AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Pennsylvania Avenue Reconstruction from North of E. University Avenue to E. Washington Avenue Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Pennsylvania Avenue Reconstruction from North of E. University Avenue to E. Washington Avenue Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the property acquisition process for this project under eminent domain. Relocation assistance will not be required for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: To be determined after final design is completed.

Funding Source: 2021-2022 CIP, Page 143, LOSST Street Improvements, ST800, LOSST Monies

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This project provides for full reconstruction of Pennsylvania Avenue roadway pavement from north of E. University Avenue to E. Washington Avenue. The project also includes construction of a multi-use trail along Pennsylvania Avenue from E. University Avenue to Birdland Marina. The improvement includes Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) curb and gutter, 8.5-inch Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) paving, cement treated subbase, PCC trail, PCC sidewalks, PCC driveways, earthwork and grading, pavement markings, water services, erosion control, restoration, and other incidental items.

- This public improvement project provides for full reconstruction of Pennsylvania Avenue roadway pavement from north of E. University Avenue to E. Washington Avenue. This project also includes construction of a shared-use trail along Pennsylvania Avenue from E. University Avenue to Birdland Marina.

- The City held a public meeting via Zoom on August 25, 2021, to present the project and obtain public feedback.
- At this time, the property interests needed for this project consist of 11 temporary construction easements from 11 separate property owners. Relocation assistance will not be required.

- Construction of this project is anticipated to begin in spring 2022 and be completed in late spring 2023. The project documents include a contractual provision for acquisition to be completed by April 15, 2022. All acquisitions are minor temporary easements for grading.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Transportation Safety Committee

Date: September 14, 2021

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion by Tom DeSio to approve the concept for the Pennsylvania Avenue Reconstruction Project between E. University Avenue and E. Washington Avenue; seconded by Meg Schneider. Motion passed 6:0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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