other than the DCR.
- Fund 60% of the Project Phase I cost for ROW, utility relocations, construction and construction management.
- Fund 100% of the Project Phase II cost for ROW, utility relocations, construction and construction management (estimated to be \$3,045,000).
- Serve as the lead agency for the final design, and shall be solely responsible for the Phase II construction and construction management, and for all operations and maintenance of the Project.

The Project cost is estimated to be \$13,788,000. The target date for completion of Project Phase I construction is 2017 and the target date for completion of Phase II is 2028.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Funding for the initial portions of this Project are available in CIP Street Fund Line Item 304-1286, Van Buren Drainage Channel in FY2014/15.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is presented for information, discussion and Council direction.

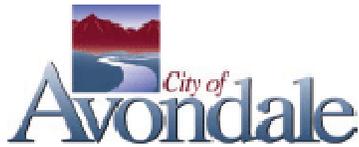
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# Van Buren Street Channel





# CITY COUNCIL REPORT

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion Regarding a Proposed Bridge for Thomas Road

**MEETING DATE:**

May 13, 2013

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Pier Simeri, Community Relations and Public Affairs Director (623) 333-1611

**THROUGH:** Charlie McClendon, City Manager

**PURPOSE:**

Staff is seeking direction from the City Council regarding interest in pursuing plans for constructing a bridge across the Agua Fria River on Thomas Road.

**BACKGROUND:**

Within the City of Avondale, Thomas Road is the only major east-west road that does not connect across the Agua Fria River. At the last Council goal setting retreat, Council directed staff to seek resident input regarding extension of a bridge across Thomas Road.

**DISCUSSION:**

Per Council's direction, staff has obtained preliminary feedback from two main resident stakeholder groups. This worksession will summarize the information that was presented to these groups, and their subsequent feedback.

Both groups were strongly not in favor of the city constructing a Thomas Road Bridge. Based on their strong responses and in light of the costs associated with pursuing further study of this issue, staff is seeking Council's direction on two possible options:

Option #1: Continue citizen feedback process with a more formalized survey process. Depending on outcome of the surveys, the city could pursue preliminary design for the bridge and preparation for an election seeking approval of General Obligation bonds. The question would appear on the 2014 ballot.

Option #2: Discontinue plans to pursue a Thomas Road Bridge indefinitely, at least until funding from the County becomes a possibility

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Preliminary figures for a Thomas Road bridge is estimated to be around \$20 million. These funds are not within the city's CIP. Voter-approval of General Obligation bonds may be sought for funding this project.

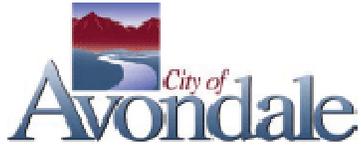
**RECOMMENDATION:**

For Council discussion and feedback to staff.

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# CITY COUNCIL REPORT

**SUBJECT:**  
EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MEETING DATE:**  
May 13, 2013

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Andrew McGuire, City Attorney (602) 257-7664  
**THROUGH:** Charlie McClendon, City Manager

**PURPOSE:**

City Council may hold an executive session pursuant to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the City's Attorney in order to consider its position and instruct the City's Attorney regarding potential litigation.

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