

Office of the City Manager

Date: February 27, 2012

Agenda Item No. 8

Roll Call No. [\_\_\_\_\_]

Communication No. 12-080

Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

#### **AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving recommendation regarding naming convention for East Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway from SE 14th Street and SE 30th Street.

# **SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of naming convention for East Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway from SE 14th Street and SE 30th Street.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

City Council has taken previous actions to establish the name and limits of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway. On November 19, 2001 by Roll Call No. 01-3423, City Council established that the East/West portion of the future Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway extending east from the centerline of the Des Moines River shall hereafter be named "East Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway."

Beginning in 2004, the Southeast Connector has been the project name for development of the corridor that extends Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway from SW 2nd Street, east across the Des Moines River, and proceeds along the Southeast Diagonal Corridor from SE 14th Street (State Highway 69) to State Highway 65. The Southeast Diagonal Corridor was the starting point for the Southeast Connector Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision completed in 2010. With the allocation of Federal Surface Transportation Program funds from the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and award of RISE funds from the Iowa Department of Transportation, construction of the first section east of SE 14th Street is planned to begin in 2013. Design and right-of-way acquisition is underway.

Signing plans are included in the design and sign installation will be included as part of the proposed construction project. Consistent with previous Council actions and motorists expectations, it is recommended that the roadway name be East Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway from SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street.

# PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 19, 2001

Roll Call Number: 01-3423

<u>Action</u>: Regarding renaming portions of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway. (1) North/South portion to remain Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway. (2) East/West portion, west of the Des Moines River, be renamed (3) East/West portion, east of the Des Moines River, be renamed East Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway Moved by McPherson to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Pass: Flagg.

# **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

# ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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