

**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WINDSOR HEIGHTS, IOWA
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 8
For Meeting of 08/17/08

ITEM TITLE: Consideration of a resolution authorizing the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa to make an application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program for the partial funding of the 73rd Street reconstruction and expansion improvements from Hickman Road to Wilshire Blvd and further approving the application which obligates the City to match funds for the construction of said project.


CONTACT PERSON: John Wiedman, Public Works Director
Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) established a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), which was continued in the federal transportation bill called The 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Staff submitted this grant last year and the city just missed receiving funding. This grant includes reconstructing the area between Wilshire and Hickman Road on 73rd Street to widen the street and create new turning lanes. Although a section of this road was overlaid with asphalt this year, the underlying concrete was in extremely poor shape, this grant will provide funding to reconstruct and replace that concrete, if necessary at the time construction eventually occurs, vastly improving the street in that area. The estimated construction year would be either FY 2014.

The grant requires a minimum 20% match in order to qualify for funding. Last year's application estimated the construction costs at \$430,000 for a construction year of 2010. Calhoun-Burns is currently preparing an updated engineer's estimate for this project. Documents must be submitted to the Des Moines MPO by August 21, 2009.

Staff is asking for support of the application in order to proceed with the grant process.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution _____ Ordinance _____ Contract _____ Other (Specify) _____
Funding Source _____
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL _____ <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> City Administrator</div>

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Pass resolution authorizing application on a roll call vote.

COUNCIL ACTION:

RESOLUTION 09-0817/

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IOWA'S CLEAN AIR ATTAINMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PARTIAL FUNDING OF THE 73RD STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION IMPROVEMENTS FROM HICKMAN ROAD TO WILSHIRE BLVD AND FURTHER APPROVING THE APPLICATION WHICH OBLIGATES THE CITY TO MATCH FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) established a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program; and

WHEREAS, said program allows for funding to be provided to local jurisdictions for eligible transportation projects or programs that will contribute to meeting attainment of National Ambient Air Quality Standards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Windsor Heights has contracted with a professional traffic engineering firm, who has evaluated the project and determined that by providing improvements to this intersection there will be less traffic delays thereby reducing vehicle emissions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANDALE, IOWA, THAT:

1. The City Council supports and approves an application for Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program funding to make improvements to 73rd Street from Hickman Road to Wilshire Boulevard.
2. The City Council hereby commits to the City matching monies as required by Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program and directs staff to include the appropriate amount of local match in the appropriate FY budget.
3. The City Council hereby commits to accepting and maintaining these improvements.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the application on behalf of the City.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of August , 2009.

Jerry Sullivan, Mayor

Attest:

Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator/Clerk