



Council Communication

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Communication No.	<u>11-211</u>
Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Agreement for Cooperative Public Service between Polk County and the City of Des Moines for the reconstruction of Beaver Avenue from Aurora Avenue to Northwest Lower Beaver Avenue.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Agreement for Cooperative Public Service between Polk County and the City of Des Moines for property acquisition, design, and construction management for the Reconstruction of Beaver Avenue from Aurora Avenue to Northwest Lower Beaver Avenue. Polk County will serve as the project manager and will be responsible for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and reconstruction of the roadway improvements. The City of Des Moines will design traffic signals, using City staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$600,000

Funding Source: 2011-2012 CIP Page Street – 6, Beaver Avenue Widening – Aurora Avenue to Meredith Drive, STR242.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Polk County, in coordination with the City of Des Moines, has developed a project to reconstruct Beaver Avenue from Aurora Avenue to Northwest Beaver Avenue. A portion of the roadway is in the boundary between the City Corporate Limits and unincorporated Polk County, requiring improvements to be developed in a coordinated manner. Polk County is the lead agency for this project, and will be performing property acquisition, design, and construction management. The proposed agreement has Polk County and the City of Des Moines sharing in the construction cost at 50% each, except Polk County will pay 100% design and administration costs, and the City of Des Moines shall pay for signal improvements at Aurora Avenue.

The reconstructed roadway will consist of a 3-lane facility, one lane each direction, plus a continuous turn lane. In addition, bike lanes shall be included, as well as a sidewalk. The pedestrian and bicycle connections are important to provide access from the neighborhoods to the trestle-to-trestle bike facility. The total project cost is estimated at approximately \$3.4 million. Polk County has been allocated \$2.3 million from the Des Moines Area MPO, reducing both local matches from Des Moines and Polk

County. There will be a public input meeting May 5, 2011, to review the design. The project is scheduled to be awarded late 2011, with construction starting 2012.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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