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	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>14-065</u></b>
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**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving Professional Services Agreement with CH2MHill, Inc. for environmental and grant work necessary for several downtown bridges known as the Downtown Transportation Restoration project, not to exceed \$205,000.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the Professional Services Agreement with CH2MHill, Inc., Sirpa Hall, Vice President, 4200 University Avenue, Suite 309, West Des Moines, IA 50266, for a total cost not to exceed \$205,000, based on hourly rates, to provide required environmental, grant application and benefit cost analysis for the Downtown Transportation Restoration project. The project includes four roadway bridges, three pedestrian bridges and the balustrade.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$205,000

Funding Source: 2014-2015 CIP, Page Bridge-6, BR053, Downtown Transportation Restoration

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The 2014 Omnibus Appropriations includes \$600 million for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. The TIGER grant provides an opportunity to leverage planned and programmed local funds to deliver projects that are not currently fully funded. The overall application totals approximately \$30 million. To prepare an application for TIGER funding, project development that includes environmental documents and benefit-cost analysis is required.

For the TIGER grant application to be considered, it is important to demonstrate the following:

- Status of project development (environmental, permits, design) that demonstrates a clear ability to meet the funding deadline;
- Identified funding that supports the request and demonstrates a fully funded project; and
- Significant impact to the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. By including pedestrian, trail and roadway components, the proposed project is significant to the metropolitan area.

The Downtown Transportation Restoration project includes the following transportation facilities:

Grand Avenue over the Des Moines River Bridge Replacement  
Locust Street over the Des Moines River Bridge Replacement  
Scott Avenue over the Des Moines River Bridge Rehabilitation  
Principal Riverwalk Red Bridge over the Des Moines River Rehabilitation (raise bridge four (4) feet)  
Court Avenue over Des Moines River Bridge Historic Renovation  
SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street (Jackson Avenue) Pedestrian Bridge over Raccoon River Rehabilitation  
SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge over Raccoon River Rehabilitation  
Des Moines and Raccoon River Balustrade Wall Rehabilitation

City staff has met with Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) staff regarding National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106). Consultant services are being obtained as necessary to put together the required information and begin project development. Project information including proposed scope and type of work planned is needed to move forward with NEPA and Section 106. Given the projects general location within the Civic Center Historic District and the age of the structures included, Section 106 work will likely be extensive. Additional services will be obtained from a consultant knowledgeable in Section 106 as the required work and project information becomes available.

Staff has negotiated a Professional Services Agreement with CH2MHill, Inc., for a total cost not to exceed \$205,000, based on hourly rates, to provide required environmental, grant application and benefit cost analysis. CH2MHill was selected from the IDOT prequalified list for Environmental Impact Studies to perform this work.

To make a competitive grant application and meet the aggressive schedule, the City has proposed amending the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to support project development. The schedule is aggressive and may not be achieved. If the 2014 TIGER funding application is not successful, an updated TIGER application would be submitted in 2015.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Approval of an additional Professional Services Agreement for Section 106 and Authorization to Submit TIGER application.

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