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Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

SUBJECT—

Approving and authorizing the execution of IDOT Agreement for S.W. 9th Street and County Line Road Intersection Improvements.

SYNOPSIS—

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) has proposed an agreement between the City of Des Moines and IDOT for S.W. 9th Street and County Line Road Intersection Improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The total estimated project cost is \$675,000. The construction costs are eligible for 80% reimbursement by IDOT Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds, up to a maximum of \$285,000. The City of Des Moines will provide matching funding for construction, design and construction administration services. Total City funding is estimated to be \$390,000.

Funding for this project is available in the current Capital Improvements Program Budget, Index Code 485847, Account 543060, Fund CP038, Organization ENG990000, Project STR206 – S.W. Ninth Street and County Line Road Intersection.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

On November 6, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-4291, the City Council authorized the City Manager to submit an application to IDOT for STP funds for S.W. 9th Street and County Line Road Intersection Improvements. This funding request was subsequently approved, and IDOT has prepared an agreement for the proposed improvements, which consists of widening all four approaches to include left-turn lanes and installing traffic signals at the intersection. The relocation of Iowa Highway 5 and the construction of an interchange at S.W. 9th Street have increased traffic at this intersection. The construction is scheduled for summer 2005.

Also on the January 24th agenda is an item to approve a joint public service agreement between the City of Des Moines and Warren County for the S.W. 9th Street and County Line Road Intersection Improvements. This agreement is authorized under Chapter 28E of the 1997 Code of Iowa and provides that public agencies may cooperate in such a way as to provide joint services or facilities to their constituents and to cooperate in other ways of mutual advantage. Under this agreement, the City of Des Moines would provide engineering services that would include the preparation of the plans and specifications, acquisition of right-of-way, and the contractual administration, including construction inspection of this project.