COUNCIL COMMUNICATION				
CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-413	Meeting:	September 11, 2023
	Agenda Item:	18	Roll Call:	23-1242
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the E. University Avenue Improvements from E. 14th Street to E. 17th Court Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the E. University Avenue Improvements from E. 14th Street to E. 17th Court Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the property acquisition process for this project under eminent domain. Relocation assistance will not be required for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

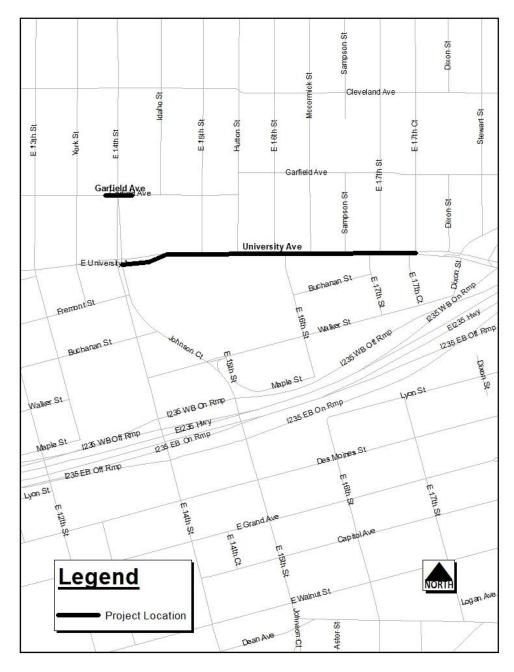
Amount: \$1,300,000 City Engineer's Estimate

<u>Funding Source</u>: 2023-24 CIP, Page 163, East University - E. 14th St. to I-235, ST315, Being: \$500,000 (Max) in Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Traffic Safety Improvement Funds under CS-TSF-1945(871)--85-77 and the remaining \$800,000 in G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This project will resurface the roadway pavement on E. University Avenue from E.14th Street to E. 17th Court, along with converting the roadway to a three (3)-lane facility. This project also includes:
 - o Improving sidewalk curb ramps at intersections along the corridor to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.
 - o Installation of new school flashing assemblies.
 - o Reconstruction of medians at the intersection of E. University Avenue and E. 14th Street to resolve conflicts with existing crosswalks.
 - Installing High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) pedestrian signals at the intersections of E. University Avenue and E. 15th Street and E. 14th Street and Garfield Avenue.

- Constructing a new pedestrian crossing with a refuge island on E. University Avenue at E. 16th Street.
- City Council is scheduled to receive bids and award a construction contract for this project in the fall of 2023, with construction scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2024 while school is out of session. The early bidding and award of this project is needed to accommodate the lead time that is necessary for the contractor to order traffic signals and allow ample time for them to be manufactured and delivered in a timely manner to prevent delay to the project completion.
- At this time, approximately nine (9) temporary construction easements, one (1) permanent easement and four (4) partial fee acquisitions are needed from 11 property owners to complete the construction of this project. Relocation assistance will not be required for this project and acquisition of all necessary property interests will be completed prior to the start of construction.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 8, 2023

Roll Call Number: 23-0630

Action: Approving and authorizing the execution of IDOT Agreement for E University Avenue (IA 163) from E 14th Street (US 69) to Easton Boulevard Four (4)-Lane to Three (3)-Lane Conversion. (Council Communication No. 23-233) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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