 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date:	December 8, 2014
	Agenda Item No.	68
	Roll Call No.	<u>14-1902</u>
	Communication No.	<u>14-575</u>
	Submitted by:	Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., Interim City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Public Hearing on E. Euclid & Dixon Traffic Signal Upgrade project; rejection of bid received on E. Euclid & Dixon Traffic Signal Upgrade; and, close public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council reject all bids because only one (1) bid was submitted that exceeded the project budget. The project includes the removal and replacement of an existing median, to provide a longer left turn lane for west bound traffic along E. Euclid Avenue at the Dixon Street intersection. The existing traffic signals at this intersection are also being replaced and relocated to provide sufficient clear zone and reduce the potential for collisions.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: N/A

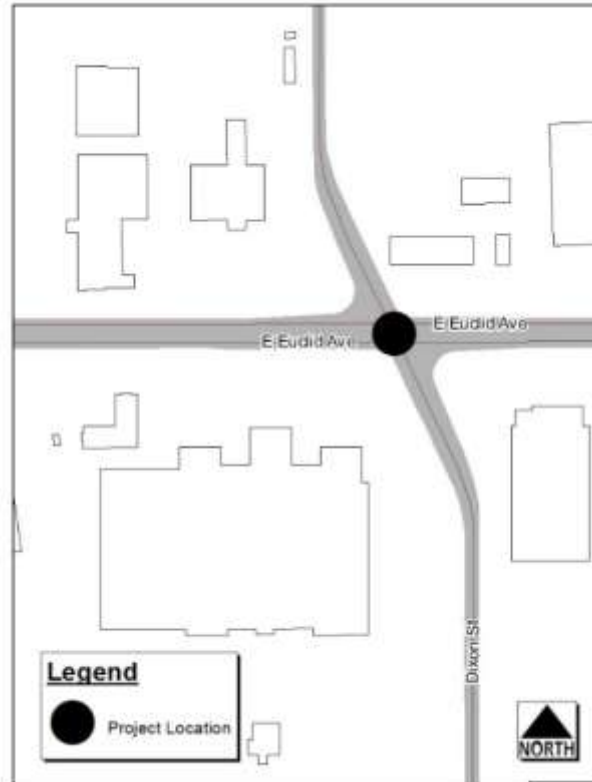
Funding Source: 2014-15 CIP, Page Streets - 40, Traffic Signals, Channelization, and School Crossings, TR091, Being: \$150,000 (Max) in Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Traffic Safety Improvement Program Funds; and the remaining \$160,000, G.O. Bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On November 3, 2014, under Roll Call No. 14-1687, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the E. Euclid & Dixon Traffic Signal Upgrade. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and Engineer's estimate for the construction of the E. Euclid & Dixon Traffic Signal Upgrade, 04-2014-002. The improvement includes removing existing Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) median, curb, and traffic signals, and replace with new PCC median, curb, traffic signals, and other incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 560-211/234, located at the intersection of E. Euclid Avenue (U.S. Highway 6) and Dixon Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Only one (1) bid was submitted, in the amount of \$358,070.50 which was 15.1% over the project estimate of \$310,000 and exceeds the project budget. Engineering staff contacted the three (3) other plan holders that indicated they would be prime bidders to find out why they did not submit a bid. They indicated they were busy trying to complete the current year projects and the project being bid

required the project be completed early in the 2015 construction season. Engineering staff has reevaluated the project scope completion and determined the completion date can be revised later in the next construction season without having adverse effects on adjacent projects. As a result, a rebid of the project in the spring of 2015 is recommended by the Des Moines City Engineer. IDOT has concurred in the City Engineer's recommendation to reject all bids.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 3, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-1687](#)

Action: [Ordering](#) construction of E. Euclid & Dixon Traffic Signal Upgrade: Receiving of bids, (11-18-14), Setting date of hearing, (12-8-14), Construction estimate, \$310,000. ([Council Communication No. 14-518](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Ordering construction, setting date of hearing, and receiving of bids in the spring of 2015.

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