


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-148	Meeting:	March 23, 2020
	Agenda Item:	6B	Roll Call:	20-0503
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AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Easton Boulevard Resurfacing from Hubbell Avenue to E. 33rd Street - Receiving bids, (4-7-20), and Setting date of hearing, (5-4-20). Construction Estimate - \$650,000.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council proceed with construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project includes resurfacing of Easton Boulevard from Hubbell Avenue to E. 33rd Street, changing pavement markings on Easton Boulevard between Hubbell Avenue and E. 29th Street from a 2-lane cross section to a 3-lane cross section, and other traffic and drainage improvements along the corridor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$650,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2019-2020 CIP, Page Street, Street Improvements – LOSST, ST800, LOSST Monies

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Easton Boulevard Resurfacing from Hubbell Avenue to E. 33rd Street, 06-2020-004. The improvement includes pavement scarification, Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) overlay, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sidewalk, storm sewer, storm sewer intakes, PCC median, pavement markings, and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 616-169/199, on Easton Boulevard from Hubbell Avenue to E. 33rd Street.
- The estimated construction cost is \$650,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.

- The City of Des Moines hired an engineering consulting firm to conduct a traffic study of Easton Boulevard from University Avenue to the east City limits (approximately E 42nd Street). The purpose of the study was to:
 - Review existing traffic conditions
 - Identify safety and operational issues
 - Provide recommendations to address those issues

- The completed traffic study includes recommendations based on issues identified through the traffic analysis as well as concerns brought forward by residents at the public open house held on June 5, 2019.

- This project includes public improvements based on that traffic study and comments made at the public open house held on June 5, 2019:
 - Hot-mix asphalt resurfacing of Easton Boulevard from Hubbell Avenue to E. 33rd Street.
 - Changing pavement markings on Easton Boulevard between Hubbell Avenue and E. 29th Street from a 2-lane cross section to a 3-lane cross section.
 - Construction of a pedestrian crossing with refuge island to improve pedestrian crossing of Easton Boulevard to Easttown Park between E. 26th Street and E. 27th Street.
 - Adding stormwater intakes and storm sewer at the E. 27th Court approach Easton Boulevard to address concerns of standing water in the approach.
 - Improvements at the intersection of Easton Boulevard and E. University Avenue, including adding medians to control turning movements.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, approval of contract and bond, partial payments to the contractor, and final acceptance of work.

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