

## **BILL/ RESOLUTION REQUEST**

**1. Title:** Approves an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the US 6 Bridges Project, which will reconstruct US 6 between I-25 and Knox.

**2. Requesting Agency:** Public Works

**3. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance***

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**4. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance who will present the item at Mayor Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary***

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**5. Describe the proposed ordinance, including what the proposed ordinance is intended to accomplish, who's involved**

**a. Scope of Work**

This US 6 Bridges Design-Build Project reconstruct US 6 between I-25 and Knox Ct, replacing US 6 bridges over Bryant Street, the Platte River, I-25, and the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway line. The Project includes the Federal Boulevard Interchange, with improvement limits from 5th to 7th Avenues; the reconstruction of Barnum East Park; the installation of bicycle/pedestrian bridge over US 6, west of Federal Boulevard connecting Denver's Barnum and Barnum North Park.

This IGA covers many issues related to the project and funding, including:

- Maintenance of the bicycle/pedestrian bridge shall be the responsibility of the City and County of Denver (CCD)
- CDOT shall provide the non-Bridge Enterprise portion of the remaining Project funds to the CCD, not to exceed \$5.0 million.
- CDOT shall own and maintain new Water Quality facilities that are built by the project. Ownership and maintenance of new or expanded facilities within Local Agency ROW will be determined at a later date and included in a forthcoming Maintenance and Operations agreement.
- CCD will provide \$8 million in funding for this project over a five year time period 2013-2018
- CDOT will acquire 690 Federal in its entirety and will retain ownership of a portion of the property sufficient to allow for CCD construction improvements to Federal Blvd in the future.

**b. Duration**

useful life of the project

**c. Location**

Hwy US 6 between I-25 and Knox Ct.

**d. Affected Council District**

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**e. Benefits**

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**f. Costs**

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**6. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance, groups or individuals who may have concerns about it? Please explain.**

No.