



# Council Communication

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<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>13-0441</u></b>
<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>13-151</u></b>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer</b>

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for the TIGER Discretionary Grant for the Southeast Connector Project between SE 14th Street and SE 30th Street.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval and authorization of the Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for the \$10 million TIGER Discretionary Grant as provided by National Infrastructure Investments in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Appropriations Act for the Southeast Connector Project from SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Receipt of \$10 million in grant funds.

Funding Source: Various Funding Sources, as follows:

- \$10 million – Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant
- \$14 million – Federal STP funding allocated by the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- \$12.7 million – Iowa Department of Transportation RISE
- \$13.3 million – 2013-14 CIP, Page Street - 36, Southeast Connector-SE 14th to SE 30th Street, STR249, GO Bonds

All of the Federal funding awarded by the MPO will not be available when construction begins. The MPO funding includes \$1,517,000 in Federal FY15 and \$3,229,000 in Federal FY16. Current Federal legislation extends through Federal FY14. Federal funding projects beyond 2013 are estimated based on current funding levels and may be reduced. In order to comply with the TIGER Discretionary Grant required time frame, the City of Des Moines will be responsible for fronting \$4,746,000, which is expected to be reimbursed when available in FY15 & FY16.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On June 22, 2012, the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) announced funding for 47 projects from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) 2012 program. This is the fourth round of TIGER grants. DOT received 703 applications totaling \$10.2 billion for the \$500 million available. The Southeast Connector was awarded \$10 million.

The TIGER funding will support the first phase of the overall project. The first phase will provide a two (2) lane roadway from SE 15th Street to SE 30th Street with a multimodal trail, functional intersections, and two (2) bridges that will span rail lines. Right-of-way and grading will accommodate the future four lane arterial. The project is planned to open to traffic by the end of 2016.

The TIGER funding comes with several requirements, including:

- All grant funds are to be obligated by June 30, 2013. The project currently has a planned obligation of funds in April 2013.
- All reimbursement requests are to be submitted by October 2017.
- Performance Measures are included in the grant agreement and must be reported on a defined schedule, including: baseline (pre-construction), annually for five (5) years following construction and final Project Outcome.
- Progress and Monitoring Reports are required quarterly after the agreement is executed. Reporting includes information on finances, budget, expenditures, schedule, performance objectives.
- The Government reserves the right to terminate the Grant Agreement if it determines in its sole discretion, that the Grantee failed to obtain or provide non-TIGER funding, fails to begin construction by November 30, 2013, fails to begin expenditure of Grant funds by January 31, 2014, or fails to comply with the schedule or if the Government determines, in its sole discretion that termination is in the public interest.

Final design, property acquisition, and railroad agreements have been completed to allow construction to begin ahead of the schedule included in the Grant Agreement. The project is currently in the May 21, 2013 DOT letting, with a planned contract award date of June 10, 2013.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: August 27, 2012

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

Action: Items regarding the Southeast Connector Project, SE 14th to SE 30th Street: (A) [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: February 27, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-0266](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the application for a Department of Transportation TIGER discretionary Grant for the Southeast Connector Project between SE 14th Street and SE 30th Street. ([Council Communication No. 12-081](#)). Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 21, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1939](#) and [11-1940](#)

Action: Items regarding Southeast Connector: (A) [Approving](#) Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) RISE Agreement. ([Council Communication No. 11-711](#)) (B) [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: September 26, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1614](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the application for a Department of Transportation TIGER discretionary grant for the Southeast Connector Project between SE 14th and SE 30th Streets. ([Council Communication No. 11-605](#)). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: May 23, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-0870](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for Predevelopment Services for Southeast Connector – SE 14th to SE 30th Street, not to exceed \$250,000. ([Council Communication No. 11-308](#)). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: October 25, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1786](#)

Action: [Authorization](#) to proceed with acquisition of necessary right-of-way and easements for the SE Connector – SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street. 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:**

Normal Council actions for construction projects, grant administration, and reporting.

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