

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-040

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

FEBRUARY 7, 2000

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) has proposed an agreement with the City for Traffic Safety Improvement Funding. The proposed project consists of closing 56th Street south of University Avenue including a vehicle turn-around along 56th Street. A right turn lane would be constructed for eastbound University Avenue traffic at the 55th Street intersection. Traffic signals would be modified at the intersection of University Avenue and 55th Street.

SUBJECT:

AGREEMENT FOR
TRAFFIC SAFETY
IMPROVEMENT
FUNDING
55TH/56TH STREET
INTERSECTION AT
UNIVERSITY
AVENUE

FISCAL IMPACT -

Funding for the construction of this project will be provided by IDOT up to a maximum of \$100,000. The remaining project cost, estimated to be \$20,000, will be funded from the 55th/56th Street and University intersection in the Capital Improvements Budget.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

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CITY ENGINEER

BACKGROUND -

On June 15, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-1831, Council authorized the submittal of a proposal to IDOT for State Traffic Safety Funding for the 55th/56th Street intersection at University Avenue. Subsequently, IDOT reviewed this application and determined that the proposed project was eligible for Traffic Safety Funding.

In 1996, the City designated 56th Street, between University Avenue and Brattleboro Avenue, a one-way southbound street as an interim improvement to reduce accidents at the

intersection of 56th Street and University Avenue. Closing 56th Street south of University Avenue will serve as the permanent solution to the accident history at this intersection. Construction of a right turn lane along University Avenue at 55th Street along with modification of traffic signals at this intersection is expected to reduce accidents at this intersection.



