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	Agenda Item No.	13
	Roll Call No.	<u>13-0187</u>
	Communication No.	<u>13-060</u>
	Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Receive and file City of West Des Moines Notification of the SW Connector Project and to authorize Temporary Closure and Reconstruction of various roads.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend receiving and filing notification from West Des Moines regarding the award of their SW Connector Project. In accordance with a previously approved 28E agreement, this action authorizes the temporary closure and reconstruction of SW McKinley Avenue, Browns Woods Drive, and SW 63rd Street as shown in the plan documents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: None

Funding Source: The previously executed 28E Agreement provides that the City of West Des Moines funds the project.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The SW Connector Project has been part of the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Long Range Transportation Plan for many years. The initial regional plan proposed a roadway connecting the US 5 beltway to IA 28 on a diagonal alignment. A corridor study also identified the SW Connector continuing into Des Moines eventually connecting to Downtown Des Moines. The City of West Des Moines was required to construct the segment from IA 5 to IA 28 as part of an agreement with Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) on the construction of IA 5 beltway. The IDOT constructed an interchange on IA 5 in anticipation of a SW Connector from IA 5 to IA 28. The City of West Des Moines has secured Federal funding for this connection and has provided the local matching funds. This current project is the reconstruction of the intersection of IA 28 with the new SW Connector. The City of West Des Moines has constructed 2 (two) of the 4 (four) lanes from IA 5 to near IA 28. This current project will complete the connection. Since the final connection includes work within the City of Des Moines’ Corporate limits, a 28E agreement was entered into between West Des Moines and Des Moines.

In accordance with the 28E Agreement, West Des Moines has notified the City of Des Moines that the project has been bid through the IDOT and that the project will be awarded to Elder Corporation in an amount of \$1,694,500.00. The award includes an \$86,500.00 alternate that provides permanent mast arms on the intersection traffic signals. Since the bids were below budget West Des Moines will

provide all the local match and is not requesting any additional funding from the City of Des Moines for the inclusion of the signal mast arms.

The SW Connector project as presented in the March 12, 2012 action included plans for the reconfiguration of Browns Woods Drive, SW McKinley Avenue, and 63rd Street within the Corporate limits of the City of Des Moines. Now that the project has been awarded this Council's action includes the necessary approval to temporary close and reconfigure the roads as agreed to in the previously signed 28E agreement.

Currently, there are no funds in the existing City of Des Moines Capital Improvement Program for the extension of the SW Connector into Des Moines. Future work on the SW Connector within Des Moines' Corporate limits is not anticipated for at least 10 years. Completion of the SE Connector to Highway 65 is our top street priority. Therefore, we don't expect construction on the SW Connector for many years. This should provide ample time to work with residents and businesses on alignment and design issues for SW Connector.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 12, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-0378](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Intergovernmental 28E Agreement with the City of West Des Moines for construction of the SW Connector by the City of West Des Moines. ([Council Communication No. 12-111](#)). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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