

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-444  
OCTOBER 21, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
IDOT PRECONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT E. 14TH STREET/E. AURORA AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD E. SMITH CITY ENGINEER

**SYNOPSIS —**

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) has prepared an Addendum to Preconstruction Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the IDOT for reconstruction of the intersection of E. 14th Street and E. Aurora Avenue to provide designated left-turn storage lanes and protected signal phasing. This Addendum to Preconstruction Agreement specifically addresses cost-sharing on the project.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

The IDOT has proposed that the City of Des Moines provide design and inspection services and right-of-way acquisition for the intersection project, to be reimbursed by the IDOT. In addition, all construction costs, with the exception of some storm sewer costs and some costs on E. Aurora Avenue, would be a State of Iowa expense. Polk County will share expenses on this project on those items outside the City corporate limits. The intersection improvement will displace one commercial property.

General Obligation Bond funding in the amount of \$122,000 for this improvement is included in the Recommended 1996-97 Capital Improvements Program Budget, page 313. Because Council has not yet approved the 1996-97 CIP, approval of this IDOT project agreement will effectively obligate the City to include the necessary funding in the CIP and to sell bonds in an amount sufficient to cover this expense.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Approval of the Addendum to Preconstruction Agreement with the IDOT.**

**BACKGROUND —**

On April 19, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-1471, the City Council approved a Preconstruction Agreement with the IDOT for a proposed improvement at the intersection of E. 14th Street and E. Aurora Avenue. The IDOT has scheduled this safety improvement utilizing federal safety funding, and the project is contained in the fiscal 1996 IDOT's five-year program. The total estimated cost for the proposed intersection project is \$1.3 million. The City of Des Moines will be responsible for costs of some storm sewer construction and some pavement construction on E. Aurora Avenue. Total City costs for the project are estimated to be \$122,000. Polk County cost for their portion of this project outside the City corporate limits is estimated to be \$31,000. The project will include left-turn lanes on all four approaches, raised medians on E. 14th Street, and new signalization. One commercial property will be displaced.

The Preconstruction Agreement specified that the City of Des Moines will design and acquire right-of-way for the intersection project, and will be reimbursed by the IDOT for these costs. The Addendum to Preconstruction Agreement for the construction phase more specifically addresses cost-sharing and administrative issues on the project.