


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number: 23-229	Meeting: May 8, 2023
	Agenda Item: 15	Roll Call: 23-0639
	Submitted by: Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer	

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the 41st Street and Beaver Avenue Intersection Improvements project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the 41st Street and Beaver Avenue Intersection Improvements project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the property acquisition process for this project under eminent domain.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: To be determined after final design is completed.

Funding Source: 2023-24 CIP, Page 141, 41st Street & Beaver Avenue, ST292, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The existing 41st Street and Beaver Avenue intersection's horizontal alignment is on a skew which has caused safety concerns from street users, including difficulty for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists to know if southbound vehicles will turn right (essentially continuing straight) on 41st Street or continue traveling on Beaver Avenue by going around the curve to their left.
- The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) determines the potential for crash reduction values for every intersection in Iowa, including county and city roads and streets as well as state routes. The IDOT has ranked this intersection as having a "High" potential for crash reduction.
- This project realigns the intersection to a perpendicular angle which provides better vision and better lane identification for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists on Beaver Avenue.



- At this time, the total property interests needed for this project consist of one (1) total fee acquisition, one (1) permanent easement for implementation of a public pedestrian way and eight (8) temporary construction easements, all to be acquired from nine (9) separate property owners. Engineering staff will review potential options to reduce the one (1) total fee acquisition to a partial acquisition. Relocation assistance will be required for the total fee acquisition, if it cannot be reduced to a partial acquisition.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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