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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 7C <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>09-</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>09-030</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.</b> <b>City Engineer</b>	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and Easton Boulevard Intersection Improvements.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement No. 2009-TS-009 for \$400,000 in Traffic Safety Improvement Program project funding for E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and Easton Boulevard Intersection Improvements.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$550,000

Funding Source: Various funding sources as follows:

- \$400,000 Iowa DOT Traffic Safety Improvement Funds
- \$150,000 2008-09 CIP, Page Street-15, E. 33<sup>rd</sup> and Easton Boulevard Intersection Improvements, STR234, G.O. Bonds

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

In July of 2007, City Council authorized that an application be submitted to the IDOT for E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and Easton Boulevard Intersection Improvements. The IDOT has approved \$400,000 for these intersection improvements. The remaining costs, including design, inspection, and construction administration, are to be funded by the City. The total City cost is estimated to be \$150,000.

The proposed improvement consists of widening the east and west legs of Easton Boulevard at E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street to a 37' wide roadway, and re-striping all four approaches to provide left-turn lanes on each leg. The north approach, which currently has an "intersection throat" width of 54', will be reduced to 37' wide. The existing traffic signals will be replaced. The project can be constructed within existing right-of-way except for some minor right-of-way needs at the intersection. Signal/utility poles will be set back to provide a 10' clear zone. Overhead mast-arm mounted signals with back plates will be installed on all approaches, along with countdown pedestrian signal indications for all crosswalks. Left-turn signals with protected/ permissive phasing will be installed for the Easton Boulevard approaches. The signals will be interconnected via fiber optic cable into the City's east side system.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: July 23, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-1386

Action: Approving Traffic Safety Fund Applications to the Iowa Department of Transportation. (Council Communication No. 07-446) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**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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