



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 6A
Roll Call No. 09-
Communication No. 09-196
Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.**
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation agreement for E. McKinley Avenue widening from South Union Street to S.E. 5th Street.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement No. 01-09-ESP-029 for Federal Stimulus project funding for E. McKinley Avenue widening from South Union Street to S.E. 5th Street. Federal Stimulus funds up to a maximum amount of \$1,400,000 are available for 100% of construction costs. The City's portion of the project, consisting of the design, inspection, and construction administration, is estimated to be \$250,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,650,000

Funding Source: Various funding sources as follows:

- \$1,400,000 Federal Stimulus Funds
- \$250,000 2009-10 CIP, Page Street-23, McKinley Avenue Widening – Fleur Drive to E. Indianola Avenue, STR212, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A number of transportation related projects were submitted to and approved by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee at their January 29, 2009 meeting for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The funding request for E. McKinley Avenue Widening from South Union Street to S.E. 5th Street was approved, and the Iowa DOT has prepared an agreement for the proposed improvement. The receipt of this and other transportation stimulus funds has allowed an acceleration of street projects. The local share of transportation stimulus funds must be funded out of existing street CIP funds. The STR212 account has sufficient funds for the local share of this project and additional overlay projects.

On October 11, 2004, by Roll Call No. 04-2157, City Council approved the McKinley Avenue Corridor Study. The study looked at existing conditions, analyzed the projected traffic, obtained public input, and made recommendations regarding number of lanes, intersection improvements, sidewalks, drainage, and priorities between Fleur Drive and E. Indianola Avenue. Through the public input process, area residents advised that they wanted to retain the residential neighborhood character and were opposed to improving the entire length of the corridor with a three- or four-lane section due to width of right-of-way required

and overall travel speed. The final recommendation includes a combination of two- and three-lane sections. There are six proposed segments that can be constructed in phases. The segment of McKinley Avenue between South Union Street and S.E. 5th Street was identified as the highest priority project during the corridor study. The proposed improvements include reconstructing McKinley Avenue to a three-lane roadway to provide two-way left-turn lanes.

In 2007, the intersection of S.E. 5th Street and E. McKinley Avenue was reconstructed to widen both roadways to a three-lane section to provide left-turn lanes. The proposed widening project will begin approximately four hundred feet west of S.E. 5th Street at the end of the intersection reconstruction, and continue westerly to approximately four hundred feet east of South Union Street. It is anticipated that the reconstruction of the intersection of South Union Street and McKinley Avenue to provide left-turn lanes will be the next highest priority project.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 12, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-490

Action: On McKinley Avenue Widening & Signalization at SE 5th Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer's Estimate and designating lowest responsible bidder as Cedar Valley Corp., (Stephen R. Jackson, President), \$1,097,339.60. (Council Communication No. 07-137)

) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: October 11, 2004

Roll Call Number: 04-2157

Action: McKinley Avenue Corridor Study. (Council Communication No. 04-507) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions on consultant services for design and construction administration, and construction contracts.

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