# COUNCIL ACTION FORM

## **SUBJECT:** AGREEMENT WITH IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TEMPORARY INTERSTATE 35 DETOUR ROUTES

## BACKGROUND:

The lowa Department of Transportation (DOT) has requested a proactive agreement with the City to outline approved routes for detouring traffic from portions of Interstate 35 for short-term incidents. A detour taking place under this agreement would not exceed 48 hours in length, and would be for incidents such as crash, fire, flood, toxic air quality, a potential explosion and/or explosion that make portions of Interstate 35 unsuitable for travelers. The attached agreement shows the City streets to be used as the pre-planned detour routes.

The detour agreement would be in effect for up to five years and may be canceled by either party at any time. The installation and maintenance of the detour signs will be performed by the Iowa DOT. Engineers from the City and Iowa DOT will jointly inspect the proposed routes to assure structural and operational adequacy and determine any appropriate measures that need to be taken to accommodate the detoured traffic, should the detours ever be utilized.

## ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Approve the Detour Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for Interstate 35.
- 2. Do not approve the detour agreement, and request that the lowa DOT develop alternative detour routes.

## **CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The proposed detour routes will allow the Iowa DOT to maintain Interstate 35 operations during short-term closures due to temporary incidents. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.



#### AGREEMENT FOR USE OF LOCAL AGENCY ROADS FOR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEMPORARY DETOUR ROUTES

This Agreement is entered into by and between the Iowa Department of Transportation, hereinafter known as the DOT; and the

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County Board of Supervisors, hereinafter known as the Local Public Agency (LPA).

WHEREAS, the DOT has determined the necessity to enact short-term closures (less than 48 hours) of area highways as a result of temporary incidents (i.e. crash, fire, flood, toxic air quality, a potential explosion and/or explosion) (closures that will extend beyond 48 hours will be covered under a separate detour agreement Form 810012), and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide a detour for the primary highway closure period, and

WHEREAS, the LPA agrees to permit the use of local agency roads as a detour, more particularly described as follows

Dayton Road, 13th St., East Riverside Dr.

WHEREAS, the detours utilized pursuant to this Agreement are not subject to Iowa Code Sections 313.28 and 313.29, and

WHEREAS, authorized engineers representing both the DOT and the LPA shall jointly inspect the proposed detour routes to assure structural and operational adequacy of the routes and to determine the appropriate measures to be taken to accommodate the detoured traffic, and

WHEREAS, the DOT agrees to install and maintain detour signs and provide all traffic control devices required by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and

WHEREAS, at the request of the DOT or LPA, the DOT and the LPA shall review the detour routes and signs and, if necessary, enter into a new Agreement due to changing circumstances. This agreement shall remain in effect until replaced or cancelled by either party, but shall not remain in effect for longer than 5 years from the date of full execution of this agreement.

WHEREAS, the LPA shall notify the DOT if a bridge or structure on the detour route cannot carry legal loads or permitted loads up to 156,000 lbs. The LPA shall inform the DOT of the allowable load limit so that the route can be reviewed, or if the allowable load limit changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED that the described roads be used as detours under stipulations outlined above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the DOT and LPA have caused this Agreement to be executed by proper officers thereunto duly authorized

as the dates shown below.

District Engineer (or designee) Iowa Department of Transportation Date

City representative

Date

Printed name and title of city representative

County representative

Date

Printed name and title of county representative





