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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Manier and Committee of the Whole
FROM: Jon R. Oliphant, AICP, Planning & Development Director
SUBJECT: ITEP Project Consideration
DATE: October 5, 2017

Summary: Staff seeks feedback on whether to submit an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) application. Applications are due to IDOT by December 1.

Background: The call for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) projects opened on October 2 by IDOT. As you will recall from prior discussions, ITEP provides funding on an 80/20 basis for eligible projects including recreation trails and streetscape enhancements. The City has been fortunate to have received ITEP funding for three rec trail projects previously.

Staff requests feedback on whether to submit for any potential ITEP projects. The deadline for submittal is December 1. IDOT has recently indicated there is \$40 million in funding for this cycle compared with \$29 million available in 2016. The maximum award is \$2 million per project. IDOT anticipates announcing project awards in the Spring of 2018.

The Public Works Committee discussed this at their meeting on October 2. The consensus was to consider an application for the Square streetscape that focuses on restoring and beautifying the sidewalks on each side and improving pedestrian access to the interior Square from the north and south sides. Staff also recommends the replacement of aging electrical components and streetlights on the perimeter. As with the previous application completed in 2016, a streetscape project could be considered in the "Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities" category since it would be used for surface transportation activities, has a historic designation, and is located on publicly-owned and operated property. Please note that projects that are solely routine maintenance or sidewalk repairs are ineligible.

If the desire is to proceed with an ITEP application for the Square streetscape, staff would recommend that it be titled Phase 1. This would reduce the project scope from what was submitted in 2016 but also show the interest in doing further improvements as funding allows. Staff anticipates a cost of approximately \$1 million for the completion of this work, which includes engineering.

General discussion is scheduled for the October 9 Committee of the Whole meeting.