

ITEM#: 12  
DATE: 03-23-21

## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ISU PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT EASEMENT ON UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD**

### **BACKGROUND:**

On November 20, 2020, City staff and ISU Staff held a courtesy development review of a Pedestrian Bridge project that would span University Boulevard right-of-way (ROW). The bridge will connect Jack Trice Stadium to the stadium's athletic fields and satellite parking areas. As part of this project, an easement agreement between ISU and the City will allow the bridge's structure to be located within and over top of the City's ROW. Below is a map depicting the location of the proposed bridge.



*Project Location Map*

**Before the City can approve an easement on public ROW, there needs to be a public hearing. Therefore, this City Council action will set the date of the public hearing for April 13, 2021. At that same meeting, staff will have a final draft of the easement agreement and plat, reviewed by both the City's and ISU's legal staff.**

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Set April 13, 2021 as the date of public hearing for an easement on University Boulevard for the ISU Pedestrian Bridge Project.
2. Reject the public hearing date and direct staff to revise the project timeline with ISU.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This pedestrian bridge project is the first step in implementing ISU's multi-use entertainment and art district master plan. This bridge will significantly improve traffic safety during stadium events by reducing the potential pedestrian and vehicle conflicts seen at the S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street and University Blvd intersection.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.