


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number: 20-484	Meeting: November 9, 2020
	Agenda Item: 42	Roll Call: 20-1785
	Submitted by: Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreements for Iowa Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust Project: 3rd & Court and 5th & Keo Parking Garages.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of IDOT Agreement Numbers 20-VW-088 and 20-VW-089 for the Iowa Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust Project: 3rd & Court and 5th & Keo Parking Garages. These agreements provide for the installation of two (2) Level 2 electric charging stations at both the 3rd & Court and 5th & Keo Parking Garages.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$105,867.66

Funding Source: Various funding being:

- \$15,000 – 3rd & Court Parking Garage - Iowa's Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust Project funds.
- \$15,000 – 5th & Keo Parking Garage - Iowa's Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust Project funds.
- \$75,867.66 – 2020-21 CIP, Page Parking Facilities Improvements-4, Parking Facility Rehab/Repair Program, PG016, Parking Funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) filed a complaint alleging Volkswagen violated the federal Clean Air Act with the sale of motor vehicles between 2009 and 2016 equipped with "defeat devices" designed to perform differently during normal vehicle operation than during emissions tests; exceeding the EPA compliant levels of nitrogen oxides (NOx) during normal use.
- Volkswagen agreed to settle some of the allegations with the creation of an Environmental Mitigation Trust to fund a specific set of mitigation actions that will reduce NOx emissions.

- Iowa will receive approximately \$21 million in Trust funds for NOx mitigation projects. The IDOT has been designated the lead state agency to administer the funds.
- The IDOT solicited applications from eligible applicants for participation in the first funding cycle of Iowa's Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust for Zero Emission Vehicle Supply Equipment in February 2020.
- The City of Des Moines submitted six (6) applications to install Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (two {2} each) in the 3rd & Court Parking Garage, 4th & Grand Parking Garage, 5th & Keo Parking Garage, 7th & Center Street Park and Ride Parking Garage, 9th & Locust Parking Garage, and East 2nd Parking Garage.
- The City was awarded partial funding for the installation of Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (two {2} each) in the 3rd & Court Parking Garage and 5th & Keo Parking Garage. Each station can provide charging to two (2) vehicles. Two (2) single space Level 1 charging stations are each presently installed in the parking facilities of 3rd & Court Parking Garage and 5th & Keo Parking Garage. After the new stations are installed, up to six (6) vehicle stalls will have access to charging stations at both of these parking garages and the total systemwide number of spaces with access to either Level 1 or Level 2 charging stations will be 34.
- These charging stations will be obtained and installed through the use of State of Iowa Sourcewell purchase contracts with Carbon Day, under state contract #20168 and Commonwealth Electric Company, under state contract #20450.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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