

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: January 23, 2012
	Agenda Item No. 34 Roll Call No. [_____] Communication No. <u>12-039</u> Submitted by: Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Update on the Beaver Avenue Streetscape Project.

SYNOPSIS:

Receive and file a report from City staff on cost saving revisions to the streetscape concept plan, newly awarded grant funding for the project, as well as additional public input received at a City-organized public meeting and accompanying online survey.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2.49 million (estimated total project cost, including final design and construction, along Beaver Avenue from Fagen Drive to Beaver Crest Drive)

Funding Source: Various funding sources including:

- \$368,038 Federal Surface Transportation Program – Transportation Enhancement grant funds
- \$600,000 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program grant funds (Funding specifically for roundabout)
- \$350,000 Iowa Traffic Safety Program grant funds (Funding specifically for roundabout)
- \$118,000 Storm Water Utility funds
- To Be Determined Private match funds
- To Be Determined City CIP funds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Beaver Avenue Streetscape Concept Plan for streetscape improvements along Beaver Avenue has received some minor revisions following a number of one-on-one meetings with affected property owners and Beaverville stakeholders. The revised concept plan retains the roundabout as the preferred improvement option for the Urbandale Avenue-Beaver Avenue intersection. However, the scope of the project has been adjusted slightly on the north end with the project to now begin at Fagen Drive instead of Adams Avenue, as was originally proposed. The results of these revisions are from greater buy-in from property owners and stakeholders, but also result in a reduction of project costs. The revised concept plan drawings are included with the Roll Call.

These proposed revisions were presented at a public meeting on November 15, 2011 at the Northwest Community Center. The meeting was conducted by City staff from the Community Development and Engineering Departments and was well attended by commercial property owners, business operators and neighborhood residents. Staff presented the revised concept plans and available options for the

intersection at Urbandale and Beaver. The feedback received during the public discussion, as well as from comment cards submitted at the meeting indicated that the roundabout was primarily the preferred intersection treatment.

In addition to the public input meeting in November, City staff also organized a 13 question online survey on the project to gather more specific and detailed feedback. The survey was promoted during the public meeting and also by the Beaverdale Business Coalition (BBC) and Beaverdale Neighborhood Association (BNA) following the meeting. The survey ran from November 16th to December 2nd with 329 survey responses, including responses from 12 of 15 commercial property/business owners in the project area. City staff was also able to gather feedback from commercial property owners and business operators individually and analyze those results separately from feedback received from residents and other stakeholders. The results of this survey further reaffirmed that the vast majority support streetscape enhancements in Beaverdale, support the roundabout, as well as understand the need for and support the establishment of a Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) to support the ongoing maintenance costs of the project. A summary of the survey results are included with the Roll Call.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 28, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1094](#)

Action: Approving Beaver Avenue Streetscape Concept Plan (including the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Beaver Avenue and Urbandale Avenue). ([Council Communication Number 10-382](#)) **Moved by Griess to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: March 9, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-367](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Genus Landscape Architects, P.C. for professional services for the Beaver Avenue Streetscape, not to exceed \$169,885. ([Council Communication No. 09-140](#)) **Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: August 11, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1471

Action: [Authorization](#) to proceed with Request for Proposals (RFP) to initiate the Beaverdale Streetscape Design Study. ([Council Communication No. 08-487](#)) **Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0**

Date: October 22, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-2032](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of STP and STP-TE Fund FY 2012 Applications to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization. ([Council Communication No. 07-629](#)) **Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: August 6, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-1556](#)

Action: [Draft](#) Beaverdale Master [Plan](#) developed by The Beaverdale Main Street Initiative and to refer to the City Manager and appropriate Boards and Commissions for review and recommendation. Moved by Coleman to receive, file and refer the Beaverdale Draft Master Plan to the City Manager and appropriate City boards and commissions for review and recommendation regarding its implementation. The City Manager will ask The Beaverdale Main Street Initiative to organize meetings with the Neighborhood Associations and other interested parties, to share the information about this plan.
Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: October 9, 2006

Roll Call Number: [06-1960](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of STP and STP-TE Fund Applications to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization. ([Council Communication No. 06-634](#)) **Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.**

Date: October 24, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2534

Action: Authorizing submittal of STP and STP-TE Fund Applications to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization. ([Council Communication No. 05-593](#)) **Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: March 28, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-786

Action: Receipt of Beaverdale Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy regarding the City's involvement in implementation. ([Council Communication No. 05-145](#)) **Moved by Vlassis to adopt. City Manager to report in 6-8 weeks regarding creating a TIF district in that area. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Brooks.**

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: September 15, 2009

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: The Traffic Safety Committee approved the following motion: That the roundabout design be considered as the preferred alternative for the intersection of Beaver Avenue and Urbandale Avenue. The

design and review process of this roundabout should include consultation from national roundabout experts. Motion made by Carl McPherson, seconded by John Morrissey. Motion passed 6-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Council approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Beavertown Business Coalition (BBC) and Beavertown Neighborhood Association (BNA) to formalize the project timeline and expected private match funding. Normal Council actions on consultant services for final design, engineering, and construction contracts.

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