 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date:	November 6, 2017
	Agenda Item No.	5
	Roll Call No.	<u>17-1870</u>
	Communication No.	<u>17-777</u>
	Submitted by:	Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Phase 1: College Avenue to Hickman Road.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of IDOT Agreement No. 18-TAP-104 between the City of Des Moines and the IDOT for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Phase 1: College Avenue to Hickman Road.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$3,300,000

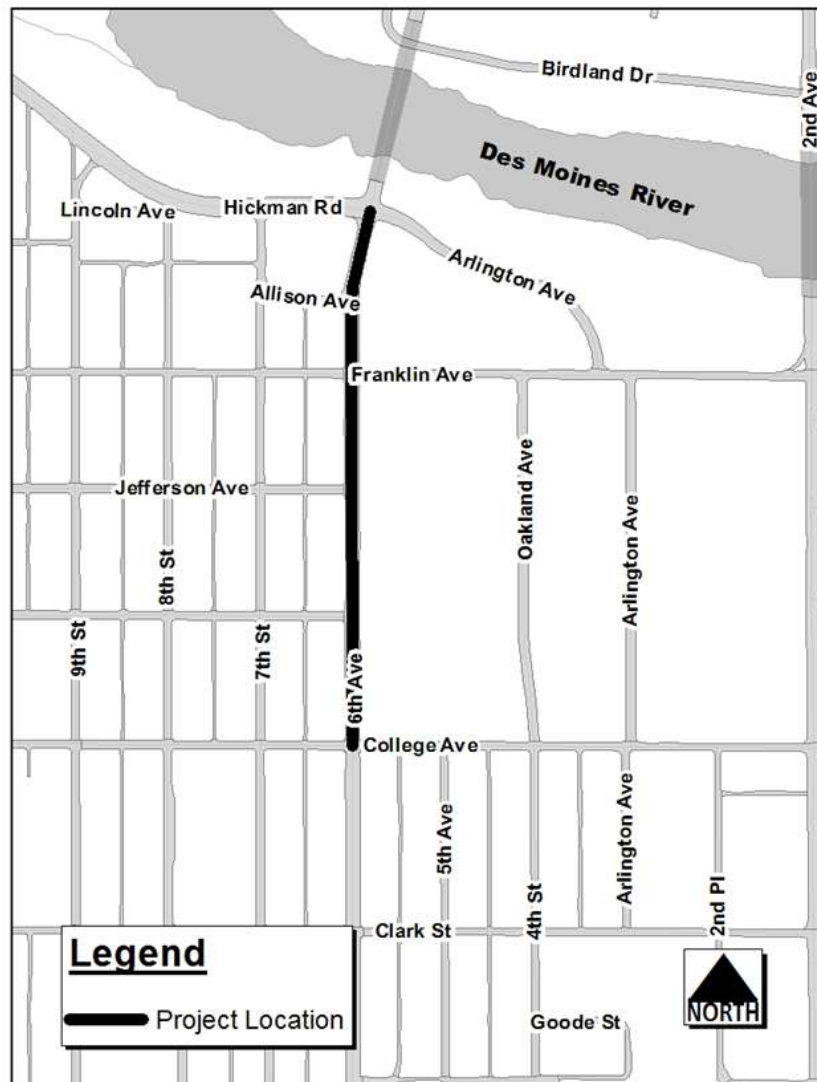
Funding Source: Various funding being:

- \$600,000 - Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- \$300,000 - Private Funds
- \$2,400,000 - 2017-18 CIP, Page Street Improvements-34, Sixth Avenue Streetscape, ST266, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- An improved streetscape has been envisioned for the 6th Avenue Corridor since 1995, with several plan iterations. In 2008, there was a renewed emphasis to develop a Master Plan, with the following vision: the 6th Avenue Corridor through the historic River Bend and Cheatom Park neighborhoods is a vibrant, safe, pedestrian-friendly, culturally and historically rich area that encourages all of Des Moines to socialize, work, shop, play, and live.
- The project includes a "road diet" is proposed to reduce traffic lanes on 6th Avenue to 1-lane in each direction, a multi-use left-turn lane, designated parking lane, and widened sidewalks. Included in the project is green infrastructure elements including rain gardens and permeable paving will mitigate runoff and treat stormwater.
- The 6th Avenue Corridor streetscape improvements from the Des Moines River Bridge to I-235 will be implemented in three (3) phases. Phase 1 is located at the north end of the corridor's project area from College Avenue to Hickman Road.

- The City of Des Moines and the 6th Avenue Corridor were selected to participate in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Greening America's Capitals program in 2013. This program brought together a team of designers, EPA and City staff, as well as a group of community stakeholders to look at opportunities to add green infrastructure to the corridor to provide a range of community, economic, and environmental benefits.
- On November 18, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-1776, the City Council authorized the submittal of project applications for Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and TAP Fund for FY 2018 to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, which included the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project, Phase 1 (Streetscapes Category).
- The 6th Avenue Streetscape, Phase 1 received \$600,000 in TAP funding. Federal regulations require the IDOT to administer federal funds. Iowa Code provide for recipients (in this case the City) and IDOT to enter into agreements with each other for the purpose of financing transportation improvement projects on streets and highways in Iowa with federal funds.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 9, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-1874](#)

Action: [Memorandum](#) of Understanding with 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. for the implementation of Phase 1 of the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project. ([Council Communication No. 15-590](#)) Moved by Gray to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Urban Design Review Board

Date: August 16, 2016

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion to approve the preliminary design as presented noting the Board's comments. Moved by Weisenbach, seconded by Nagle.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include ordering construction, public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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