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## Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 10Ordinance/Resolution# 12-213For Meeting of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ordinance First Reading Date)For Meeting of June 18, 2012  
(Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

 QUASI JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIGNALIZATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES AND THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF US 70 FRONTAGE ROAD EAST AND MESA GRANDE, US 70 FRONTAGE ROAD WEST AND MESA GRANDE, US 70 FRONTAGE EAST AND SONOMA RANCH BLVD., AND US 70 FRONTAGE WEST AND SONOMA RANCH BLVD., PROJECT NO. AC-NH-HPP-(MIP)-070-2(31)152, CONTROL NO. 3780.**

**PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:**

Approve agreement.

<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5</b>		
<b><u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u></b> Dan Soriano	<b><u>Department/Section:</u></b> Transportation / Street and Traffic Operations	<b><u>Phone:</u></b> 541-2505
<b><u>City Manager Signature:</u></b>		

**BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:**

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) designed and constructed a project (AC-NH-HPP-(MIP)-070-2(31)152, Control No. 3780) which included the installation of traffic signals at the intersections of US 70 Frontage Road East and Mesa Grande, US 70 Frontage Road West and Mesa Grande, US 70 Frontage Road East and Sonoma Ranch Blvd., and US 70 Frontage Road West and Sonoma Ranch Blvd. within the boundaries of the City of Las Cruces. The signalization agreement for these signal installations was not processed upon completion of the project and therefore this Resolution authorizes the City to enter into such agreement with the NMDOT.

Pursuant to the Signalization Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", the NMDOT provided and installed new signal control equipment at the time of the original re-construction of US 70

and more recently funded the replacement of the video detection camera system. This agreement is for the maintenance of those signals by City forces to include replacement material and power costs. The estimated annual maintenance costs will be in the range of \$4,900.00 (approximately 60% power costs; 40% material costs). Expenditures for estimated maintenance costs will be allocated out of Fiscal Year 2012 budget.

The signal and lighting systems were installed primarily to assist in relieving traffic congestion and promote traffic safety. The NMDOT requires that the City enter into the attached Signalization Agreement to facilitate the future upkeep of the signal system.

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

1. Resolution.
2. Exhibit "A", Signalization Agreement.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

<b>Is this action already budgeted?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	See fund summary below
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund.	
<b>Does this action create any revenue?</b>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for FY _____.
	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

**BUDGET NARRATIVE**

N/A

**FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:**

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
General Fund	10323050-726200	\$2,940.00	\$92,253.69	\$89,313.69	Operating Expenses
General Fund	10323050-730110	\$1,960.00	\$47,752.22	\$45,792.22	Operating Expenses

**OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Vote "Yes"; this action approves the Resolution and authorizes the City of Las Cruces to take maintenance responsibilities of the signal system, as specified in the Signalization Agreement, once accepted by both the State and City entities.
2. Vote "No"; this action denies the Resolution and will not authorize the City of Las Cruces to take over maintenance responsibilities of the signal system, which will place those responsibilities on the NMDOT headquartered out of Santa Fe, NM. Local traffic conditions may be adversely affected by the longer response time by NMDOT crews to any issues related to the signal system.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this action could approve the agreement with adjustments to conditions or changes as requested by City Council.
4. Table the Resolution and/or instruct staff to seek alternative direction.

**REFERENCE INFORMATION:**

The resolution(s) and/or ordinance(s) listed below are only for reference and are not included as attachments or exhibits.

N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 12-213

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The City Council of the City of Las Cruces is informed that:

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) designed and constructed a project (AC-NH-HPP-(MIP)-070-2(31)152, Control No. 3780) which included the installation of traffic signals at the intersections of US 70 Frontage Road East and Mesa Grande, US70 Frontage Road West and Mesa Grande, US 70 Frontage Road East and Sonoma Ranch Blvd., and US 70 Frontage West and Sonoma Ranch Blvd., within the boundaries of the City of Las Cruces; and

**WHEREAS**, the NMDOT provided and installed new signal control equipment at the time of original construction and more recently funded the replacement of the video detection system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Signalization Agreement for these signal installations was not processed upon completion of the project and therefore this Resolution authorizes the City to enter into such agreement with the NMDOT; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated annual maintenance costs will be in the range of \$4900, which would be approximately 60% power costs and 40% materials costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the signalization system was installed primarily to assist in relieving traffic congestion and promoting traffic safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las

Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City Manager of the City of Las Cruces is hereby authorized to enter into a Signalization Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", with the New Mexico Department of Transportation to maintain the signalization system in order to facilitate the future upkeep.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishments of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima:	_____
Councillor Silva:	_____
Councillor Smith:	_____
Councillor Pedroza:	_____
Councillor Small:	_____
Councillor Sorg:	_____
Councillor Thomas:	_____

CONTRACT NO: \_\_\_\_\_

VENDOR NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNALIZATION AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 67-3-28, as amended, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, by and between the NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, acting by and through the SECRETARY, hereinafter called the DEPARTMENT, and the CITY OF LAS CRUCES, New Mexico, by and through its duly elected officials, hereinafter called the PUBLIC ENTITY.

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT contemplates the letting of a contract for the construction of a highway project within the boundaries of the PUBLIC ENTITY, said project being identified as AC-NH-HPP-(MIP)-070-2(31)152, Control Number 3780, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

WHEREAS, the PUBLIC ENTITY and the DEPARTMENT agree with the need for installation of traffic signals at US70 Frontage Road East and Mesa Grande, US70 Frontage Road West and Mesa Grande, US 70 Frontage East and Sonoma Ranch Blvd., and US 70 Frontage West and Sonoma Ranch Blvd within the boundaries of City of Las Cruces, the exact design to be determined by the DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the installation of the traffic signals will assist in relieving traffic congestion and will promote traffic safety.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties to set forth their understandings and agreements pursuant to which the improvements shall be made and subsequently operated and maintained as required.

NOW THEREFORE,

SECTION I: THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

1. Provide the necessary plans and estimates and other documents required for the construction of the Project and cause the Project to be constructed in the manner provided by law in accordance with such plans and documents.
2. Provide and install new signal control equipment with cabinet, footings, poles signal heads, conduit wiring, video vehicle detection system, opticom system for emergency vehicles, power service and meter pedestal, and all other equipment and appurtenances required to provide for complete and operable systems for the complete signalization of the said intersections as specified in the plans and specifications for the PROJECT.

SECTION II: THE PUBLIC ENTITY SHALL:

1. At its expense, maintain the signal control equipment (the "Controller"), and repair or replace the Controller in the event the Controller and/or cabinet is damaged, or there is an equipment failure, and maintain the video detection system.
2. Make all timing adjustments to the Signal Control equipment and review the Signal System(s) for efficient and satisfactory operation.
3. After subject signal system(s) has/have been constructed, make provisions for and provide, at its own expense, all electrical energy, routine maintenance such as lamp replacement, emergency shutdown in case of accidental damage or equipment failure and make any repairs necessary due to accidental damage to, or equipment failure of, the signal head and poles, signal system, underground conduit, cables, pull boxes, lighting fixtures and internally illuminated street name signs.
4. In the event that accidental damage or equipment failure should occur, provide for equipment

shut down and/or emergency traffic control as needed.

5. In the event that the traffic signal should be rendered completely inoperable as a result of accidental damage, secure the intersection with stop signs at all approach legs until such time as the traffic signal is made operable.

6. Make ample future provisions in its budget each year for the cost of maintaining and providing energy to the traffic signals.

#### SECTION III: THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES:

It is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of this AGREEMENT to create in the public or any member thereof a third party beneficiary or to authorize anyone not a party to the AGREEMENT to maintain a suit(s) for wrongful death(s), bodily and/or personal injury(ies) to person(s), damage(s) to property(ies), and/or any other claim(s) whatsoever pursuant to the provisions of this AGREEMENT.

#### SECTION IV: NEW MEXICO TORT-CLAIMS ACT:

As between the DEPARTMENT and PUBLIC ENTITY, neither party shall be responsible for liability incurred as a result of the other party's acts or omissions in connection with this AGREEMENT. Any liability incurred in connection with this AGREEMENT is subject to the immunities and limitations of New Mexico Tort Claims Act (Section 41-4-1, et seq. N.M.S.A. 1978) and any amendments thereto. This paragraph is intended only to define the liabilities between the parties hereto and it is not intended to modify, in any way, the parties' liabilities as governed by common law or the New Mexico Tort Claims Act. By entering this AGREEMENT, the DEPARTMENT and the PUBLIC ENTITY, and their "public employees" as defined in the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, do not waive any sovereign immunity, nor do they waive any

limitation(s) of liability pursuant to law. No provision in this AGREEMENT modifies or waives any provision of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act.

SECTION V: SCOPE OF AGREEMENT:

This AGREEMENT incorporates all the agreements, covenants, and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, agreements, and understandings have been merged into this written AGREEMENT. No prior AGREEMENT or understandings, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this AGREEMENT.

SECTION VI: TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT:

The terms of this AGREEMENT are lawful; performance of all duties and obligations herein shall conform with and do not contravene any state, local, or federal statutes, regulations, rules, or ordinances.

SECTION VII: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE:

The parties agree to abide by all federal and state laws and rules and regulations, and executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Mexico, pertaining to equal employment opportunity. In accordance with all such laws and rules and regulations, and executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Mexico, the parties agree to assure that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual preference, age or handicap, be excluded from employment with, or participation in, any program or activity performed under this AGREEMENT. If the parties are found to not be in compliance with these requirements during the term of this AGREEMENT, the parties agree to take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies.

**SECTION VIII: APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS:**

The terms of this AGREEMENT are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorizations being made by the Legislature of New Mexico, or the Congress of the United States if federal funds are involved, for performance of the AGREEMENT. If sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not made by the Legislature or the Congress of the United States if federal funds are involved, this AGREEMENT shall terminate upon written notice being given by the DEPARTMENT to the PUBLIC ENTITY. The DEPARTMENT is expressly not committed to expenditure of any funds until such time as they are programmed, budgeted, encumbered, and approved for expenditure by the DEPARTMENT. The DEPARTMENT's decision as to whether its funds are sufficient for fulfillment of this AGREEMENT shall be final.

**SECTION IX: SEVERABILITY:**

In the event that any portion of this AGREEMENT is determined to be void, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of this AGREEMENT shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION X: PUBLIC ENTITY SOLE JURISDICTION:**

By mere reason of the DEPARTMENT's participation in this Project, the DEPARTMENT is not incorporating this Project into the State Highway System, nor is the DEPARTMENT assuming maintenance responsibility or liability for the Project.

**SECTION XI: PROJECT RESPONSIBILITY:**

Design, construction and installation for this Project are the DEPARTMENT's sole responsibility and nothing is intended to give the DEPARTMENT any responsibility for future maintenance of the Project or related road improvement within the PUBLIC ENTITY's road system.

**SECTION XII: CONTINGENT ON PROJECT BEING LET:**

In the event that the Project is not let for any reason, this AGREEMENT shall become null and void and shall create no obligation on any of the parties.

SECTION XIII: AMENDMENT:

This AGREEMENT shall not be altered, modified, or amended except by an instrument in writing and executed by the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this AGREEMENT the day and year hereinafter first written.

PUBLIC ENTITY

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Date

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

RECOMMENDED BY:  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Traffic Engineer Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Traffic Services Engineer Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Engineer Date

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency  
by the New Mexico Department of  
Transportation's Office of General Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Counsel General Date