

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**01-019**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

JANUARY 8, 2001

**SUBJECT:**

JURISDICTIONAL  
TRANSFER OF  
ARMY POST ROAD

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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CITY ENGINEER

WILLIAM STOWE  
PUBLIC WORKS  
DIRECTOR

To approve the Transfer of Public Road Jurisdiction Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for Army Post Road, between SW 60th and SE 14th Streets, except for those portions already transferred. The transfer is accompanied by a cash payment from the State to the City in order to restore the road to an acceptable maintenance condition.

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

The City shall receive an initial payment of \$723,613 (\$444,100 for Asphaltic Paving Restoration and \$279,513 for Bridge Deck Restoration) from IDOT in order to restore the road to an acceptable condition. An additional payment of \$336,015 will be received once the bridge on Army Post Road near SW 60th Street is replaced with a culvert.

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

IDOT is building a new Iowa 5 by-pass on the southern edge of Polk County. Previous agreements between the City and IDOT have the existing Iowa 5 roadway, known also as Army Post Road, to be transferred to the City upon completion of the Iowa 5 by-pass. Now that the Iowa 5 by-pass is substantially complete between SE 14th and SW 60th Streets, a Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement must be accomplished. Under a previous Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement, a portion of the route has already been transferred, the section east of SE 14th and a portion just south of the Airport. This agreement being presented to Council transfers the remaining portion of Army Post Road contained within the city limits. In order to ensure that the road

condition was acceptable before transfer, an inspection of the road was made by IDOT, Public Works Department, and the Engineering Department. The result of the inspection was the identification of needed work, consisting of road resurfacing and bridge repairs.

IDOT has agreed to pay the City \$444,100 for resurfacing of a large portion of Army Post Road from SE 14th Street to Fleur Drive, and for patching work on Army Post Road from SW 42nd Street to SW 60th Street. It is estimated that this amount is sufficient for all the work by using the Asphalt Paving Restoration Program.

IDOT has agreed to pay the City in two separate payments the total amount of \$615,528 (\$279,513 + \$336,015) which is the estimate for the bridge deck restoration portion of the project on Army Post Road just east of SW 60th Street. The future use and function of this bridge needs to be re-evaluated, based upon traffic counts that have dropped to almost nothing with the new roads in-place, the fact that the future southwest connector will impact other streets, and the impact of future Airport parallel runway expansion. This agreement allows for flexibility in the payments so that credit can be applied toward other options besides deck replacement, such as removal and replacement with culverts.