

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

02-006

AGENDA:

JANUARY 7, 2002

SUBJECT:

IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
AGREEMENT FOR
HIGHLAND PARK
STREETSCAPE
IMPROVEMENTS

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

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ITEM _____

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CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

SYNOPSIS -

An agreement has been proposed between the City of Des Moines and the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for Highland Park Streetscape Improvements at the intersection of Euclid Avenue (US 6) and 6th Avenue.

The construction costs are eligible for 80 percent reimbursement by IDOT Surface Transportation Program (STP) Enhancement Funds, up to a maximum of \$185,334. The cost to resurface Euclid Avenue as part of the project will be 100 percent reimbursed by IDOT. The remainder of project cost will be funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and a Polk County grant. IDOT has prepared an agreement for the proposed improvement.

FISCAL IMPACT -

Funds are provided in the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval of this agreement with IDOT.

BACKGROUND -

On January 8, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-127, the City Council granted authorization to proceed with consultant selection for the Highland Park Streetscape Project. The consultant selection committee unanimously recommended Brian Clark and Associates as the firm most qualified to do the work required by this project.

The Highland Park Streetscape Project includes utility relocation, new sidewalks, brick street restoration, vintage street lighting, landscaping, street furnishings, an historic entry arch, and other related

improvements. The project focuses on making infrastructure improvements in the Highland Park Historic Business District at the intersection of 6th Avenue and State Highway 6, which is also Euclid Avenue. Brian Clark and Associates will complete all pre-design and design phase services, in addition to bidding review assistance.

A Steering Committee comprised of City staff and neighborhood representatives has been created to provide input and guidance to the consultant. Members of this committee include: Bridget Carberry (Community Development), Gary Hlavka (Engineering), Ken Boatwright (Parks Area Foundation), Larry Arnold (Highland Park Business Club), Joan Bothwell (Highland Park Community Action Association), Tina Oldson (Oak Park Neighbors), Frank Steinbach (property owner), Mike McBroom (French Way Cleaners), Bill Wheeler (Hiland Park Hardware), and Tim Reinders (private citizen). Numerous neighborhood meetings will be held throughout the process to receive input on the project.

The Community Development and Engineering Department staff has secured \$1,178,334 from various sources to implement the project—\$450,000 has been secured from the City's CDBG allocation, which includes \$300,000 from 2000 funds and \$150,000 from 2001 funds; a \$300,000 grant from Polk County; and \$185,334 in transportation enhancement funding (STP TE) has been received from the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. IDOT is also providing \$138,000 to resurface Euclid Avenue as part of the project, and \$105,000 is coming from the sanitary sewer enterprise fund to eliminate some storm drainage from entering the sanitary sewer system.

City staff is assisting the Parks Area Foundation to create a Self Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) to support the on-going operation and maintenance expenses related to the project. A SSMID petition will be presented to the Council for approval at a later date.

Funding for this Agreement will be made from the CDBG funding that has been allocated to this project. It is anticipated that construction will begin in Spring 2003.