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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 8 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>18-1054</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>18-326</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving and authorizing letter of support for Polk County’s application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grant program for the NE Broadway Avenue Improvement Project.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend authorizing a letter of support for the BUILD grant application being prepared by Polk County. Polk County is preparing a BUILD grant application for the NE Broadway Avenue Improvement Project, which includes converting the 2-lane roadway to a 3-lane road from NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (IA 415) to NE Hubbell Avenue (US 6). A portion of the project is within the city limits of Des Moines. Polk County has requested a letter of support for the BUILD grant application.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act, March 23, 2018, provided \$1.5 billion to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation for National Infrastructure Investments. This program was previously known as TIGER Discretionary Grants and is now known as Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development or BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants. The Polk County Public Works Department is working with Snyder and Associates to prepare a grant application for NE Broadway Avenue (US 6) that includes converting the existing 2-lane roadway to a 3-lane road, with storm sewer improvements, trail accommodations, safety enhancements, railroad crossing improvements, signal coordination and improved access spacing from NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (IA 415) to NE Hubbell Avenue (US 6).
- The funding application is due July 19, 2018. The total project cost, local share and anticipated grant amounts have not been finalized. City staff will cooperate with Polk County and consultant staff as needed to prepare the grant application. The Capital Improvement Program currently includes improvements to the intersection of Hubbell and Broadway. If the BUILD grant is awarded to Polk County, the City of Des Moines will coordinate with Polk County on the design and construction of the project within the city limits, including completion of the improvements at the intersection of Hubbell and Broadway.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: April 23, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-0669](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement for Hubbell Avenue and NE Broadway Avenue Intersection Improvements. ([Council Communication No. 18-211](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

If the grant is awarded, a cooperative agreement will be presented for Council consideration to complete the design and construction of the NE Broadway Avenue Improvement projects.

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