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	Agenda Item No. 7B Roll Call No. <u>09-</u> Communication No. <u>09-029</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for traffic improvements on Grand Avenue from 19th Street to Polk Boulevard – “Older Driver/Pedestrian Traffic Control Demonstration Study.”

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement No. 2009-TS-013 for Traffic Safety Improvement Program project funding for traffic improvements on Grand Avenue from 19th Street to Polk Boulevard – “Older Driver/Pedestrian Traffic Control Demonstration Study.” IDOT funds in the amount of \$100,000 are available for the construction costs. The City’s portion of the project, consisting of the remaining construction costs along with design, inspection, and construction administration costs, is estimated to be \$120,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$220,000

Funding Source: Various funding sources as follows:

- \$100,000 Iowa DOT Traffic Safety Improvement Funds
- \$120,000 2008-09 CIP, Page Traffic Control-4, City-Wide Neighborhood Traffic Control Program, STR131

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

City Engineering Staff has worked with the IDOT in developing a project to highlight older driver/pedestrian initiatives by demonstrating various technologies aimed at improving safety for both motorists and pedestrians. The Grand Avenue corridor from 19th Street to Polk Boulevard was selected by IDOT for this demonstration project. Improvements will include wider pavement markings, improved and illuminated street name signs, more visible crosswalk markings, larger crosswalk signs, and other features. The IDOT has approved \$100,000 for this project, which has a construction estimate of approximately \$200,000. The remaining construction costs, along with design, inspection, and construction administration, are to be funded by the City. The total City cost is estimated to be \$120,000.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

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

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