CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

98-123

AGENDA:

APRIL 6, 1998

SUBJECT:

31ST STREET AND KINGMAN BOULEVARD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT—AGREEMENT WITH IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM _____

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS —

A project agreement has been prepared by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the 31st Street and Kingman Boulevard Intersection Improvement project.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The total cost of this project is estimated at $320,000, of which $135,000 is available from IDOT. The remaining amount, $185,000, is included in the 1998-99 Capital Improvements Program budget.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the agreement with IDOT.

BACKGROUND —

On February 17, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-450, the City Council authorized that an application be submitted to IDOT for the 31st Street and Kingman Boulevard Intersection Improvement project. IDOT has approved a grant of $135,000 of Traffic Safety Funds for this project. An IDOT Agreement has been prepared for approval by the City. Approval of this agreement is necessary to assure availability of Traffic Safety Funding. The project agreement stipulates a proposed project completion date of December 31, 1998.

As part of the review process for the 30th/31st

Street Realignment Project at University Avenue, the Drake Neighborhood Association requested that the City consider installation of traffic signals on 31st Street at either Kingman Boulevard or Cottage Grove Avenue. Staff has conducted a traffic study of this area and recommends that a traffic signal be installed at the intersection of 31st Street and Kingman Boulevard, along with widening of 31st Street north and south of Kingman Boulevard to provide left-turning lanes. IDOT is now proposing Traffic Safety Funds for a portion of the construction cost, which is estimated to be $260,000.