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	Agenda Item No.	8
	Roll Call No.	<u>12-1915</u>
	Communication No.	<u>12-622</u>
	Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing the purchase of 6.45 acres of wetland mitigation credit from Dallas County, Iowa; Voas Mitigation Bank, \$225,750.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the purchase of 6.45 acres of wetland mitigation credit from Dallas County, Iowa; Voas Mitigation Bank for the Southeast Connector – SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$225,750

Funding Source: 2012-2013 CIP – Page Street – 36, Southeast Connector – SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street, STR249, \$164,325 GO Bonds, and \$61,425 RISE.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Wetland mitigation is required for construction of the Southeast Connector – SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street. The mitigation is a condition of the Corps of Engineers for the projects to be covered under Section 404 Permit. Purchasing of wetland mitigation credits from the Voas Mitigation Bank (Voas) in Dallas County is the preferred method by the Corps to satisfy permit requirements and has also been determined by staff to be the most economical option in this instance. Voas is located upstream of Des Moines in the Raccoon River watershed and is the only wetland mitigation bank approved by the Corps of Engineers for the project location. Any water quality improvements provided by the wetland construction will benefit waters of the Raccoon River through the City of Des Moines. The Dallas County Board of Supervisors has approved the sale of 6.45 acres of wetland mitigation credit to the City of Des Moines and is ready to provide the required credit upon a one-time payment of \$225,750. This action satisfies one of the requirements of the TIGER grant.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 27, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1328](#)

Action: [Approving](#) the execution of Department of Transportation Conditional and Preliminary Term Sheet for the TIGER Discretionary Grant. ([Council Communication No. 12-450](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 21, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1939](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) RISE Agreement. ([Council Communication No. 11-711](#)). Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 21, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1940](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for design services on SE 14th to SE 30th Street, not to exceed \$2,953,706. ([Council Communication No. 11-709](#)) 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: NONE

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