



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

October 8, 2007

Agenda Item No. 11  
Roll Call No. 07-  
Communication No. 07-608  
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## AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary right-of-way and easements for the East 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Hubbell Avenue Traffic Signal Upgrade 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 acquisition of required property interests under eminent domain. This project provides for the upgrading of the existing traffic signals at this intersection. The existing traffic signal poles will be removed and new foundations and signal poles will be installed outside the 10-foot clear zone. New mast arms with overhead signals and back plates will be installed. Left-turn phasing for Hubbell Avenue traffic and pedestrian signals also will be included.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,000 estimated for right-of-way acquisition costs.

Funding Source: 2007-08 CIP, Traffic Control Improvements, City-Wide Signals, Channelization, and School Crossing Protection Program, Page Traffic Control Improvements - 5, TFC091.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On July 25, 2005, the City Council authorized the submittal of a funding application to the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) for the East 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Hubbell Avenue Traffic Signal Upgrade. The DOT has approved \$140,000 for this project and the remaining costs, including design, inspection, and construction administration, are to be funded by the City. The City's total cost is estimated to be \$20,000.

The fair market value of all property interests to be acquired will be submitted to the City Council for approval, or the City Manager, in accordance with established City policy. Negotiations for all property interests will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines of 49 CFR Part 24 of the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Act, as revised, including relocation assistance, if necessary.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 24, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1428

Action: [Approving](#) execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Hubbell Avenue Traffic Signal Upgrade. ([Council Communication No. 06-458](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: July 25, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1791

Action: Approving applications to the Iowa Department of Transportation for traffic safety funds to cover a portion of construction costs for the following projects: ([Council Communication No. 05-412](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

- (A) East Army Post Road Widening from South Union to SE 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- (B) SW 7<sup>th</sup> and Indianola Road Traffic Signal/Channelization Improvements.
- (C) E. 29<sup>th</sup> and Hubbell Intersection Traffic Signal Upgrading.
- (D) 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> at Crocker Street-Traffic Signal Upgrading.
- (E) Midblock Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Acceptance of Real Estate Documents.