

COMMUNICATION
URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
 CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

JULY 20, 2010 MEETING

Subject:	Recommendation	Prepared by:
SE CONNECTOR PROJECT SE 9 TH STREET TO SE 13 TH STREET (INFORMATIONAL OVERVIEW OF FUTURE PHASES INCLUDED)	X APPROVE DISAPPROVE NO ACTION OTHER	RITA CONNER 283-4019 PROJECT MANAGER PAM COOKSEY 283-4747
Attachment Listing: HTTP://WWW.DMOED.ORG/UDRB2.HTM		

Summary:

The SE Connector is planned as a four lane arterial street that will connect Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and the Central Business District to Highway 65 /5 (Purple Heart Highway) at the Vandalia Road Interchange. The project is seen as a critical feature for transportation connectivity and commerce at both the local and regional scale.

Informational materials are attached for the Board's review, including the project overview, scheduling and costs. Also provided are detail sheets and cross sections for the design features of the project. A presentation will be provided for the Board at the July 20 meeting.

Scope of Review – Board to make recommendation to City Council on:

- Design review of renovation /remodeling/new construction for City-owned or leased project
- Design review for urban renewal project with specific development requirements
- Whether a proposed urban renewal project qualifies for funding from tax increment.
- Whether the level of financial assistance funded from tax increment revenues proposed for a specific individual project are reasonable and appropriate.
- The selection of urban renewal sites for clearance or rehabilitation and problems relating to acquisition, clearance or rehabilitation of property, relocation of displaced persons and disposition of acquired property.
- Skywalk System
- Other

Urban Design Review Board Action:

The Board is asked to make its recommendation to City Council regarding the design elements and corridor enhancements of the SE 9th- SE 14th phase of the SE Connector project.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval as presented, pending Board comments.

Background:

In February 2009, the Board reviewed the SW 2nd to SE 9th phase of the SE Connector project. The construction activity on the project since that meeting can be reviewed at the City of Des Moines Engineering website at <http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/Engineering/PDF/Ward4.pdf>. This includes work on the Des Moines River bridge, with levee and utility relocations, and paving from SW 2nd to SE 9th. Work is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2010. The SE 9th to SE 14th phase is scheduled for Spring 2011 to fall 2011.

