



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Laurel L. Prussing and Members of the City Council

FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director
Craig E. Shonkwiler, Assistant City Engineer

DATE: March 5, 2015

RE: Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project Funding

Introduction

On Monday, December 1, 2014, the Urbana City Council approved Resolution Number 2014-11-064R which committed the city to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Champaign, Champaign – Urbana Mass Transit District and the University of Illinois to participate in the Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project (MCORE). This \$34,800,000 project consists of five distinct street improvement projects aimed at accommodating vehicular, transit, pedestrian and bicycle travel between the cities' downtown districts and the University District. Details of the MCORE project can be found on the project website at www.mcoreproject.com.

The city's commitment (share) to this project is \$2,100,000 which is to be paid out over the next five calendar years (2015 – 2019) based on related engineering fees and construction expenses for the Green Street improvements between Wright Street and Busey Avenue (Project 1) and for the Green Street improvements between Busey Avenue and Race Street (Project 5). The consulting engineer began incurring expenses in January. The City of Champaign is the lead agency per the intergovernmental agreement and will bill the three agency partners per their agreement commitments.

Financial Impact

The five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) had identified Green Street improvements with a planned budget amount of \$720,000 in Fiscal Year 2017/2018 and \$980,000 in Fiscal Year 2018/2019. Identified project costs that are storm sewer related (\$400,000) will be funded with Stormwater Utility Fees. There will likely be additional expenses that will push Urbana's share above the \$2,100,000 commitment. City staff will submit future requests for additional funds and seek city council approval at the time those amounts are known.

Additional funding for streetscape and street related improvements on the Green Street portion located downtown between Race Street and Cedar Street may be funded with Tax Increment Financing funds.

Since the state motor fuel tax fund and the local motor fuel tax fund have insufficient reserves, staff recommends postponing the resurfacing improvements on Lincoln Avenue from 570 feet south of Killarney Street to Saline Court in order to fund this project. The Lincoln Avenue project is budgeted at \$1,800,000. The Broadway Avenue reconstruction project, which is funded with General Fund (A09) monies, will proceed as scheduled this calendar year.

The consultant engineering services for this project will be funded with State Motor Fuel Tax (SMFT). The Urbana local share cost for Phase I Preliminary Engineering services for the Green Street section from Wright Street to Race Street is \$500,000. The Urbana local share cost for Phase II Engineering services for the preparation of plans, specifications, estimates and the acquisition of necessary right-of-way and easement parcels for the Green Street section from Wright Street to Busey Avenue is \$420,000. The attached resolutions request use of State Motor Fuel Tax monies to be appropriated in the amount of \$500,000 for Phase I Preliminary Engineering Services and \$420,000 for Phase II Engineering Services and land acquisition costs for the project.

The budget amendment adds \$350,000 for FY2014/2015 expenditures related to preliminary engineering design work for the MCORE project. The budget for resurfacing Lincoln Avenue is reduced by the same amount. Further reductions will be made in the budget for resurfacing Lincoln Avenue after additional evaluation. This budget amendment does not impact the ending fund balance since these changes offset each other.

Subsequent budgets will state the amount and the fund to pay the city's share for the MCORE projects over the next five years.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (MCORE Project - Green Street Improvements: Wright Street to Race Street (PEI)),
- A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code (MCORE Project - Green Street Improvements: Wright Street to Busey Avenue (PEII)), and
- An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance, FY2014-2015, (MCORE Project – Green Street Improvements: Wright Street to Race Street (PEI))

be approved.

ORDINANCE 2015-03-025

An Ordinance Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance

FY2014-2015

(MCORE Project - Green Street Improvements: Wright Street to Race Street (PEI))

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget Ordinance of and for the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, (the "Annual Budget Ordinance") has been duly adopted according to Sections 8-2-9.1 et seq. of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/8-2-9.1 et seq., hereafter, the Illinois Municipal Code) and Division 2, entitled "Budget", of Article VI, entitled "Finances and Purchases", of Chapter 2, entitled "Administration", of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois (the "City Code"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the said City of Urbana finds it necessary to revise said Annual Budget Ordinance by deleting, adding to, changing or creating sub-classes within object classes and object classes themselves; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to effectuate the purpose of such revision; and

WHEREAS, such revision is not one that may be made by the Budget Director under the authority so delegated to the Budget Director pursuant to section 8-2-9.6 of the Municipal Code and section 2-133 of the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the Annual Budget be and the same is hereby revised to provide as follows:

FUND: Motor Fuel Tax Fund

REDUCE EXPENSE: Lincoln Ave-Resurface-\$350,000 E09-1-0400-0363

FUND: Motor Fuel Tax Fund

ADD EXPENSE: MCORE PEI- \$350,000 E09-1-0400-0368

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval and shall not be published.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the corporate authorities then holding office, the "ayes" and "nays" being called at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor