

## Indianola Avenue Corridor Project Update

September 10, 2007

Dear Resident:

We want to keep you informed on the status of the East Indianola Avenue Corridor Project. In July 2007 the environmental documentation for the corridor, which is between SE 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Army Post Road, was approved by the Federal Highway Administration. The planned improvements as identified in this document include widening East Indianola Avenue to a 4-lane roadway from SE 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Army Post Road. Some segments will also include left-turn lanes and/or a center boulevard where adequate right-of-way can be obtained.

The Environmental Assessment was concluded with a Finding of No Significant Impact, which means that there are no anticipated impacts to resources protected by federal law. This allows the City of Des Moines to make use of federal-aid funding to help pay for the project.

This federal action allows for normal project design and right-of-way activities to begin. The intent of this letter is to inform you of the next steps in the process, and the opportunities for you to continue to provide your input.

First, we plan to take the report's recommendations to the Des Moines City Council this fall, asking for their approval of the proposed corridor improvements, and also to authorize the design phase to begin. If their approval is granted, later this fall, survey crews would be in the area to perform topographical surveys (existing features and elevations) and boundary surveys (property lines and rights of way). During the survey, it may be necessary for the surveyors to be on your property if you are adjacent to Indianola Avenue, or are in proximity to Indianola Avenue on a connecting street. If you have specific concerns about certain features of your property, please contact the design team as noted below. This will help the team collect appropriate field information during the survey. Your cooperation and assistance in this effort is greatly appreciated.

Once completed, the survey information will be used in the design of the roadway, sidewalks, driveways and grading and shaping, and the location of utilities. This process will identify permanent right of way needs, and temporary easements required for construction. A public meeting will be held during this phase of the design, to discuss the details of how the project will affect your property, and to again receive your comments and address your concerns.



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Construction of the project is expected to begin in 2009 or 2010, and will occur in segments to allow for funding and contracting constraints. This will also allow for reasonable access during construction. The first construction segment will be from SE 14<sup>th</sup> Street to approximately Watrous Avenue, or past the front of Jackson Elementary School. Subsequent segments of the project will follow approximately one to two years apart depending on funding, eventually completing the project south to Army Post Road.

Your input in the development of this project is important. If you have any questions for the design team, please contact Richard Voelker, Project Engineer with Snyder & Associates, Inc. at 964-2020, or Michael Ring, City Traffic and Transportation Division at 283-4973. You can also contact us at:

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Sincerely,



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