



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date February 26, 2007

Agenda Item No. 21
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-101
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.,
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary right-of-way and easements for the East 14th Street Widening – Arthur Avenue to East Tiffin Avenue project by gift, negotiation, or condemnation.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend authorization to acquire necessary right-of-way and easements for the above project. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the right-of-way acquisition process under eminent domain.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,400,000 estimated for right-of-way acquisition

Funding Source: 2006-07 CIP, Street Improvements, East 14th Street Widening – East Sheridan Avenue to East Ovid Avenue, STR223, Page Street 14 (Approximately 75% of all project costs will be funded with state and federal funds).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The East 14th Street Widening – Arthur Avenue to East Tiffin project provides for the installation of a continuous left-turn lane on East 14th Street within the widening limits, installation of left turn lanes on E. Hull Avenue at E. 14th Street, and installation of new traffic signals at E. Hull Avenue, Grandview Avenue and at either Morton Avenue or E. Sheridan Avenue. The widening project is being done in conjunction with a separate Iowa DOT resurfacing project on East 14th Street between Garfield Avenue and NE 43rd Avenue.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 12, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2167

Action: Approving and Authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation predesign agreement for E. 14th Street (U.S. 69) from E. University Avenue to E. Aurora Avenue. Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. (Council Communication No. 05-512)

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Establish Fair Market Value