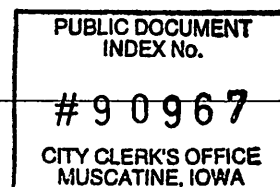


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On July 30 The City of Muscatine received the first payment of \$99,133.75 for the IJOBS street project funding. The 2nd and final payment estimated at \$120,796.25 is expected to be received in July of 2010 which will bring the total funding to \$219,930. Per the initial information we received from the IDOT, funds can be used for any street related expenditures in the same manner as Road Use Tax funds. The IDOT encourages local governments to use the funds for readily identifiable road or bridge construction or improvement projects. The IDOT also encourages local governments to use the funds for projects that can be undertaken "quickly". Each allocation is required to be used within two years.

It appears the City will be required to file an initial report by September 15, 2009 identifying specific projects or activities where the funds will be used. City staff (Jon Lutz, Randy Howell, Nancy Lueck, Steve Boka and me) discussed several potential projects meeting the IJOBS requirements. These included Cedar Street, Mississippi Drive, Bidwell, Handicapped Ramps, Houser Street and Railroad crossings.

It is our recommendation to direct the funds to Bidwell Ave. Recently engineering cost estimates to replace Bidwell from Wier to Isett Ave exceeded \$800,000. This would involve a reconstruction similar to Clay Street. Funds for this type of improvement are not available. However, a 3" asphalt overlay, including associated concrete patching and handicapped ramps at intersections with sidewalks, could be completed per the IJOBS timetable and stay within the \$220K ceiling. It is a readily identifiable project which can be undertaken quickly. We would add this work to the 2009 Pavement Improvements Project and the 2009 Curb & Gutter & Street Maintenance Program via change orders.

We are requesting authorization to move forward with street improvements to Bidwell Ave. utilizing IJOBS funds earmarked for that purpose.

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