

ITEM #: 6
DATE: 02-28-12

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: WEST LINCOLN WAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (DOTSON DRIVE/ LINCOLN WAY)

BACKGROUND:

This project is shown in the 2011/12 and 2012/13 Capital Improvements Plan, West Lincoln Way Intersection Improvements for Planning/Engineering and Construction respectively. The work will include the addition of turn lanes along West Lincoln Way and the installation of a new traffic signal system at the Lincoln Way & Dotson Drive intersection. A traffic impact study for South Fork Subdivision justified these intersection improvements. An existing Developer's Agreement requires the Developer and the City to share equally in the construction cost of these improvements.

To cover some of the costs of this \$1,085,000 project, the City submitted a Traffic Safety Improvement Program Grant Application for the maximum possible funding of \$500,000. After reviewing this grant submittal, Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) officials have approved the request and submitted the agreement. The TSIP grant requires a local match of 20%, which will be covered by both City and Developer funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Traffic Safety Improvement Program agreement with the Iowa DOT in the amount of \$500,000.
2. Reject the agreement and fund the project locally.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Traffic Safety Improvement Program agreement with the Iowa DOT in the amount of \$500,000.