Moab City Council Agenda Item
Meeting Date: May 25, 2021

Title: Letter of Support for the 2050 Moab & Spanish Valley Regional Transportation Plan dated May 4, 2021

Disposition: Discussion and possible action

Staff Presenter: Chuck Williams, City Engineer

Attachment(s):
- Attachment 1 – 2050 Moab & Spanish Valley Regional Transportation Plan dated May 4, 2021
- Attachment 2 - Draft Letter of Support

Recommended Motion:
“I move to approve the Mayor signing a Letter of Support for the Moab & Spanish Valley 2050 Regional Transportation Plan dated May 4, 2021 that is in general concurrence with the Draft Letter of Support and Council comments from tonight’s meeting.”

Background/Summary:

The Moab & Spanish Valley 2050 Regional Transportation Plan dated May 4, 2021 (Plan) was prepared by Fehr & Peers, a consulting firm under contract with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). A core management team composed of representatives of Grand County, San Juan County, SITLA and the City of Moab assisted the UDOT project manager in developing the Plan.

One of the most controversial elements discussed during Plan development was the issue of a bypass for HWY 191 traffic to go around Moab. Based on Resolutions against the bypass from the City and Grand County the bypass is not included on the list of 13 projects recommended by the Plan. City staff believes that the City of Moab has an interest in all of the 13 projects and will directly benefit from most of them.

UDOT is asking all of the participating agencies for letters of support. City and UDOT Staff believe that letters of support will enhance UDOT’s ability to move projects forward.