



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Freeman & City Council

CC: Doug Maxeiner, City Administrator
Annika Whiting, Finance Director
Arletta Holmes, City Clerk
Lincoln Scott, City Attorney

FROM: Tim Kammler

DATE: May 11, 2020

RE: BUILD Grant Application – Greater Downtown Streetscaping

As you are aware, a team of consultants and city staff has been in the process of developing a comprehensive master plan for the revitalization of East Moline’s greater downtown area. As part of the master-planning process, the design team has conducted public input meetings, community stakeholder meetings, and meetings of a project Steering Committee. These efforts have resulted in a draft master plan based upon direct input from citizens, business owners, and developers.

To provide a funding source for this benchmark project, the design team is in the process of completing an application for a “Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development” (BUILD) grant; maximum funding for a single project is \$25M, and no more than \$100M can be awarded to a single state. The final application packet is due on or before May 18. Prior to this submittal deadline, staff has asked our consultant team (V&K, Smith Group) to provide a presentation of the work to date and summarize key elements of the master plan which the Steering Committee is recommending be included in the BUILD Grant request. A copy of the Steering Committee packet with the various exhibits and design elements is attached for review and consideration.

After the presentation and discussion, the City Council will be asked for a vote of support of the Steering Committee’s recommended elements for East Moline’s BUILD Grant application:

▪ Downtown 15 th Avenue (6 th St – 13 th St)	\$10,110,762
▪ 12 th Avenue (1 st St – 7 th St)	\$7,205,172
▪ Bend Blvd. Streetscaping, Extension to 7 th Street	\$6,000,000
▪ 7 th Street “Connection” (12 th Av – 15 th Av)	<u>\$1,501,305</u>
	\$24,817,239

Based on input from all parties involved, the Steering Committee has concluded that, while East Moline cannot currently afford to construct all of the desired improvements in the master plan, these elements are a priority and should be the focus of this BUILD Grant application.

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