

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Michigan Department of Transportation Cost Agreement Number 09-5518

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that Michigan Department of Transportation ("MDOT") Cost Agreement ("Agreement") Number 09-5518 be approved and that the City Manager be authorized to execute this Agreement. The Agreement has been approved by me as to substance and the City Attorney as to form. A resolution to approve the Agreement appears under the regular order of business.

Justification:

Transmitted herewith is a proposed Cost Agreement (City Clerk's File No. _____) with MDOT for the purpose of setting forth the rights and obligations of the parties in agreeing to the improvements associated with the removal and replacement of concrete sidewalk including the installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps, cross walk improvements, pavement markings, school zone signing and placement of bicycle racks along various streets in the vicinity of Herig Elementary School; together with necessary related work. The project is being paid for by 100 percent Federal Funds under the National Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) program, and will require no financial participation from the City. All of the project work will be performed by the Michigan Department of Transportation at no cost to the City. Funding for schools was established by Congress under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users of 2005 (SAFETEA-LU), which is part of the surface transportation bill and was signed into law on August 10, 2005. Safe Routes to School (SR2S) is an international movement—and now a federal program—to make it safe, convenient and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school.

Council Action:

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