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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>15-0095</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>15-034</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., Interim City Engineer</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Park Avenue Widening – SW 56th Street to SW 63rd Street Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Park Avenue Widening – SW 56th Street to SW 63rd Street Project by gift, negotiation or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the right-of-way acquisition process under eminent domain. This project provides for the widening of Park Avenue between SW 56th Street and SW 61st Street to a four-lane facility, and the addition of a northbound right turn lane on SW 63rd Street approaching Park Avenue.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

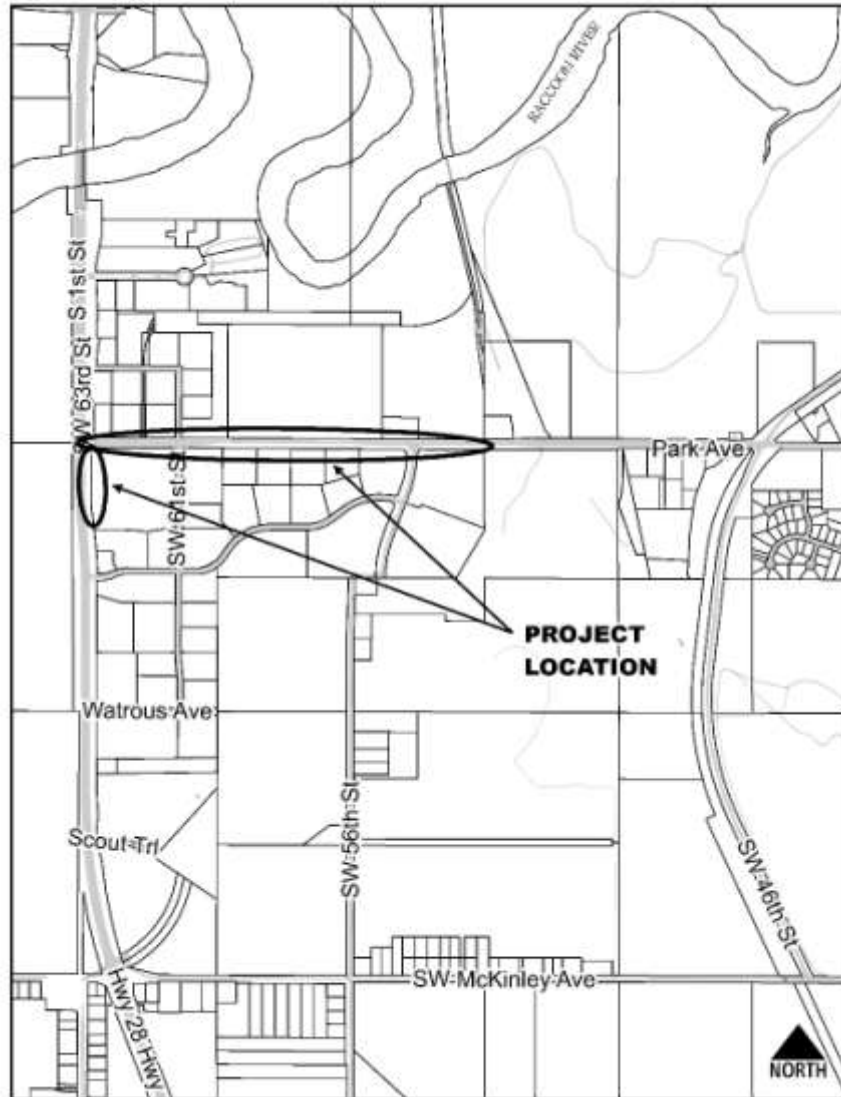
Amount: \$60,000 total estimated right-of-way acquisition and closing costs

Funding Source: 2014-15 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page Street Improvements – 21, Park Avenue Widening – SW 56th Street to SW 63rd Street, ST248

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

This project provides for widening Park Avenue between the Monarch Cement railroad crossing west to SW 61st Street to a four-lane divided roadway. Also, included is a northbound right turn lane on SW 63rd Street approaching Park Avenue. Following completion of the Park Avenue Widening Project in 2005, between SW 42nd Street and SW 56th Street, the segment between SW 56th Street and SW 61st Street is the last remaining section of Park Avenue that requires widening to a four-lane facility. The City of West Des Moines has constructed their portion of the Southwest Connector, increasing the traffic loads on Park Avenue. Also, as development occurs along the Park Avenue Commerce Park West, this section will require widening to accommodate the traffic demands.

At this time, approximately 14 temporary construction easements and one (1) partial fee acquisition is expected to be needed from eight (8) adjoining property owners for this project. Relocation assistance will not be required.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: February 10, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0199](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for Park Avenue Widening – 1150 feet east of SW 56th Street to SW 63rd Street. ([Council Communication No. 14-049](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: December 3, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1825](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of Surface Transportation Program (STP) Fund Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Applications to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. ([Council Communication No. 12-594](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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