

# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date: December 18, 2017

Agenda Item No. 9

Roll Call No. 17-2120 Communication No. 17-862

Submitted by: Pamela S. Cooksey,

P.E., City Engineer

### **AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving and authorizing the execution of United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Grant Agreement for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant for the Bridges to Opportunity: Des Moines' Community Connection Project.

### **SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval and authorization of the USDOT Grant Agreement for the TIGER Discretionary Grant as provided by National Infrastructure Investments in the fiscal year (FY) 2016 Appropriations Act for the Bridges to Opportunity: Des Moines' Community Connection Project.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$22 Million

Funding Source: Various Funding Sources as follows:

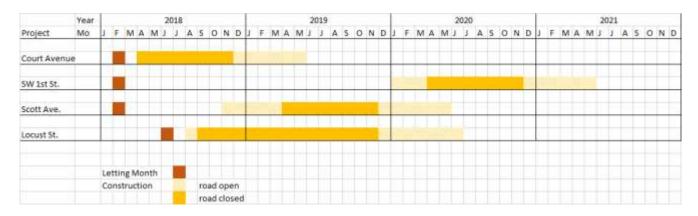
- \$8 million TIGER Discretionary Grant
- \$2.5 million Federal STP funding allocated by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for Locust Street Bridge over Des Moines River and Court Avenue Bridge over Des Moines River
- \$11.5 million 2017 2018 CIP, as follows:

\$7.5 million
\$910,000
\$2.9 million
\$190,000
\$2.9 million
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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

• On July 26, 2016, the USDOT announced funding for 40 projects from the TIGER 2016 program. This is the eighth round of TIGER Grants. The USDOT received 585 applications totaling \$9.3 billion for the \$500 million available. The Bridges to Opportunity: Des Moines' Community Connection Project received \$8 million. This was the third application for a downtown bridges project.

- The Bridges to Opportunity: Des Moines' Community Connection project includes:
  - Locust Street over Des Moines River Bridge Replacement
  - o Court Avenue over Des Moines River Bridge Historic Rehabilitation
  - Scott Avenue Bridge over Des Moines River Rehabilitation
  - o SW 1st Street Multi-Use Trail Bridge over Raccoon River Rehabilitation
- Performance measures are included in the grant agreement and must be reported on a defined schedule, including: baseline (pre-construction) and annually, for a period of three (3) years beginning in early 2023. Progress reporting is also required quarterly after the agreement is executed. Annual Budget Review is required, including information on detailed schedule of activities, estimate of specific performance objectives, forecasted expenditures, and budget comparison and estimated costs.
- The USDOT reserves the right to terminate the Grant Agreement if it determines in its sole direction, that the recipient fails to provide non-TIGER contributions, recipient fails to begin construction before June 9, 2018, fails to begin expenditure of funds by August 1, 2018, fails to achieve substantial completion and open to traffic by March 1, 2022, or if the USDOT, in its sole discretion, determines that termination of the agreement is in the public interest.
- Court Avenue, Scott Avenue, and SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street bridges are currently scheduled for the February 20, 2018 Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) letting, with a planned contract award date of March 19, 2018. Locust Street Bridge is currently scheduled for the June 19, 2018 IDOT letting, with a planned contract award date of July 9, 2018. Illustrated below is the anticipated construction schedule.



### PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

<u>Date</u>: April 11, 2016

Roll Call Number: 16-0542

<u>Action</u>: <u>Approving</u> and authorizing the application for a Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Grant for the Bridges to Opportunity: Des Moines' Community Connection Project. (Council Communication No. 16-199) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0

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

## 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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