

## Meeting Agendas/Info

### CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

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01-193

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

#### AGENDA:

APRIL 23, 2001

#### SYNOPSIS -

Council authorization to proceed is requested for the (1) widening of Lower Beaver Road from Madison Avenue to Shawnee Place, and (2) paving of Milton Avenue from East 21st Street to 300 feet east.

#### SUBJECT:

2001-2002 CIP  
AUTHORIZATION TO  
PROCEED ON LOWER  
BEAVER ROAD  
WIDENING AND  
MILTON AVENUE  
PAVING

#### FISCAL IMPACT -

- 1) Total cost for Lower Beaver Road is estimated to be \$170,000. The Des Moines Independent Community School District will provide up to \$70,000 for the project.
- 2) Total cost for Milton Avenue paving is estimated to be \$90,000 (assuming use of Bishop Engineering plans) - 100 percent assessed to benefited properties.

#### TYPE:

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

#### RECOMMENDATION -

**Authorize the City Manager to proceed with the Lower Beaver Road widening and Milton Avenue paving as outlined herein.**

#### SUBMITTED BY:

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.  
CITY ENGINEER

#### BACKGROUND -

- 1) Lower Beaver Road Widening

Currently, there is school loading/unloading allowed on both sides on Lower Beaver Road adjacent to Woodlawn School. In order to improve traffic and pedestrian safety at the intersection of Lower Beaver Road and Madison Avenue, it is recommended that Lower Beaver Road be restriped to provide three lanes similar to what was done on Beaver Avenue. However, because of the existing street width, this would also require the elimination of on-street school loading/unloading areas. In order to restore these much needed parking areas, the widening of Lower Beaver Road is necessary.

Since the resurfacing of Lower Beaver Road and the restriping of the street to provide three lanes is the reason this widening is needed, it was determined that the funding for the widening should be shared equally with the Des Moines Independent Community School District. The School District's share is estimated to be \$70,000 and is included in their current budget. In addition to the widening, there is additional work to improve the northwest intersection radius at Lower Beaver Road and Madison Avenue. This would be 100 percent City cost. The total City cost is estimated to be \$100,000 for the entire project.

Both the Lower Beaver Neighborhood Association and Woodlawn School representatives have indicated a strong desire to have this work on Lower Beaver Road completed as soon as possible. The resurfacing of Lower Beaver Road has already been scheduled for this summer by the Public Works Department, and the widening of Lower Beaver Road would need to be coordinated with this resurfacing. Every effort will be made to insure that this work is completed prior to the start of school this fall.

## 2) Milton Avenue Paving

On February 12, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-435, City Council received and filed a petition requesting paving of Milton Avenue from East 21st Street to 300 feet east, and referred the petition to the City Engineer for review and recommendation.

This street serves M-1 and C-2 zoned property and carries heavy truck traffic. Since this is a commercial/industrial area, it is recommended that 100 percent of the project cost be assessed to benefited property owners. Mr. Doug Brown of Jocko's Auto Parts has indicated he is in favor of such a project and would provide plans for the project. Mr. Brown's property would be assessed over 50 percent of the cost of the project. If approved by Council, a preliminary assessment schedule would be prepared, Council would be asked to set a date for the hearing on the Resolution of Necessity, and each benefited property owner would be notified by certified mail of the hearing on the proposed paving.

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