

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

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-165
APRIL 7, 1997 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
E. UNIVERSITY AVE. AND E. 9TH STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD E. SMITH CITY ENGINEER

SYNOPSIS —

The Iowa Department of Transportation has proposed an agreement between the City of Des Moines and the IDOT for the E. University Avenue and E. 9th Street Intersection Improvement Project, which provides for widening E. University Avenue at E. 9th Street to provide for left-turn lanes, raised medians, and new traffic signals.

The City of Des Moines will provide design and inspection services for the project. Construction cost will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$300,000 by the IDOT. The IDOT has prepared a Project Agreement for the proposed improvement.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Funding for design and inspection services is included in the 1997-98 CIP Budget, page 294, E. University Avenue - E. Ninth Street Intersection. The City's obligation for this project is estimated to be \$400,000. The State of Iowa will pay a maximum of \$300,000 for the construction cost of the project.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of this agreement with the IDOT.

BACKGROUND —

On June 9, 1994, by Roll Call No. 94-2350, Des Moines City Council authorized that an application be submitted to the IDOT for \$300,000 in Traffic Safety Improvement Program funds toward this project. The project was subsequently approved, and an agreement has been prepared by the IDOT and submitted to the City for approval.

The project consists of widening E. University Avenue to a new 65-foot pavement, and incorporating left-turning lanes and raised channelization at the intersection of E. 9th Street. New signalization including left-turn signals on E. University Avenue will be installed. Minor additional right-of-way will be required, mostly east of E. 9th Street on both sides of E. University Avenue.