

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-265	Meeting:	August 3, 2026
	Agenda Item:	44	Roll Call:	
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines, Iowa (CITY) and Iowa State Fair Authority (FAIR) for Temporary Traffic Signals.

SYNOPSIS:

Approving the 28E Agreement between the CITY and FAIR for Temporary Traffic Signals. This new 28E Agreement terminates the 28E Agreement between the CITY and FAIR for a Temporary Traffic Signal at East 30th Street and Maple Street, dated August 7, 2025; and incorporates East 30th Street and Maple Street into this new proposed 28E Agreement between the CITY and FAIR for Temporary Traffic Signals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

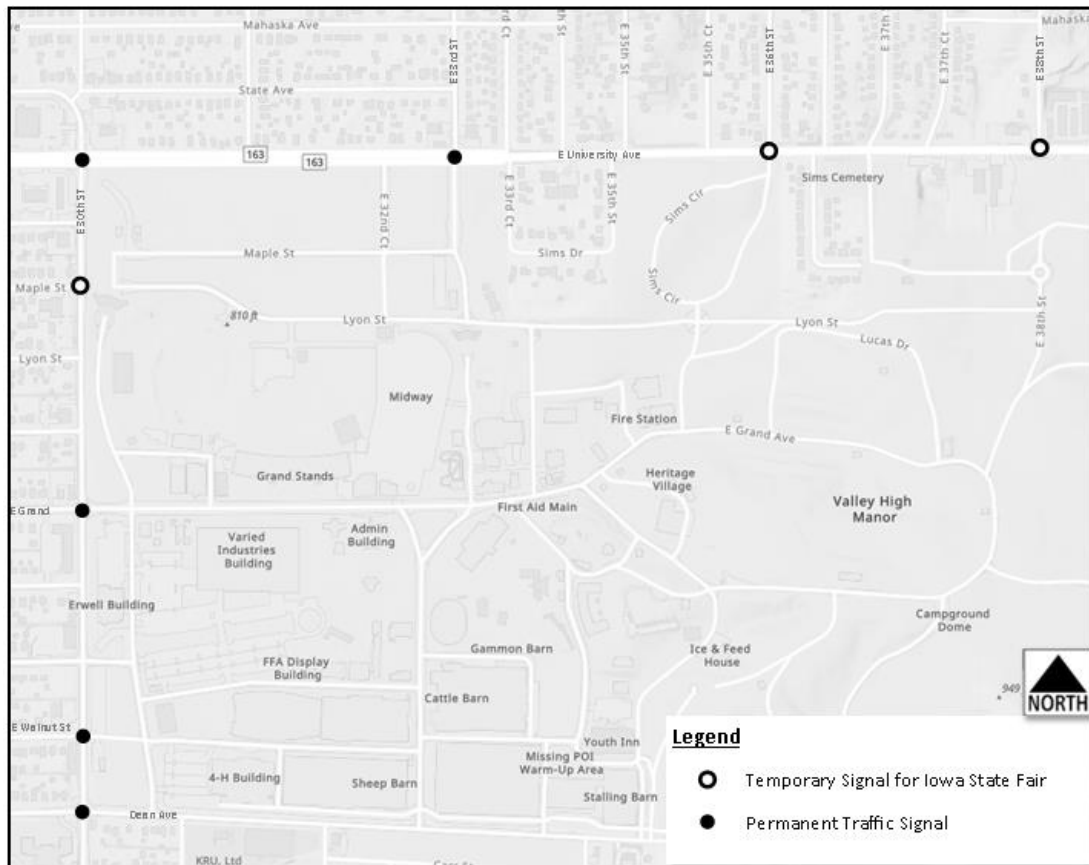
The FAIR will be responsible for all costs associated with the design, construction, maintenance and operation (including, but not limited to, power for the signal) of the improvements and signals. The FAIR will also be responsible for annual costs associated with the CITY's on-call traffic signal contractor performing maintenance and operation of all temporary traffic signals, including installation of temporary span wire signals on overhead wires prior to the Iowa State Fair, and removal of temporary span wire signals on overhead wires after the Iowa State Fair.

Fiscal Impact to the CITY involves CITY staff time for reviews and coordination of the signal installations and signal timings, under 2026-27 Operating Budget, Page 56, EG062079, Road Use Tax Fund.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- At the August 4, 2025, Council meeting, Council approved a 28E Agreement between the CITY and the FAIR to add a temporary traffic signal at the intersection East 30th Street and Maple Street where a new pedestrian access to the State Fairgrounds had been added.
- The FAIR is adding a driveway access at the intersection East 38th Street and East University Avenue (IA Highway 163) to provide additional access to parking areas.
- To manage traffic operations for traffic utilizing the new access to the State Fairgrounds at the intersection of East 38th Street and East University Avenue (IA Highway 163), a temporary traffic signal during the Iowa State Fair is desired by both the FAIR and CITY.

- The FAIR desires that the new driveway access to the State Fairgrounds at the intersection of East 38th Street and East University Avenue (IA Highway 163) be opened for the 2026 Iowa State Fair; therefore, the temporary traffic signal should be installed and be available for the 2026 Iowa State Fair.
- The FAIR desires to continue the use of the accesses to the State Fairgrounds at the intersections of East 30th Street and Maple Street and East 36th Street and E University Avenue and again be opened for the 2026 Iowa State Fair, therefore the temporary traffic signals should be installed and be available for the 2026 Iowa State Fair.
- Both the CITY and FAIR agree to mutually terminate the former 28E Agreement, dated August 7, 2025, and include the governance of the temporary traffic signals of the East 30th Street and Maple Street intersection in this new 28E Agreement.
- To have a temporary traffic signal available for the 2026 Iowa State Fair, interim temporary span wire signals on overhead wires supported by temporary wood poles will be installed for the 2026 Iowa State Fair, hereinafter called the “INTERIM SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS.”
- Ultimately, all temporary traffic signal installations installed for the purposes of the Iowa State Fair will include temporary span wire signals on overhead wires supported by steel poles, hereinafter called the “FINAL SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS.” These locations include the intersections of East 30th Street and Maple Street, East 36th Street and East University Avenue (IA Highway 163), and East 38th Street and East University Avenue (IA Highway 163).
- The CITY will oversee the design, construction, maintenance and operation of the INTERIM SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS and FINAL SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS.
- The FAIR will be responsible for all costs associated with the design, construction, maintenance and operation (including, but not limited to, power for the signal) of the INTERIM SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS and FINAL SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS. The FAIR will also be responsible for annual costs associated with the CITY’S on-call traffic signal contractor performing maintenance and operation of all temporary traffic signals, including installation of temporary span wire signals on overhead wires prior to the Iowa State Fair, and removal of temporary span wire signals on overhead wires after the Iowa State Fair.
- The INTERIM SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS and FINAL SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS will only be in operation during the Iowa State Fair and/or any other times only as determined by the CITY.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 4, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1024](#)

Action: [Approving](#) 28E Agreement with the Iowa State Fair Authority for a temporary traffic signal at East 30th Street and Maple Street. ([Council Communications No. 25-303](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- Possible Council actions in future for final temporary traffic signal installation which will include temporary span wire signals on overhead wires supported by steel poles.

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