

## Meeting Agendas/Info

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

**01-545**

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

**AGENDA:**

**SYNOPSIS -**

OCTOBER 22, 2001

An agreement has been proposed between the City of Des Moines and the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Parkway Bikeway Bridge across the Raccoon River.

**SUBJECT:**

IDOT AGREEMENT  
FOR THE MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.  
PARKWAY  
BIKEWAY BRIDGE  
ACROSS THE  
RACCOON RIVER

The construction costs are eligible for reimbursement by federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) Enhancement Funds of 80 percent of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$200,000. IDOT has prepared an agreement for the proposed improvement.

**TYPE:**

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

The City will provide 50 percent matching funds from the MLK Parkway project in the Capitol Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval of this agreement with IDOT.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**BACKGROUND -**

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.  
CITY ENGINEER

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) provides for federal funds to be used for traffic enhancement projects. The portion of the eligible project costs paid by STP Enhancement funds shall be limited to a maximum of either 80 percent of eligible costs or the amount stipulated in the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's current Traffic Improvement Program (TIP) and approved in the current State-wide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), \$200,000, whichever is less. The original application had requested 50 percent of the \$400,000 estimated construction cost be funded.

The bridge will be a vital link from the trail being constructed along

MLK Parkway to Water Works Park and Grays Lake. It will aid in connecting the downtown area with recreational areas to the west and south.

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