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	Agenda Item No. 7 Roll Call No. <u>12-0016</u> Communication No. <u>12-002</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving an application to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the “All Town Sign Replacement Program.”

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval and authorization to apply for replacement traffic control signing as part of the Iowa Department of Transportation’s (IDOT) “All Town Sign Replacement Program.” This program provides for the replacement of damaged, obsolete, or substandard signs up to a total of \$5,000 at no cost to the City of Des Moines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: The replacement signing received from IDOT will help offset the City’s future costs for replacement of traffic signs.

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Iowa Department of Transportation’s Office of Traffic and Safety is accepting applications from communities to replace damaged, obsolete or substandard signs and signposts. The program will provide up to \$5,000 of signs and signposts per applying community on a first- come, first-served basis. The responsibilities of an assessment of need, proper location and installation of posts will rest with the communities.

In previous years, this program was limited to those communities with a population of 5,000 or less. The IDOT has recently opened up this program to include any community in Iowa, regardless of population.

The 2009 Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices requires that all public agencies implement a traffic sign management program, which includes a replacement program for those signs that no longer meet visibility requirements. Participation in the IDOT’s “All Town Sign Replacement Program” will help reduce somewhat the cost of these future signing requirements. Communities may participate in the program on an annual basis, with replacement signing up to a total of \$5,000 provided each year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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