

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-344	Meeting:	August 5, 2019
	Agenda Item:	42	Roll Call:	19-1225
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Community Development Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. (6AC) for the implementation of Phase 2 of the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the MOU with the 6AC for Phase 2 of the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project. The purpose of the MOU is to establish a cooperative agreement between the City and 6AC to carry out the final design and implementation of the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project. Phase 2 of the streetscape project which runs along 6th Avenue from College Avenue to University Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,267,000

Funding Source: Capital Improvement Program - ST266 – Sixth Avenue Streetscape Phase 2

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The purpose of the MOU is to establish expectations for proceeding through the implementation steps to finalize and construct Phase 2 of the 6th Avenue streetscape improvements. Phase 2 of the 6th Avenue Streetscape project which will run along 6th Avenue from just south of College Avenue to University Avenue.
- This MOU provides each party with a clear set of expectations for the sharing of costs among the City and 6AC. The MOU identifies what is expected of the City, the neighborhood stakeholder group(s), and the benefited commercial business district through project implementation.
- The conditions of the MOU are based upon the General Guidelines for City Assisted Streetscape Projects adopted by the Des Moines City Council on August 10, 2009.

- The estimated cost of construction for Phase 2 of the 6th Avenue Streetscape project is \$2,400,000. The 6AC has agreed to contribute \$350,000 in private funding to the construction of Phase 2. The City of Des Moines has been awarded \$783,000 from the Des Moines Area MPO Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside Program for the construction of Phase 2.
- The streetscape enhancements within the project area may include, but are not limited to sidewalks, street trees, storm water infiltration best management practices, at-grade landscape beds, flower planters, benches, bike racks, trash receptacles, public art, and enhanced street lights, as to be determined by the final design of the project.
- A separate MOU may be negotiated and presented to Council for Phase 3 of the project.

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.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Future City Council actions for engineering and construction contracts to implement the project.

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