BILL 2013-9

****** First Reading ******

AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Drew Bontrager, Public Works Director

DATE: February 19, 2013

RE: **Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Transportation Enhancement Funds Program Agreement for pedestrian access on N. Walnut and US 36 overpass**

PURPOSE

The attached bill would authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Committee for acceptance of grant funding for construction of pedestrian improvements on N Walnut Street and the US 36 overpass.

DISCUSSION & FINANCING

In the 2030 Comprehensive Plan pedestrian access on N. Walnut and US 36 overpass was identified as a priority. With the number of pedestrians utilizing this route coupled with incidents in the past the Council has continually outlined this as a priority too. Since 2007 there has been continual conversation with our partners at MoDot on how we could construct these improvements. However, funding was always a major obstacle. Therefore, when grant funding was announced this past fall we applied for Transportation Enhancement grants.

Transportation Enhancement funds are federal funds available to local public agencies though a competitive grant process for transportation related projects. Public agencies are reimbursed for project costs at a rate of 80%, up to a maximum of $240,000.00 per grant, with a minimum 20% match. Recently we were notified we were successful in obtaining the requested grant funding.

In order to obtain enough funding, we split this area into two separate projects. The first project is the construction of a five-foot wide sidewalk from Grand Avenue north to the US 36 overpass with the grant amount totaling $140,705. The total estimated project cost is $178,108.00 with our match at $37,403.00. For the second portion we received the maximum grant funding amount of $240,000. This project is for the construction of a cantilever pedestrian access at the US 36 bridge overpass. This project is estimated at $322,318.00 with a match of approximately $82,318.00. Construction for both projects would be in the 2014 construction season.

Since construction and the bulk of the expenses will not be until our next fiscal year, we can include in the Street Department budget for the match next year.

RECOMMENDATION

We are recommending the Council adopt the attached bill authorizing the City Manager to sign the Transportation Enhancement Funds Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ON N. WALNUT STREET & AT THE US36 BRIDGE OVERPASS

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron has determined pedestrian access along Walnut Street and over US36 a priority; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for and was successful in obtaining two Transportation Enhancement grants in order to complete the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City needs to enter into an agreement for the acceptance of the funding and the construction of the improvements for both projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, Missouri as follows:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Transportation Enhancement Funds Program Agreements with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the use of Transportation Enhancement funds. The first being for the construction of pedestrian access along N Walnut Street and the second for pedestrian access at the US 36 bridge overpass; all as per the agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute any ancillary documents associated with this project.

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this Ordinance on behalf of the City of Cameron.

Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed and approved on first reading this 4th day of March 2013.
Passed and approved on second reading this _____ day of _____ 2013.
Passed and approved on third and final reading this _____ day of _____ 2013.

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk

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