


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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|  | Number: 19-449 | Meeting: October 14, 2019 |
| | Agenda Item: 12 | Roll Call: [_____] |
| | Submitted by: Scott E. Sanders, City Manager | |

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing request of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for the Southeast Connector project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend requesting \$9,000,000 of STBG funds for the Southeast Connector project from the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$9,000,000

Funding Source: STBG Funds are being requested. Local matching funds are included in the 2019-20/2023-24 CIP.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This project consists of construction of the Southeast Connector on a new alignment from SE 30th Street to the US 65 Beltway, connecting at the existing interchange with Vandalia Road. The project will include property acquisition and grading for the full 4-lane divided roadway and construction of a 2-lane facility, consistent with the current roadway between SE 15th and SE 30th Streets. The City of Pleasant Hill will also be included on this application, since a portion of the project will be within their city limits. The estimated project cost is \$41,000,000. The City received \$3,000,000 of FY 2023 STBG funds.
- This request for \$9,000,000 of STBG funds in FY 2024 would complete the STBG requests for the Southeast Connector and would allow the project to compete for federal discretionary funding, such as Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD), formerly known as TIGER grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation. If \$9,000,000 of STBG funding is allocated to the Southeast Connector in FY 2024, the City of Des Moines and the City of Pleasant Hill would agree to not apply for this category of STBG funding for FY 2025 and FY 2026.

- Final design is underway for the last section of the Southeast Connector between SE 30th Street and US 65. Property acquisition is also beginning. Design, right-of-way and local funding match are included in the CIP with G.O. bonds. Pending allocation of STBG funds, an application for a BUILD grant could be submitted in 2021. This would allow construction to begin in 2023.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 19, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-1894](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) fund Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 applications to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). ([Council Communication No. 18-627](#)) Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Funding applications, property acquisition, professional services, and normal actions related to construction.

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