

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: IOWA CLEAN AIR ATTAINMENT PROGRAM (ICAAP) GRANT APPLICATION FOR GRAND AVENUE EXTENSION IMPROVEMENTS**

**BACKGROUND:**

This project is part of the Grand Avenue Extension project in an effort to ultimately connect South Grand Avenue to South 16<sup>th</sup> Street. This specific project, as shown in the 2016/17 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP), includes the extension of South Grand Avenue to the new intersection with South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and the construction of rerouted South 5<sup>th</sup> Street from South Grand Avenue to South Duff. The project also includes modifications to the intersection at South Duff.

The Iowa DOT administers grants through the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) that provide approximately \$4 million annually to fund projects with the highest potential for reducing transportation-related congestion and air pollution. The application deadline for the next application cycle is December 1, 2016. There is a minimum requirement of 20% in local matching funds. For this project the local match will be approximately \$2,469,000, leaving \$931,000 to be requested from the Iowa DOT.

There are other requirements for this grant. First, an official certification from the governing body (in this case the City Council) is needed to commit the necessary local match funding for project implementation and, upon project completion, to assume responsibility for adequately maintaining the project for public use during the project's useful life. Secondly, an end-of-project report on emissions benefits will also be required.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Authorize the ICAAP application for the Grand Avenue Extension Improvements in the amount of \$931,000, and provide official certification in the form of a resolution to commit the necessary local matching funds for the project as well as to assume responsibility for maintaining the facility for public use during the project's useful life.
2. Do not authorize this grant application.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The ICAAP grant funding is available to help fund this project, which will help relieve traffic congestion along Lincoln Way (between Grand Avenue and South Duff Avenue) and South Duff Avenue (between Lincoln Way and South 5<sup>th</sup> Street).

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1 as described above.