



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date:	May 23, 2011
Agenda Item No.	20
Roll Call No.	<u>11-883</u>
Communication No.	<u>11-302</u>
Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary Right-of-Way and easements for the Euclid Avenue Intersection Improvements Project by gift, negotiation, or condemnation.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary Right-of-Way and easements for the Euclid Avenue Intersection Improvements Project by gift, negotiation, or condemnation. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate right-of-way acquisition process under eminent domain.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: To be determined after the right-of-way design and plats have been completed.

Funding Source: 2011-12 CIP, Page Street-14, Euclid Avenue Intersection Improvements, STR243, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This project provides for improvements at three intersections along Euclid Avenue. At the intersection of Euclid Avenue and 11th Street, a new traffic signal is planned to be installed. At the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Oxford Street and Euclid Avenue and Cornell Street, minor widening of the existing roadway is planned to allow for the installation of left-turn lanes and new traffic signals or traffic signal upgrades. At the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Oxford Street, an existing fence and planter will be relocated for site-distance. No other improvements will be made at this intersection.

Several partial fee acquisitions and temporary construction easements will be required for construction of this project. In accordance with the agreements with the Iowa Department of Transportation for this project, all permanent property interests will be acquired by the City in the name of the State of Iowa for incorporation into the existing right-of-way for U.S. Highway 6. Relocation assistance will not be required for this project.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 13, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-1438

Action: [Approving](#) execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreements for Euclid Avenue Intersection Improvements. ([Council Communication No. 10-546](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 8, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-959

Action: [Approving](#) 3 Traffic Safety Fund Applications to the Iowa Department of Transportation. ([Council Communication No. 09-376](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 10, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1988

Action: [From](#) John Morrissey, 2913 Oxford Street, regarding traffic on Euclid Avenue. Moved by Mahaffey to receive and file petition and refer to the City Manager for review and recommendation. Council will issue a letter of support to IDOT encouraging their consideration of these changes. Motion Carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Traffic Safety

Date: May 12, 2009

Action: A motion was made by Jim Windsor to approve the combination of staff's recommendations for the Euclid Avenue Traffic Study and approve the submittal of Euclid Avenue at 11/12th Streets; Euclid Avenue at Oxford – Widening and Traffic Signals; and Euclid at Cornell – Widening and Signal Upgrading projects to the Iowa Department of Transportation in June 2009 for Traffic Safety Funding consideration; seconded by Kevin Williamson. Motion passed unanimously.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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