

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: November 21, 2011
	Agenda Item No. 7A Roll Call No. [_____] Communication No. <u>11-711</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) RISE Agreement for the Southeast Connector

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of IDOT Agreement No. 2012-R-003 for Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy (RISE) project funding for the Southeast Connector – SE 15th Street to SE 23rd Street. RISE funds in the amount of 50 percent of eligible project costs, up to \$12,734,375 of RISE funds, were approved by the IDOT Commission for this project. This section of roadway provides a significant improvement to the transportation network.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$12,734,375

Funding Source: State of Iowa – IDOT RISE Funds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On April 25, 2011, by Roll Call No. 11-0682, City Council approved preliminary terms of agreement and set hearing dates for various actions related to the expansion of Kemin Industries. The final alignment of the SE Connector project bisects the City property that served as the Public Works yard area and Parks Service Center. The functions at this site will be permanently relocated as part of the SE Connector. Kemin’s expansion includes purchasing the property south of the SE Connector that is not required for the roadway. Also on April 25, 2011, by Roll Call 11-0749, City Council authorized staff to submit an application to the IDOT for a RISE grant to support the SE Connector to facility Kemin’s expansion.

On October 11, 2011, the IDOT Commission approved a RISE grant of \$12,734,375 or 50 percent of the total cost of the eligible items, whichever is the smaller amount. The IDOT has provided a standard RISE agreement for the approved funding. The RISE grant is for improvements between SE 15th and SE 23rd Street and associated intersection improvements. The grant amount was based on a 50% share of the estimated cost to construct two lanes of the four lane facility.

The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has approved five million dollars of Federal STP funds in FY 11 and 12 for replacement of the City facilities at 2100 Scott, \$1.79 million in FY14 for SE 14th to SE 18th Street, and 3.032 million of STP funds for SE 14th to SE 30th Street. A funding application for \$30 million has been submitted to the Department of Transportation for a TIGER grant.

The project scope and schedule will depend on funding obtained. The project is being developed based on full funding; however, if funding is not secured, a 2-lane facility will be constructed. The 2-lane facility

would include right-of-way and grading for the full 4-lane facility to allow future construction of the complete roadway.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 26, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-1614

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the application for a Department of Transportation TIGER discretionary grant for the Southeast Connector Project between SE 14th and SE 30th Streets. ([Council Communication No. 11-605](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 25, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-0749

Action: [Approving](#) submittal of a Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Grant Application to IDOT for the Southeast Connector – SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street, \$32,500,000. ([Council Communication No. 11-233](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: October 25, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-1786

Action: [Authorization](#) to proceed with acquisition of necessary right-of-way and easements for the SE Connector – SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street. Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 26, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-137

Action: [Authorizing](#) notification of the City's preferred alternative for the Southeast Connector. ([Council Communication No. 09-031](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Execute RISE agreement, normal Council actions for capital improvement projects.

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