



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date	April 20, 2009
-------------	----------------

Agenda Item No.	10A
Roll Call No.	<u>09-</u>
Communication No.	<u>09-242</u>
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 S.E. 5th Street to S.W. 9th Street.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement No. 01-09-ESP-035 for Federal Stimulus project funding for Army Post Road Widening from S.E. 5th Street to S.W. 9th Street. Federal Stimulus funds up to a maximum amount of \$1,000,000 are available for construction costs. The City's portion of the project, consisting of the design, inspection and construction administration, is estimated to be \$250,000. Also, recommend authorization to acquire necessary right-of-way for the Army Post Widening Project – S.E. 5th Street to S.W. 9th Street by gift, negotiation or eminent domain. This project will improve traffic capacity and increase the safety on Army Post Road within the project limits. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the right-of-way acquisition process under eminent domain.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,250,000

Funding Source: Various funding being:

- \$1,000,000 Federal Stimulus Funds
- \$1,000,000 IDOT Traffic Safety Improvement Funds
- \$250,000 2009-10 CIP, Page Street-4, Army Post Widening – S.E. 5th to S.W. 9th, STR229, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On October 23, 2006, Council approved and authorized the execution of an Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) agreement for Army Post Road Widening from South Union Street to S.E. 5th Street. This agreement provided \$500,000 in Traffic Safety Improvement Funds for this segment of the project. On September 24, 2007, City Council approved and authorized the execution of the IDOT agreement for Army Post Road widening from South Union Street to S.W. 9th Street. This agreement also provided \$500,000 in Traffic Safety Improvement Funds for this segment of the project. These two segments will be combined into one project for construction from S.E. 5th Street to S.W. 9th Street.

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 Army Post Widening Project – S.E. 5th Street to S.W. 9th Street was approved, and IDOT has prepared an agreement for the proposed improvement.

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, S.E. 5th Street and S.W. 9th Street will remain in place. The widening would occur between these intersections. This combined project will include two Traffic Safety Improvement Program grants for a total of \$1,000,000 with \$1,000,000 in Federal Stimulus funds. Due to the above state and federal funding sources obtained for this project, the improvements can be constructed at minimal cost to the City.

This project will require four small partial acquisitions of property from adjoining owners at the intersection of Army Post Road and S.E. 3rd Street and several temporary construction easements will be needed from adjoining owners along the project corridor. Relocation assistance will not be required for this project.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 24, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-1818

Action: Approving agreement with Iowa Department of Transportation for Army Post Road widening from South Union Street to SW 9th Street. (Council Communication No. 07-577) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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 Re-striping 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:

Establish Fair Market Value

For more information on this and other agenda items, please call the City Clerk's Office at 515-283-4209 or visit the Clerk's Office on the second floor of City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive. Council agendas are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office on Thursday afternoon preceding Monday's Council meeting. Citizens can also request to receive meeting notices and agendas by email by calling the Clerk's Office or sending their request via email to cityclerk@dmgov.org.