CITY OF IOWA CITY
MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 5, 2013

TO: Tom Markus, City Manager

FROM: Rick Fosse, Public Works Director

RE: **Iowa City Gateway Project**
Work Session Presentations

At the September 17th and October 1st City Council work sessions, city staff and our project consultant, HNTB, will facilitate discussion of the Gateway Project with the ultimate goal of establishing design parameters for the project. The September 17th meeting will focus on the project background, the process we have followed to date, funding sources and design options. The October 1st meeting will focus on establishing the following three design parameters:

- Level of protection for Dubuque Street
- Backwater reduction goal for the bridge
- Structural type of the bridge

Options for these three decisions will be provided along with supporting information such as renderings, cross-sections, and cost estimates to help facilitate an informed decision.

Both meetings will focus on answering the City Council's questions about the project. The two meeting format was developed specifically with this in mind. There may be questions at the first meeting that require more number crunching or research that can be answered at the second meeting.   Also, the City Council will have a second opportunity to ask questions after contemplating the information from the first meeting.

Given the complexity of this project and the level of public interest, we have attached the following materials for Council's review prior to the first meeting:

- Flood Recovery and Mitigation Update (to put this project in the context of the City's complete flood mitigation strategy)
- A Guide to Environmental Documents and the NEPA Process for the Gateway Project
- Recap of the Process to Date with specific note of Public meetings, outreach and opportunity for public & agency input.
- References and Links to Project-related documents
- Funding Sources Summary
- Project Schedule
- Initial, Reasonable and the Preferred Alternatives
- Cross-Sections
- Historical and Adjacent Property Exhibits
- Renderings