

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: August 11, 2014
	Agenda Item No. 10 Roll Call No. <u>14-1207</u> Communication No. <u>14-389</u> Submitted by: Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., Acting City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorize the City Manager to submit an Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) Letter of Intent and subsequent funding application to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) funding of S.W. 63rd Street and Park Avenue Intersection improvements.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to submit a Letter of Intent and subsequent funding application to the Des Moines Area MPO for IDOT funding of S.W. 63rd Street and Park Avenue Intersection improvements. The goal of the ICAAP is to reduce congestion and thereby improve air quality.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$600,000

Funding Source: \$340,000, 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Park Street-21, Park Avenue Widening – S.W. 56th Street to S.W. 63rd Street Project, ST248.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) established a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program that directs federal transportation funds for projects to reduce congestion and pollution. The IDOT has established an ICAAP, including guidelines on how to prioritize the disbursement of these funds, which are approximately \$4.7 million annually statewide. The program is implemented through a statewide competitive application procedure that evaluates each proposed project based on reducing congestion and pollution, and thereby maintaining the clean air quality that Iowa now enjoys.

The types of projects that are eligible for this funding include traffic flow improvements, shared-ride services, transit improvements, pedestrian and bicycle programs, and others.

The deadline for this year’s project “Letters of Intent” is August 15, 2014, and funding applications are due by September 12, 2014. Both are submitted through the Des Moines MPO to the IDOT. The MPO needs early submission of the application packages in order to present the projects to the MPO Policy Committee at its September meeting.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a letter of intent and subsequent funding application through the MPO to the IDOT for ICAAP funds for the following project - S.W. 63rd Street and Park Avenue Intersection Improvements.

This project consists of construction of a northbound right turn lane, an additional westbound left turn lane, and traffic signal improvements at the intersection. The project would be constructed as part of the Park Avenue four-lane widening project between S.W. 56th Street and S.W. 63rd Street. The estimated project cost is \$940,000 that includes: construction costs (\$770,000), right-of-way costs (\$10,000), and design/inspection costs (\$160,000). Of the ICAAP funding \$600,000 is planned to be requested and the remaining share (\$340,000) would be funded from the CIP.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Approval of project agreement with IDOT.

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