


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-340	Meeting:	August 9, 2021
	Agenda Item:	34	Roll Call:	21-1227
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreements for the Iowa Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust Project: 4th and Grand and 9th and Locust Parking Garages.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of IDOT Agreement Numbers 21-VW-150 and 21-VW-151 for the Iowa Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust Project: 4th and Grand and 9th & Locust Parking Garages.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$103,420

Funding Source: Various funding being:

- \$15,000 – 4th and Grand Parking Garage - Iowa's Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust Project funds
- \$15,000 – 9th & Locust Parking Garage - Iowa's Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust Project funds
- \$73,420 - 2021-22 CIP, Page 59, Parking Facility Rehabilitation/Repair Program, PG016, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) filed a complaint alleging Volkswagen violated the federal Clean Air Act with the sale of motor vehicles between 2009 and 2016 equipped with "defeat devices" designed to perform differently during normal vehicle operation than during emissions tests; exceeding the EPA compliant levels of nitrogen oxides (NOx) during normal use.
- Volkswagen agreed to settle some of the allegations with the creation of an Environmental Mitigation Trust to fund a specific set of mitigation actions that will reduce NOx emissions.
- Iowa will receive approximately \$21 million in trust funds for NOx mitigation projects. The IDOT has been designated the lead state agency to administer the funds.

- In 2020, the City of Des Moines was awarded funding from the first cycle of Iowa's Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust for Zero Emission Vehicle Supply Equipment. These four (4) units have been installed in the 3rd & Court and 5th & Keo parking facilities.
- On February 22, 2021, by Roll Call No. 21-0281, City Council authorized the submittal of Iowa's Volkswagen Settlement Mitigation Trust for Zero Emission Vehicle Supply Equipment in March 2021 grant application to the IDOT. The application included two (2) Dual Level 2 electric charging stations at both the 4th and Grand and 9th & Locust Parking Garages.
- The City has been awarded partial funding for the installation of two (2) Dual Level 2 electric vehicle charging stations at both 4th and Grand and 9th & Locust Parking Garages. Installation in the 9th & Locust facility will be located on the ground floor level in the metered space area to provide the greatest degree of availability and visibility for the units to the motoring public. Installation in the 4th & Grand facility will be on the parking level adjacent to the skywalk.
- The installation of equipment would be phased to occur in the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and FY 2023, as allowable under the terms of the award agreement. This phasing of installation over two (2) FYs is due to significant shortfalls in revenue in the City's parking system during calendar year (CY) 2020 and anticipated to continue into CY 2021 due to the global pandemic, which are used as matching funds to the grant and are provided through monies in the Parking Facilities' Capital Improvement Program.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 22, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-0281](#)

Action: [Submittal](#) of applications in the second funding cycle of Iowa's Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust for Zero Emission Vehicle Supply Equipment in March 2021. ([Council Communication No. 21-091](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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