


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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|  CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER | Number: 23-413 | Meeting: September 11, 2023 |
| | Agenda Item: 18 | Roll Call: 23-1242 |
| | Submitted by: Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer | |

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the E. University Avenue Improvements from E. 14th Street to E. 17th Court Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the E. University Avenue Improvements from E. 14th Street to E. 17th Court 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. Relocation assistance will not be required for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,300,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2023-24 CIP, Page 163, East University - E. 14th St. to I-235, ST315, Being: \$500,000 (Max) in Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Traffic Safety Improvement Funds under CS-TSF-1945(871)--85-77 and the remaining \$800,000 in G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This project will resurface the roadway pavement on E. University Avenue from E.14th Street to E. 17th Court, along with converting the roadway to a three (3)-lane facility. This project also includes:
 - Improving sidewalk curb ramps at intersections along the corridor to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.
 - Installation of new school flashing assemblies.
 - Reconstruction of medians at the intersection of E. University Avenue and E. 14th Street to resolve conflicts with existing crosswalks.
 - Installing High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) pedestrian signals at the intersections of E. University Avenue and E. 15th Street and E. 14th Street and Garfield Avenue.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 8, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0630](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of IDOT Agreement for E University Avenue (IA 163) from E 14th Street (US 69) to Easton Boulevard Four (4)-Lane to Three (3)-Lane Conversion. ([Council Communication No. 23-233](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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