

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: January 25, 2016
	Agenda Item No. 11 Roll Call No. <u>16-0108</u> Communication No. <u>16-052</u> Submitted by: Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Requesting Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) transfer a portion of the Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds from allocation to Southeast Connector to the Pleasant Hill Boulevard and Vandalia Road Intersection Project and authorizing City Manager to negotiate an amendment to the Agreement with Pleasant Hill for the Southeast Connector and Pleasant Hill Boulevard and Vandalia Road Intersection Projects.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of actions in cooperation with the City of Pleasant Hill on the development of the Pleasant Hill Boulevard and Vandalia Road intersection project, related to the Southeast Connector – S.E. 30th to U.S. 65, including:

- Authorize request to the MPO to transfer \$3,378,400 of STP funds, currently allocated to the Southeast Connector to the Pleasant Hill Boulevard and Vandalia Road intersection project.
- Authorize City Manager to negotiate an amendment to the Agreement with Pleasant Hill to include acquisition of property required for the Southeast Connector and Pleasant Hill Boulevard and Vandalia Road Intersection Projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: City share of costs to be determined.

Funding Source: 2015-16 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Southeast Connector – S.E. 30th to U.S. 65, Page Street-36, ST256. This project will be completed in phases as federal, state and local matching funds become available. The following funds have been allocated by the MPO:

- \$2,550,000 of STP funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017
- \$1,032,000 of STP Funds in FY2018
- \$1,035,000 of STP Funds in FY2019

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The construction of the Pleasant Hill and Vandalia Road Intersection can proceed before the future construction of the Southeast Connector between S.E. 30th Street and U.S. 65. The intersection will provide for local traffic needs and facilitate future construction of the Southeast Connector. The intersection project is located in Pleasant Hill. The City of Pleasant Hill will administer the design and construction of the intersection project.

The proposed phasing of work includes:

Summer 2016: Complete construction of the Southeast Connector between S.E. 15th and S.E. 30th Streets
 2016: Pleasant Hill - Complete design of intersection and determine right-of-way required
 Fall 2016: Des Moines – acquire right-of-way required for intersection and project, as funding allows
 2017: Construction of intersection in Pleasant Hill
 2016-2017: Des Moines - Preliminary design and identify right-of-way acquisition required for the Southeast Connector between S.E. 30th and U.S. 65
 2017-2020: Final design and begin right-of-way acquisition, as funding allows
 **2021 (est.): Begin construction of Southeast Connector between S.E. 30th and U.S. 65

** 2021 is the estimated earliest possible construction start year, depending on funding, for the Southeast Connector between S.E. 30th and U.S. 65.

The Southeast Connector will provide the City a safe, efficient, and direct route from downtown to U.S. 65 on the southeast side of the metropolitan area and will help spur economic development along the corridor. This segment between S.E. 30th Street to U.S. 65 will significantly improve the transportation network in the southeast area of the City and facilitate the expansion of Kemin Industries. On May 27, 2010, the Federal Highway Administration signed the Record of Decision for the Southeast Connector from S.E. 14th Street to Highway U.S. 65.

The City of Pleasant Hill and the City of Des Moines have jointly applied for STP funds through the MPO. STP funds have been allocated in FY2017, 2018 and 2019 and applied for in FY2020. This action authorizes the MPO to transfer funds allocated to the Southeast Connector to the Pleasant Hill Boulevard and Vandalia Road Intersection project. The estimated cost of the Pleasant Hill Boulevard and Vandalia Road Intersection project is \$4,223,000. The requested transfer of STP funds is 80% of the estimated project cost, or \$3,378,400. This leaves a STP balance of \$1,238,600 for the Southeast Connector.

The City of Pleasant Hill has requested that Des Moines be the acquisition agent on their behalf which will require an amendment to the December 7, 2015 Agreement approved by City Council by Roll Call No. 15-2038. The City Manager will negotiate and execute an amendment to the Agreement for acquisition of property within the City of Pleasant Hill required for the Southeast Connector and Pleasant Hill Boulevard and Vandalia Road Intersection Projects and related matters.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 7, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-2038](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Agreement with the City of Pleasant Hill for the coordination of funding, design and corridor preservation for the Southeast Connector. ([Council Communication No. 15-637](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

Date: November 23, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-1943](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of STP and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Fund FY2020 applications to the MPO. ([Council Communication No. 15-618](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

(A) Southeast Connector – S.E. 30th Street to U.S. 65 Beltway.

Date: September 8, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-1351](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for design services for the Southeast Connector – S.E. 30th Street to U.S. 65, not to exceed \$1,229,000. ([Council Communication No. 14-441](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal actions required and related to property acquisition.

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