



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

01-008

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JANUARY 8, 2001

SUBJECT:

IOWA DEPARTMENT
OF
TRANSPORTATION
AGREEMENT FOR
THE M.L. KING, JR.
PARKWAY AND
INGERSOLL AVENUE
INTERSECTION
IMPROVEMENT

An agreement has been proposed between the City of Des Moines and the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway (MLK) and Ingersoll Avenue Intersection Improvement. This project would provide for the reconstruction of the intersection of MLK and Ingersoll Avenue, including the upgrading of the traffic signals at the intersection. As a part of the reconstruction of the intersection, MLK will be extended to the south. Left turn lanes will be added along MLK with additional widening to create a seven-lane cross section. The left turn lanes will be at least 150 feet long with four-foot wide raised medians with a standard six-inch curb. The design of this project is being done by Earth Tech, the consultant for the MLK project.

The project will be let by IDOT as part of the MLK project from Ingersoll Avenue to Center Street. The contract will be awarded through the City.

TYPE:

FISCAL IMPACT -

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The construction cost estimate is \$5,110,000 for this segment of MLK. IDOT will provide a maximum of \$500,000 for construction costs related to the intersection improvement. The remaining cost will be funded by a combination of general obligation bonds, federal funds, and IDOT loans. Funding for the construction cost is shown in the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, page STR-138, MLK - North/South Segment.

SUBMITTED BY:

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval of this agreement with IDOT.

BACKGROUND -

On December 20, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-3805, City Council authorized the City Manager to submit an application to IDOT for Traffic Safety Funding for this project as part of the overall funding package for the MLK project.

The Ingersoll Avenue intersection improvements will be completed with the overall project for MLK from the Ingersoll Avenue intersection to Center Street.

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