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MEETING DATE: April 28, 2026

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Dan Avery, Deputy County Manager

DESCRIPTION: Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Lone Tree and the Board of Douglas County Commissioners Regarding Cost Sharing for Construction of the Happy Canyon Creek Pedestrian Bridge.

SUMMARY: The request is for approval of an intergovernmental agreement between Douglas County and the City of Lone Tree for cost sharing related to the construction of trail improvements associated with the Happy Canyon Creek Pedestrian Bridge. The bridge will provide critical pedestrian connectivity between Tall Tales Ranch, the future High Note Park, the RTD RidgeGate Parkway light rail station, and surrounding areas. The bridge itself is primarily funded through state and federal sources, while the City, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, and Douglas County will share costs for associated trail improvements. Total costs to Douglas County under this agreement will not exceed \$75,000, payable from ARPA accrued interest reserved for this purpose. The total project cost, including grants and other sources, is \$1,306,000.

Douglas County and Tall Tales Ranch are advancing a housing project for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, supported in part by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and a State Strong Communities Infrastructure Grant. These funding sources will also substantially support construction of the pedestrian bridge and related infrastructure. The bridge and trail improvements are intended to enhance regional connectivity and accessibility to key destinations, including transit, recreational amenities, and housing. While the bridge construction is largely covered by external funding, the trail improvements require a local cost-sharing partnership between the City, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, and County. Douglas County will manage design and construction of the project, including permitting and easement acquisition. Upon completion, maintenance responsibilities for the bridge and trail improvements will be transferred to the South Suburban Parks and Recreation District, with no ongoing maintenance obligations for the City or County.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the IGA.

REVIEW:

Doug DeBord	Approve	4/23/2026
Jeff Garcia	Approve	4/24/2026
Christie Guthrie	Approve	4/24/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

Douglas - Lone Tree Ped Bridge IGA