

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**03-230**

**AGENDA:**

MAY 19, 2003

**SUBJECT:**

IDOT DETOUR  
AGREEMENTS FOR  
I-235 BRIDGE WORK

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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

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

**SYNOPSIS —**

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) has prepared five detour agreements to designate temporary detour routes during this year's construction work on Interstate 235 (I-235). Four of these involve detours that will be in effect during bridge demolition and bridge beam installation. The hours of closing are limited to those described within the agreements. These agreements cover the Polk Boulevard Bridge, the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Parkway Bridge, and the East 6<sup>th</sup> Pedestrian/East 6<sup>th</sup> Street/Penn Avenue/East 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridges. The fifth agreement is for the East Euclid Avenue interchange and authorizes the use of various streets during stages of work while interchange ramps are closed.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

The City will not incur any additional costs for these detours.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Approval of these agreements with IDOT.**

**BACKGROUND —**

On August 31, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-3634, the City Council approved a Predesign Agreement (Agreement No. 2001-P-028) with IDOT for I-235, from the west City limits to the north City limits. IDOT has begun reconstruction of various bridge projects involving I-235, and has requested that detour agreements be entered into for each of the closings of I-235 that involve detours onto City streets. These include the Polk Boulevard Bridge, the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, the MLK Parkway Bridge, and the East 6<sup>th</sup> Pedestrian/East 6<sup>th</sup> Street/Penn Avenue/East 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridges.

Detour routes have been identified through a process involving City of Des Moines police and engineering staff. These detours will occur during selected phases of construction—bridge removal phase, bridge beam replacement phase, and possible short-term phases after the bridge has been removed. The closure will only be in effect during specific hours as identified on the agreements. These hours are as follows:

- 1) Between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 6:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday.

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2) Between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays.

The East Euclid Avenue and I-235 interchange detour agreement authorizes the use of Delaware and Guthrie Avenues as a detour for I-235 ramp traffic during various construction stages when these ramps are closed.

The Traffic and Transportation Division of the Engineering Department has reviewed these agreements and recommends approval.

