



# Staff Report

City Council

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**Meeting Date:** July 24, 2024

**From:** John A. Corella, Director of Public Works

**Title:** Approval of License Agreement with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) for the construction, maintenance and operation of portions of the CV Link facility on City-owned properties.

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve a license agreement between the City and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) for the construction, maintenance and operation of portions of the CV Link project on City-owned properties, identified as Assessor Parcels Nos 687-480-007, 008, 018, and 674-020-051, 053; and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the license agreement on behalf of the City.

## **BACKGROUND:**

CV Link is an alternative transportation route and recreational pathway providing a safer, healthy alternative to Highway 111 and/or East Palm Canyon Drive. CV Link will allow residents and tourists alike the ability to bike, walk or take a low-speed electric vehicle for activities such as shopping, work, restaurant, golf, tennis and other activities. It will also provide a safer route for kids to go to school and serve as a meeting place for community activities and events.

CV Link will provide significant environmental, health & wellness and economic benefits including:

- Relieving congestion on Highway 111 resulting in improved air quality.
- Creating an exciting recreational amenity for the tourism industry and local residents.
- Providing a safer avenue for an active and healthy lifestyle helping to combat obesity.
- Stimulating the economy with design and construction jobs.

The first segment of the CV Link was built in Cathedral City along the west bank of the Whitewater River Channel, between Vista Chino and Ramon Road. The next segment, already under a construction contract, will extend CV Link from Ramon Road south and then will extend into Cathedral City as far as Date Palm Drive to the east.

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**DISCUSSION:**

Portions of this next CV Link segment are to be constructed on several City owned parcels, as shown in the attached Exhibits A and B. These City owned parcels include a portion of the Whitewater River channel, and two vacant parcels on the east side of Date Palm Drive, opposite West Buddy Rogers Avenue. As the portions described in Exhibit A are City owned parcels, the purpose of this License Agreement is to allow CVAG’s long term use of the City properties for the CV Link.

Also attached are excerpts from the construction contract plans showing the portions of this next CV Link segment in Cathedral City that are constructed on City owned property. These CV Link portions will begin at Cathedral Canyon Drive and will run along the top of the southerly levee of the Whitewater Channel until it reaches Date Palm Drive. From Date Palm Drive, CV Link will continue under the Date Palm Drive bridge and then extend southerly along the east side of Date Palm Drive. Along Date Palm Drive CV Link will continue south across Indian allottee property and continue to cross over two City owned parcels toward East Palm Canyon Drive.

At this time, CV Link will temporarily end at a point on Date Palm Drive at the south side of Perez Road. CV Link’s further extension southerly and then easterly toward Officer Jermaine Gibson Avenue will occur at a later date as this CV Link extension will require the construction of a bridge over the North Cathedral Canyon and East Cathedral Canyon Channels. Although the current project will not extend CV Link across these two vacant City parcels, these two parcels are included in the proposed License Agreement to facilitate future construction.

The terms of the License Agreement provide that CVAG is responsible for the long-term maintenance of the City owned property portions of CV Link and for the replacement of damaged CV Link exclusive amenities, such as shade structures, benches and landscaping, as outlined in Section 4.5 of the License Agreement.

The terms of the License Agreement also provide that the City is responsible for graffiti removal and general light maintenance. Within this document, CVAG has committed to continue to pursue sponsorships and funding for long term operations and maintenance.

Staff is requesting that City Council approve the License Agreement between Cathedral City and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) for the construction, maintenance and operation of portions of the CV Link project on City-owned properties, identified as Assessor Parcels Nos 687-480-007, 008, 018, and 674-020-051, 053; and, authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the License Agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This License Agreement allows for the construction, long-term maintenance and operation of the CV Link on several City-owned parcels. All construction costs will be borne by CVAG. CVAG will also be responsible for the bulk of future maintenance expenses. The City has agreed to cover only the limited expense of any graffiti removal and minor repairs on this segment of the CV Link.

	DESCRIPTION	GENERAL LEDGER	PROJECT CODE	AMOUNT	ONE TIME or ONGOING
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2026-2027	CV Link	100-500-510- 511-8300-8301	M07015	TBD	Ongoing Additional Maintenance

**FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:**

GOAL B: COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

OBJECTIVE: Cathedral City roads, gateways, public spaces, and other city infrastructure are well planned, designed, constructed, and maintained.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. License Agreement with Exhibit A: Vicinity map showing City-owned parcels and Exhibit B: Excerpts from construction plans (4 sheets)