

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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99-361

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

AGENDA:

AUGUST 16, 1999

SYNOPSIS -

Scott Avenue, from its intersection with Raccoon Street to the eastern boundary of the City of Des Moines, is a heavily used, high maintenance, asphalt stabilized roadway that generates numerous surface condition complaints annually. Abutting property owners report heavy vehicular traffic due to through traffic. As a result, they are opposed to assessed improvements.

SUBJECT:

PROPOSED
IMPROVEMENT -
SCOTT AVENUE,
FROM RACCOON
STREET TO THE
EASTERN
BOUNDARY OF THE
CITY OF DES
MOINES

In an effort to provide a more permanent surface, the Public Works Director has negotiated with the Polk County Engineer placement of a county standard type paving which most closely aligns with the City of Des Moines' interim asphalt surfacing. The proposed asphaltic cement concrete (ACC) surfacing would be 4 inches thick, 22 feet wide, and would be placed directly on top of the existing asphalt stabilized base. The open ditch drainage currently in place will remain.

TYPE:

FISCAL IMPACT -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

The City's share of the surface improvement, which is estimated at \$66,300 for materials, is currently available in the Public Works Department operating budget.

SUBMITTED BY:

RECOMMENDATION -

JOHN P. BELLIZZI
PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR

Approval of the 28E Agreement between the City and Polk County for the surface improvement of Scott Avenue, from its intersection with Raccoon Street to the eastern boundary of the city.

BACKGROUND -

Dean Avenue, from East 34th Street to the Four Mile Creek Bridge, received a permanent surface improvement under

similar arrangements in 1996. At that time, Polk County, along with the Iowa State Fair Board and Pleasant Hill, contributed to the materials required for the improvement. The Dean Avenue pavement is considered permanent and is performing very well.

Rather than continue with high cost asphalt stabilization maintenance, the Public Works Director now recommends a similar surface on Scott Avenue. Polk County has agreed to pay one-half of the cost of the paving materials, or \$66,300, whichever is less.

Based on staff's recommendation to assess the equivalent of the cost of asphalt stabilization when performing interim asphalt surfacing, the Polk County contribution of one-half of the cost of the paving materials or \$66,300, whichever is less, would eliminate the need to assess the abutting property owners. The estimated cost for paving materials is \$132,600 for Scott Avenue, from Raccoon Street to the eastern boundary of Des Moines.

Staff recommends placement of the interim asphalt surfacing this construction season under a joint 28E Agreement with Polk County.