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Date April 20, 2020

APPROVING THE DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR DOUGLAS AVENUE (U.S. HIGHWAY 6) LANE REDUCTION PILOT PROJECT AND DIRECT CITY STAFF TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL TO THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

WHEREAS, Douglas Avenue between Merle Hay Road and Lower Beaver Road is currently a 4-lane cross-section (two (2) westbound lanes and two (2) eastbound lanes), and the intersections at Merle Hay Road, Beaver Avenue, and Lower Beaver Road are currently a 5-lane cross-section (two (2) westbound lanes, two (2) eastbound lanes, and left-turn lane); and

WHEREAS, the Douglas Avenue Coalition completed a corridor plan in February 2020 which requested that Douglas Avenue (U.S. Highway 6) from Merle Hay Road to Lower Beaver Road be converted to a three-lane cross section with the goals of improving vehicle and pedestrian safety by calming traffic and generating additional economic development along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, in response to the completed corridor study and the request of the Ward Councilmember, City staff prepared a Proposal for a Pilot Project which converts Douglas Avenue from Merle Hay Road to Lower Beaver Road to a three-lane cross-section (one westbound lane, one eastbound lane, and a center continuous two-way left-turn lane), while the existing geometry at the intersections of Merle Hay Road, Beaver Avenue, and Lower Beaver Road will remain as currently configured; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Avenue (U.S. Highway 6) between Merle Hay Road and Lower Beaver Road is under the State of Iowa Department of Transportation's jurisdiction, which means the State Transportation Department has responsibilities for planning, design, construction, and maintenance of Douglas Avenue (U.S. Highway 6) between Merle Hay Road and Lower Beaver Road; and

WHEREAS, any modifications or improvements to Douglas Avenue (U.S. Highway 6) between Merle Hay Road and Lower Beaver Road must be approved by the Iowa Department of Transportation prior to implementation.



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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA: by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, approves the draft proposal for Douglas Avenue (U.S. Highway 6) Lane Reduction Pilot Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Engineer is authorized and directed to sign the proposal and the City Manager is directed to submit the draft proposal for Douglas Avenue (U.S. Highway 6) Lane Reduction Pilot Project to the Iowa Department of Transportation for review and approval.

(Council Letter Number 20-166 attached)

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

FORM APPROVED: /s/
Kathleen Vanderpool
Deputy City Attorney

SLN

Funding Source: To be determined, if approved by the IDOT this project will be reviewed by the City's Budget Review Committee during the development of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Capital Improvement Program.

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

CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, 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
T.M. Franklin Cownie

P. Kay Cmelik City Clerk