



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 18
Roll Call No. 09-
Communication No. 09-783
Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.**
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AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to acquire the necessary right-of-way and easements for the East 33rd Street and Easton Boulevard Intersection Improvements Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Council authorization to acquire necessary right-of-way for the East 33rd Street and Easton Boulevard Intersection Improvements Project. This project will improve traffic capacity on both East 33rd Street and Easton Boulevard and also increase the safety of this intersection. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the right-of-way acquisition process under eminent domain.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$5,000 total estimated right-of-way acquisition and closing costs.

Funding Source: 2008-09 CIP, Page Street-15, E. 33rd 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 Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for E. 33rd 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. 33rd 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. 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.

The project can be constructed within existing right-of-way except for some minor additional right-of-way needs at the intersection to accommodate the project improvements. Total estimated right-of-way acquisition costs should be under \$5,000.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 26, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-063

Action: Authorizing execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreements for the following: E. 33rd Street and Easton Boulevard intersection improvements. (Council Communication No. 09-030)

Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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: NONE

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