



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

September 24, 2007

Agenda Item No. 7
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-577
Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.**
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for Army Post Road widening from South Union Street to S.W. 9th Street.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement No. 2008-TS-008 for Traffic Safety Improvement Program project funding for Army Post Road widening from South Union Street to S.W. 9th Street. IDOT funds in the amount of \$500,000 are available for the construction costs. The City's portion of the project, consisting of the design, inspection, and construction costs, is estimated to be \$500,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 City portion)

Funding Source: Various funding sources as follows:

- \$500,000 Iowa DOT Traffic Safety Improvement Funds
- \$500,000 2007-08 CIP, Page Street-5, Army Post Widening – S.E. 5th to S.W. 9th, STR229, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In July of 2006, City Council authorized that an application be submitted to the IDOT for Army Post Road Widening from South Union Street to S.W. 9th Street. The IDOT has approved \$500,000 for this project. The remaining costs, including design, inspection, and construction administration, are to be funded by the City. The total City cost is estimated to be \$500,000.

This project would involve widening Army Post Road to a five-lane facility in order to provide a center two-way left-turn lane. The previously constructed intersection improvements on Army Post Road at South Union Street and S.W. 9th Street would remain in place. The widening would occur between these two intersections. It is anticipated that the project would be constructed within the existing right-of-way. In October of 2006, City Council approved a similar agreement with the IDOT for Army Post Road Widening from South Union Street to S.E. 5th Street. These two segments will be combined into one project for construction from S.E. 5th Street to S.W. 9th Street. This combined project will include two IDOT grants for a total of \$1,000,000 with \$1,000,000 in matching City funds.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 23, 2006

Roll Call Number: [06-2064](#)

Action: [Approving](#) execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for E. Army Post Road widening from South Union Street to SE 5th Street. ([Council Communication No. 06-665](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: July 24, 2006

Roll Call Number: [06-1472](#)

Action: [Traffic](#) Safety Fund Applications to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the following projects: ([Council Communication No. 06-464](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

- (A) Army Post Widening from South Union to SW 9th Street.
- (B) Hickman Road Restriping between 30th Street and Merle Hay Road, Including Traffic Signals at 48th Street and Hickman Road.
- (C) 42nd Street at Kingman Boulevard Traffic Signal/Street Widening Improvements.
- (D) Hubbell Avenue and Easton Boulevard Intersection Traffic Signal Upgrading.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal actions for award of the construction contract for the work.