

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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99-008

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

JANUARY 4, 1999

The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is soliciting project applications for Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) Transportation Enhancement funds for Fiscal Years 2000 - 2002. It is recommended that the City submit three applications for Federal STP Transportation Enhancement funds for the east-west section of Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway from Southwest Sixteenth Street to Southwest Second Street.

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

APPLICATION TO MPO FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS FOR EAST-WEST SECTION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARKWAY

The total estimated costs for the three enhancement projects are as follows:

TYPE:

1. Seventh Street Intersection. Estimated total cost of \$173,000. Requested Enhancement funds of \$138,400 (80%), with \$34,600 (20%) local match. Proposed funding year 2000.

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2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway from Seventh Street to Southwest Second Street. Estimated total cost of \$530,000. Requested Enhancement funds of \$265,000 (50%), with \$265,000 (50%) local match. Proposed funding year 2000-2001.

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3. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway from Seventh Street to Southwest Sixteenth Street. Estimated total cost of \$570,000. Requested Enhancement funds of \$285,000 (50%), with \$285,000 (50%) local match. Proposed funding year 2001-2002.

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Funding for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway is

included in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) under Account Number 383943. The proposed revision to this project for the 1999/2000-2004/05 CIP includes funding for enhancement features, identified as other funds. If one or more of these applications are approved, the required local matching funds will be included in future CIP budgets.

RECOMMENDATION -

Authorize the City Manager to submit three applications for Federal STP Transportation Enhancement funds for the east-west section of Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway from Southwest Sixteenth Street to Southwest Second Street.

BACKGROUND -

The MPO is soliciting project applications for Federal STP Transportation Enhancement funds for Fiscal Year 2000 - 2002. The City has previously been awarded a total of \$20,390,000 of STP funds through the MPO as part of a \$62.5 Million package for funding the east-west section of Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway from Fleur Drive to Southwest Second Street. This section is scheduled to be completed by the Year 2002.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway is a proposed six-lane major arterial street in the city of Des Moines. The parkway is forecast to carry approximately 40,000 vehicles per day and will provide improved access to the Central Business District, the Des Moines International Airport, and the State Capitol area. It will also reduce traffic congestion on I-235 and other streets in the Central Business District area.

Because the parkway will create a new major roadway through existing neighborhoods and will provide a "gateway" into downtown, the City proposes to construct a distinctive project that will emphasize aesthetics and user appeal. A nationally experienced design team, working closely with the Citizen Advisory Committee, has developed an enhancement concept for the Parkway, which includes three major components, as identified

below.

1. The roadway should have an overall theme that complements and enhances the surrounding environment. Using strategic planting of well-developed trees and shrubs along the corridor, the roadway emerges as "a rhythm of trees."

2. The Parkway and bridges should become symbolic elements of Des Moines, presenting an image that is dynamic and yet consistent with the architecture already present in the city.

3. There should be common architectural elements for the intersections, with specific designs that capture the character of each neighborhood served by the Parkway.

The MPO has previously established three categories of Transportation Enhancement projects: Trails, Historic Preservation, and Scenic/ Environmental. Total funds available are rather limited, with approximately \$450,000 per year for funding of all three categories. The proposed enhancement projects would all involve the installation of special streetscape elements and landscape elements along Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway. The streetscape elements would include special pavement at the intersections, special median pavement, and special light poles/signal poles/sign supports. The landscaping elements would include street trees; ornamental trees; shrubs; perennials, and amenities, such as benches/ corner walls at intersections, vertical markers, etc. Three separate project applications are proposed:

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Each Transportation Enhancement funding applicant must provide assurance that will adequately maintain the completed project for its intended public use for a minimum of 20 years following the completion.