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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 28 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>18-1164</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>18-349</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval of amendment to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with RDG Planning and Design (RDG) for the development of the Douglas Avenue Corridor Plan.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval for extending the contract term to January 31, 2019 and the expenditure of an additional \$40,400 in fees to conduct a traffic study to evaluate improvement strategies along Douglas Avenue.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$40,400

Funding Source: 2018-2019 Operating Budget, Capital Improvements Program – Page 10, CO38EG99 ST265

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- On August 23, 2016, the Douglas Avenue Coalition submitted a formal request to the Community Development Department for assistance in completing a corridor plan for Douglas Avenue.
- On September 11, 2017, the City of Des Moines approved hiring RDG to prepare a Corridor Plan for Douglas Avenue for the purpose of revitalizing this commercial corridor between Merle Hay Road and the Des Moines River.
- The consultant team has conducted multiple visioning meetings and surveys that have engaged more than 200 residents, business owners, and stakeholders in the planning process. Community consensus indicates a strong desire to reconfigure a portion of the corridor from a 4-lane undivided cross section to a 3-lane cross section with center turn lane.
- Douglas Avenue also serves as U.S. Highway 6 and is under the jurisdiction of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). The IDOT has inquired about additional information regarding crash history analysis and traffic volume forecasts.

- The additional traffic study will further evaluate safety and traffic volume data to evaluate preliminary improvement strategies that consider change in cross section and intersection improvements. This effort is being coordinated with MoveDSM initiatives.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: September 11, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-1540](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with RDG Planning & Design for the development of the Douglas Avenue Corridor Plan. ([Council Communication No. 17-631](#)) Moved by Gray to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

- Approval of the plan as an Amendment to PlanDSM: Creating our Tomorrow.
- The consultant will provide recommendations for future projects in the plan. Future City Council action to support implementation activities may be necessary. Any projects requiring Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), or other funds will come before Council for approval.

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