



Roll Call Number

18-1613

Agenda Item Number

41B

Date September 24, 2018

DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH THE DES MOINES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) TO REMOVE THE SOUTHWEST CONNECTOR FROM IOWA HIGHWAY 28 TO PARK AVENUE AS PART OF THE MPO'S LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND COMPLETE A TRAFFIC STUDY TO DETERMINE REMAINING FUTURE ROADWAY NETWORK NEEDS IN SOUTHWEST DES MOINES

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-4704, the City Council approved the City's Transportation Consultants' draft corridor study reports for two major transportation projects, the Southeast and Southwest Corridors, for further consideration by City Manager, Parks Board, Plan and Zoning Commission, and the Traffic Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, both of the corridor studies identified and evaluated numerous environmental and traffic factors, presented preferred alternatives for recommended alignments, and identified the proposed type of roadways to be constructed, potential landscaping and other corridor enhancements that should be considered for the projects, and possible staging or phasing of project segments; and

WHEREAS, these two corridors, along with completion of relocated Iowa Highway 5, reconstruction of I-235, and completion of Martin Luther King Jr Parkway and its extension north to I-35/80, were major roadway improvements included in the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) approved 2025 Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Diagonal Corridor (Southwest Connector) was proposed to connect on the east end at SW 7th Street and SW 9th Street at Thomas Beck Road/Clifton Avenue and extend west and southwest to the intersection of Iowa Highway 28 at McKinley Avenue and extend through West Des Moines to an interchange with relocated Iowa Highway 5 (south beltway); and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Airport Authority completed a Terminal Concept Plan which shows a new terminal complex along Fleur Drive instead of the along west side of the Airport; and

WHEREAS, new travel demand modeling by the MPO is predicting that the City has capacity on existing roadways to handle the future growth without the Southwest Connector; and

WHEREAS, City Engineering staff have determined that it is no longer necessary to include the Southwest Diagonal Corridor (Southwest Connector) from Iowa Highway 28 to Park Avenue in the City's future transportation planning, which revision would affect planned and potential private and public development along the corridor alignment.



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City Manager is authorized and directed to work with the MPO to remove the Southwest Connector from Iowa Highway 28 to Park Avenue as part of the update to the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, Mobilizing Tomorrow, and complete a traffic study to determine remaining future roadway network needs in southwest Des Moines.

MOVED BY Mandelbaum TO ADOPT.

(Council Communication No. 18-48)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Glenna K. Frank

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Assistant City Attorney

(24-2018-4.14)

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

J. M. Frank Mayor

Diane Rauh City Clerk