

★ Roll Call Number

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Date June 9, 2014

**APPROVING RECOMMENDATION FOR HUBBELL AVENUE RESTRIPIING PILOT PROJECT TO RETURN THE ROADWAY TO ITS ORIGINAL FOUR-LANE CONFIGURATION FROM EASTON BOULEVARD TO E 33<sup>RD</sup> STREET AND DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO CLOSE OUT THE GRANT PROCESS WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THIS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City had previously applied for an Iowa Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Funds Grant for a project on Hubbell Avenue, four-lane to three-lane conversion; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) thus offered a grant to the City; and

WHEREAS, City Council directed public engagement process resulted in a community consensus not to proceed with the proposed improvements; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2012, the City Council directed that the City Manager rescind the application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for Traffic Safety Funds and return the tendered grant agreement for Hubbell Avenue "Four-Lane to Three-Lane Conversion" Project, including bicycle lanes; and

WHEREAS, it was determined it was in the best interest of the City to pursue an alternative to the original safety project which included a "Four-Lane to Three-Lane Conversion" Project, including bicycle lanes from Hubbell Avenue from E 18<sup>th</sup> Street to E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street due to safety and citizen concerns; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2012, the City Manager was directed to develop an alternative safety project for Hubbell Avenue from Easton Boulevard to E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, and rescind prior Council direction for the Hubbell Avenue Restriping project; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2012, under Roll Call No. 12-1804, City Council approved a pilot project on Hubbell Avenue with no bicycle lanes from Easton to E.33rd Street to temporarily restripe the roadway on a trial basis to evaluate the actual safety benefits realized, and after the trial period to determine the level of success and whether to continue on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2013, under Roll Call No. 13-0292, City Council approved IDOT Agreement No. 2013-TS-012 for the Hubbell Avenue Restriping Pilot Project with no bicycle lanes from Easton Boulevard to E 33rd Street that provides for Stage 1 project implementation at a cost to not exceed \$50,000 and a possible Stage 2 project implementation at a remaining cost to not exceed \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for Traffic Safety Improvement Program Funding (Agreement) provides Stage 2 would be implemented if Stage 1 is determined successful based on the safety and public acceptance criteria; if it is determined that Stage 2 will not be implemented following the Stage 1 evaluation period, the costs of reverting Hubbell Avenue to the previous 4-lane designation will be accomplished solely at the City's expense and grant funds expensed as part of Stage 1 will not be required to be reimbursed to the IDOT; and

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WHEREAS, Stage 1 of the pilot project has been in place and safety and public acceptance criteria has been received, and the expected increases in safety benefits were not realized during Phase 1 of the trial basis, as the crash data did not reflect the anticipated large reduction in accidents, additionally the public opinion survey reflects 93% of respondents oppose the temporary restriping change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA:

1. In accordance with the Agreement with Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for Traffic Safety Improvement Program Funding (Agreement), the Stage One project was not successful in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the Agreement including safety, traffic flow and public acceptance measures.
2. The Acting City Manager is hereby directed to not implement the Stage Two project and further directed to revert Hubbell Avenue to the previous four lane designation at City expense.
3. The Acting City Manager is hereby directed to notify the Iowa Department of Transportation that the City will not be using the remainder of the grant funds allocated to the City of Des Moines under the Agreement for the Stage Two project.

(Council Communication Number 14-267 Attached)

Moved by Mahahey to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kathleen Vanderpool  
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 Deputy City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin  
 Mayor

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, 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.

Diane Rauh

City Clerk