



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

98-398

SYNOPSIS —

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 14, 1998

SUBJECT:

IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
AGREEMENT FOR
USE OF CITY
STREET AS A
TEMPORARY
DETOUR ROUTE

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) has prepared a proposed agreement with the City to use Relocated Army Post Road as a temporary detour route from Iowa Highway 28 east to the connection with existing Army Post Road just east of Fleur Drive. This agreement provides for routing Iowa 5 traffic on this section of Relocated Army Post Road until the completion of Relocated Iowa Highway 5 from Highway 28 east to US 65/69, which is expected to occur by December 31, 2000. Under the terms of the detour agreement, IDOT will provide all necessary traffic control devices and maintenance of the roadway, including snow removal, during the period of the detoured traffic.

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

FISCAL IMPACT –

N/A

SUBMITTED BY:

HAROLD SMITH
CITY ENGINEER

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval.

BACKGROUND –

IDOT has prepared a proposed agreement with the City to use Relocated Army Post Road as a temporary detour route from Iowa Highway 28 east to the connection with existing Army Post Road just east of Fleur Drive. This agreement provides for routing Iowa 5 traffic on this section of Relocated Army Post Road until the completion of Relocated Iowa Highway 5 from Highway 28 east to US 65/69, which is expected to occur by December 31, 2000.

This agreement is part of the implementation of the Airport

Master Plan to extend the crosswind runway, which requires the relocation of both Army Post Road and Highway 28. The City is constructing the section of Relocated Army Post Road from Iowa Highway 28 east to the connection with existing Army Post Road just east of Fleur Drive. In order to complete the connection of the new roadway to existing Army Post Road east of Fleur Drive, traffic must be shifted to the new roadway. This construction staging is scheduled to occur on September 23, and is being carefully coordinated with IDOT.

Presently, Iowa Highway 5 follows Army Post Road from Southeast Fourteenth Street (US 69) west to I-35. IDOT is constructing Relocated Iowa 5 from US 69 west to Highway 28, scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2000, and then extending west to I-35 by December 31, 2002. When this beltway is completed, IDOT will shift the designation of Highway 5 from Army Post Road to Relocated Iowa 5, and will transfer jurisdiction of Army Post Road to the local governments (Des Moines and Polk County). As an interim step, IDOT has agreed to detour the primary highway traffic to Relocated Army Post Road and allow the closing of existing Army Post Road west of Fleur Drive for further Airport development, especially the United Parcel Service (UPS) site. By separate agreement at a later date, IDOT will transfer the jurisdiction for this section of existing Army Post Road to the City.

Upon its completion, Relocated Army Post Road will be a City street, providing a major arterial roadway to serve the Airport Business Park. Under the terms of the detour agreement, IDOT will provide all necessary traffic control devices and maintenance of the roadway, including snow removal, during the period of the detoured traffic, which is expected to be until December 31, 2000.