CITY OF IOWA CITY
MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2014

TO: Tom Markus, City Manager

FROM: Rick Fosse, Public Works Director *RAF*

RE: **Iowa City Gateway Project**

Outlined below is a summary of the discussion and decisions from the January 21, 2014 City Council work session and formal meeting.

At the formal meeting a resolution was adopted that established the following primary design parameters for the project:

1. Protection level for Dubuque Street: 100-year flood elevation plus one foot.

2. Backwater Reduction Goal (low steel elevation): 200-year flood elevation plus one foot.

3. Structural Type for the Bridge: Through Arch.

In addition to these primary design parameters, the City Council expressed an interest in having an active role in establishing a number of design element for the project, including:

- Transportation model and forecast and findings for the corridor

- Roadway alignment and medians

- Roadway design speed

- Vehicular travel lane width

- Sidewalk locations and width

- Turning lanes on Dubuque Street, Park Road and Park Road Bridge

- Potential pedestrian-activated cross walk signal at the Mayflower dormitory

At the present time we anticipate returning to discuss these design elements at the March 25, 2014 work session. Once these design elements have been established, the Concept Statement will be prepared and submitted to the Iowa DOT for review and approval.

Prior to the work session noted above, we will host a Pre-Design meeting in late February to continue the public input process.

We will attend another City Council work session, probably in May, to discuss the corridor aesthetic elements. This will include items such as:

- Retaining wall concepts and aesthetics
- Bridge aesthetic features
- Lighting
- Landscaping concepts

Throughout the design process the web site and the public email distribution list will continue to be used when there is new information available. As always, do not hesitate to contact staff with any questions or comments.

Cc: Ron Knoche, City Engineer

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