

Meeting Date: 4/9/14

Agenda Item Number: 6d

SUBJECT: Multi-use Path Extensions (Priest to SR 143 and McClintock to Mesa)

COMMENTS: The City is currently working on the extension of two paths along the Salt River.

McClintock to Mesa



The purpose of this project is to construct a 10-foot wide concrete multi-use path with lighting and safety railings adjacent to the south side of the Rio Salado between McClintock Drive and the border with Mesa at the Loops 101 & 202. The project is intended to promote open space and public access in an inaccessible area, create sustainable business and development efforts while continuing Tempe's commitment to alternative modes of transportation.

Rio Salado South Bank Project is identified in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan in concert with the Tempe 2030 General Plan. It's a joint effort with the Arizona Department of Transportation and the City of Mesa to connect both cities and the region through a non-motorized corridor. It is a continuation of an existing path along the Rio Salado and connects Tempe Marketplace to Mesa Riverview, two of east valley's strongest retail and lifestyle centers.

The total estimated project cost is \$3 million, which includes construction, design, engineering and administration costs.

Environmental clearance and project construction documents are underway. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2014.

Priest to SR143



The purpose of this project is to construct a 10-foot wide concrete multi-use path with lighting and safety railings adjacent to Rio Salado (Salt River) between Priest Drive and the City of Tempe boundary with Phoenix just east of SR 143/Hohokam Freeway.

The path would begin at Priest Drive just south of the bridge over the Salt River and extend west along the top of the south bank levee of the river for approximately one mile. The location of the path would generally coincide with the existing maintenance road along the top of the river bank that is operated by the Flood Control District of Maricopa County. The path would extend to just east of SR 143/Hohokam Freeway which also represents the boundary between the cities of Tempe and Phoenix. This path would connect with the existing Rio Salado Paths around the Tempe Town Lake.

A connector path would run parallel to SR 143 and tie into 48th Street just north of 1st Street. The total estimated project cost is \$1.2 million which includes construction, design, engineering and administration allowance. Construction will be completed in fall 2014.