

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: November 7, 2011
	Agenda Item No. 28 Roll Call No. <u>11-1875</u> Communication No. <u>11-693</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, City Engineer Terrance N. Vorbrich, Acting Economic Development Administrator

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving participation in a cost share with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and member entities of the Purple Heart Highway Collaborative to conduct Safety and Operational Assessment Studies as part of a process to evaluate re-designation of US 65/Iowa Highway 5 as an Interstate Route.

SYNOPSIS:

On May 9, 2011 by Roll Call 11-0820, City Council approved the City Manager to approach the IDOT and the Congressional delegation to re-designate US 65/Iowa Highway 5 as an Interstate Route. IDOT has performed an existing conditions analysis on this request, and has agreed to fund up to 50% of both a safety assessment and an operational assessment that will be required by the Federal Highway Administration in conjunction with the Interstate designation request. The estimated cost of the studies is \$100,000. The remaining 50% of the cost is to be distributed among the member entities of the Purple Heart Highway Collaborative (Des Moines, West Des Moines, Norwalk, Carlisle, Pleasant Hill, Altoona, Polk County and Warren County) as well as the Greater Des Moines Partnership, Warren County Economic Development and Eastern Polk Regional Development. The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has also provided support and coordination for the effort. The City of Des Moines contribution will not exceed \$14,702.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$14,702

Funding Source: \$7,351 from Economic Development Enterprise Account SP743 CMO980717; \$7,351 from CP038 STR 118 ENG 990000, Corridor Studies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines is a member of the Purple Heart Highway Collaborative, a regional partnership of cities, counties and economic development organizations formed to promote economic development opportunities along US Highway 65/Iowa Highway 5, the Purple Heart Highway. The designation of this corridor as part of the Interstate system is seen as furthering the ability to attract new investment to the region and to raise awareness of the communities along the route as potential locations for new business development and existing business expansion.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 9, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-0820

Action: Approach IDOT, to rename Highway 65/5 around Des Moines as Interstate 335. **Moved by Meyer to refer to City Manager to approach IDOT and Congressional delegation. Motion Carried 7-0.**

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Study results will be provided to the IDOT and participating cities.

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