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From: The City Manager

Subject: Application for Transportation Enhancement Funds

Manager' Recommendation:

I recommend that the City actively seek Transportation Enhancement funds and participate in the proposed streetscape project on E. Genesee Avenue between N. Franklin Street and Janes Avenue. MDOT requests, as part of the application process, that a resolution be adopted by City Council indicating their support of the enhancement project.

Justification

The Michigan Department of Transportation has announced its call for applications for Transportation Enhancement funds for proposed non-motorized enhancements/beautification improvements. The City is proposing to install streetscape amenities on E. Genesee Avenue between N. Franklin Street and Janes Avenue. The streetscape items include decorative streetlights, colored stamped sidewalk and crosswalks, decorative stone half-walls and decorative fencing, benches, trash receptacles, and landscaping. This project will extend an existing downtown streetscape located on N. Washington Avenue (M-13). The streetscape enhancements will be constructed in conjunction with the reconstruction of E. Genesee Avenue between N. Franklin Street and Janes Avenue. The reconstruction of Johnson Street is scheduled for the 2010 construction season. The enhancement of this entrance to the downtown will improve the economic viability of the downtown area. The proposed roadway improvements will improve vehicular traffic flow and both vehicular and pedestrian safety.

The total estimated cost of this project is \$5,185,000.00; of which, \$805,000.00 is

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the estimated cost of the water main improvements, \$1,050,000.00 is the estimated cost of the sewer main improvements, \$1,705,000.00 is the estimated cost of the roadway improvements, and traffic signal equipment upgrades, and \$1,625,000 is the estimated cost of the streetscape improvements. City Water Surplus funds will be used to fund the water/sewer main improvements. Federal STP Urban funds will be used to pay for \$760,000.00 of said road improvements. Federal Safety funds will pay for \$240,000.00 towards traffic signal upgrades. Transportation Enhancement funds, if approved by the State of Michigan, will pay for \$510,000.00 of enhancement/streetscape items. Federal appropriations monies will pay for \$1,000,000 of the streetscape improvements. The required City match monies for this project may come from ACT 51 funds, Community Development Block Grant funds, and Sewer Surplus or Water surplus funds. Should the State not approve the project for Transportation Enhancement monies, the project scope will be drastically reduced to eliminate many of the enhancement items and project estimate. The City of Saginaw will provide full design engineering and construction administration services for the project.

Council Action

Council _____ moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.