

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: August 8, 2016
	Agenda Item No. 26 Roll Call No. <u>16-1313</u> Communication No. <u>16-447</u> Submitted by: Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving fiscal year (FY) 2018 Traffic Safety Fund Application to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval and authorization to submit an application to the IDOT for FY2018 Traffic Safety Funds for the Hubbell Avenue Corridor Safety Improvements project. The IDOT has an annual program to provide funds for Traffic Safety Fund improvements. The deadline for this year’s application is August 15, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Estimated \$11-13 million for property acquisition and construction. Traffic Safety Funds in the amount of \$500,000, which is the maximum amount available for one (1) project, are being requested for this project.

Funding Source:

- \$500,000 – Traffic Safety Funds Requested
- \$4.0 million – IDOT Transportation Program Funding
- 2016-2017 CIP, Street Improvements – Page 17, Hubbell Avenue Improvements – E. 33rd Street to E. 38th Street, ST259

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The IDOT implemented an annual program beginning in 1988 to provide for traffic safety improvements. These improvements may include roadway construction projects to correct high-crash locations, upgrading of obsolete traffic control devices to comply with the requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, or traffic studies to determine how to correct a safety problem. Since the program began, Des Moines has been successful in securing over \$21 million in Traffic Safety Funds for 85 projects, including several major intersection improvements, traffic signal upgrades, and other safety projects. Applications are currently being accepted until August 15, 2016, for the next programming cycle.

Staff has reviewed potential projects and recommends the Hubbell Avenue Corridor Safety Improvements project be submitted for Traffic Safety Funds. This project application includes the implementation of safety improvements identified in the Hubbell Avenue Traffic Study between E. 33rd Street and E. 38th Street.

Identified improvements include (1) traffic signalization at the intersection of E. Euclid Avenue and Hubbell Avenue, (2) the addition of a pedestrian signal near E. 37th Street, (3) realignment of E. Douglas Avenue, (4) traffic signalization at the intersection of E. Douglas Avenue and Hubbell Avenue, (5) access control improvements and sidewalk improvements to enhance pedestrian mobility, and (6) safety along the corridor. The estimated project cost for construction and property acquisition is \$11-13 million, with Traffic Safety Funds in the amount of \$500,000 being requested. Project funding also includes \$4 million of IDOT Transportation program funds. A request for IDOT USTEP funding will also be submitted.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 25, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-1186](#)

Action: [Supplemental](#) Agreement No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Foth Infrastructure and Environment, Inc. for additional professional services for the Hubbell Avenue Corridor Safety Improvements, not to exceed \$997,600. ([Council Communication No. 16-413](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2. Nays: Coleman and Gatto.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

If approved by IDOT for funding, project agreements would be presented to City Council for consideration. Other actions will include: USTEP funding agreement if approved by IDOT, property acquisition, utility agreements, and construction contract.

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