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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>11</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>16-0552</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>16-184</u></b>
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**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving the Hubbell Avenue Improvements concept plan.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the Hubbell Avenue Improvements concept plan between E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$11-13 million (estimated)

Funding Source: 2016-2017 CIP, Page Street-17, Hubbell Avenue Improvements – E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street to E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On November 17, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1771I, City Council directed staff to take immediate action to conduct a traffic study for the Hubbell Avenue corridor between E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street to evaluate safety concerns throughout the corridor. The process following this Council action, to date, has included:

- December 2014--Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Road Safety Audit.
- May 2015--Data collection completed for corridor.
- July 13, 2015, by Roll Call No. 15-1123--City Council approved and authorized a Professional Services Agreement between the City and Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC to conduct a traffic study and develop a conceptual design for the Hubbell Avenue corridor.
- Fall 2015--Stakeholder Meeting #1 and Public Meeting #1, gather input from the public on problems, concerns, and ideas for the corridor.
- January 2016--Stakeholder Meeting #2 and Public Meeting #2, present preferred improvement concept and gather comments/concerns.
- March 21, 2016--Council Workshop, presentation of public input, study findings, and recommended concept plan.

The traffic study evaluated both current and future traffic conditions and considered information gathered through field reviews and public input. Based on the analysis, the recommended concept includes the following key improvements to best address the safety issues throughout the corridor:

- Median islands along the corridor and relocation of driveways to address access control.
- Relocation of E. Douglas Avenue to provide 90 degree intersections and improved access points.
- Traffic signals at the intersections of E. Euclid Avenue/Hubbell Avenue and relocated E. Douglas Avenue/Hubbell Avenue to provide controlled entrances into the corridor and pedestrian crossings.
- Pedestrian signal at E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street/Hubbell Avenue to provide a controlled crossing connection from the neighborhood to businesses and bus stops on the opposite side of Hubbell Avenue.
- Sidewalk along the corridor to provide a connection to the existing trail system, bus stops, and businesses.

The current estimated construction cost is \$11-\$13 million. This estimate will be refined further as design proceeds and right-of-way needs are determined. Staff is working with the IDOT on potential funding options. The CIP will be revised in fiscal year 2018 to reflect the current estimate.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: July 13, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-1123](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC for the Hubbell Avenue Corridor Safety Improvements, not to exceed \$175,000. ([Council Communication No. 15-392](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7- 0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Normal Council actions for Professional Services Agreement and construction plan preparation.

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