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SUBJECT—

Authorization to proceed with design, including development of Request for Proposals (RFP) for design and construction services of the Southeast Connector, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00.

SYNOPSIS—

This authorization allows the Engineering Department to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the design of the Southeast Connector. The scope of work will include all aspects of engineering services needed for design and construction of the Southeast Connector from SW Second Street to Highway 65.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Funding to initiate consultant services for the project (\$125,000) is included in the proposed 2004-2005 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, CIP Index Code396366, Account 544020, Fund CP038, Organization ENG990000, Project STR039 – Estimated total project costs for the entire project from SW Second Street to Highway 65 are as much as \$185 million, which includes approximately \$20 – 25 million for future engineering services.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The Southeast Connector includes constructing a four-lane roadway from ML King Jr. Parkway at SW Second Street to SE 14th/15th Street and proceeding along the Southeast Diagonal Corridor from SE 14th Street/Scott Avenue to the Relocated U.S. Highway 65/Vandalia Road Interchange. Total project costs for the Southeast Connector from SW Second Street to Highway 65 are estimated to be \$185 million. This project will be completed in phases as federal, state and local matching funds become available. The consultant services need to be initiated in order to utilize future federal and state funds.

The scope of services in the proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) will include:

- Preliminary and final design, including stormwater and roadway design, and construction phase services from SW Second Street to SE 14th/15th Street.
- Environmental Impact Statement, preliminary design, final design and construction phase services from SE 14th /15th Street to relocated US Highway 65/Vandalia Road Interchange.

Work orders will be issued for each phase of work, as funding allows. The project phases include:

1. Preliminary and final design from SW Second Street to SE Sixth Street.
2. Construction phase services from SW Second to SE Sixth Street.
3. Preliminary and final design from SE Sixth to SE 14th/SE 15th.
4. Environmental Impact Study and appropriate preliminary design from SE 14th to relocated US Highway 65.
5. Construction phase services from SE Sixth to SE 14th/SE 15th.
6. Preliminary design, final design & construction phase services from SE 14th to US Highway 65.

Public and community involvement will be an important part of the project. A Citizen's Advisory group of 10 –12 individuals is proposed to guide project actions and ensure accountability to the community. The group will include representatives from the nearby neighborhoods: Laurel Hill, Chesterfield, Fairgrounds, and Capitol East. Local business owners, workers and interested individuals will be sought out and included in the group.

The RFP begins the process for selecting a design and planning professional for the entire project. This selection is critical to the overall success of the project. As such, the RFPs will be distributed widely for maximum exposure. In addition, our plan includes forming a selection committee that represents a broad cross section of the community. The proposed consultant selection committee will include 5 – 6 individuals:

- City Council Member
- East side Area Business Leader
- Planning and Zoning Commission Member.
- City Staff (3)

The final membership of the selection committee is subject to Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) requirements and approval.

Since this project will include federal funding, we must follow IDOT's 42-point process, "Federal-Aid Consultant Checklist." The proposed selection committee composition must be approved by IDOT. If Council approves this authorization to proceed, the RFP will be developed in coordination with IDOT and brought back to Council for approval.