

Public Hearing: November 17, 2008

## FACT SHEET

**TITLE:** "Pedestrian Countdown Signal Head Project"- various signalized locations.  
City Project # 701076  
State Project # HSIP-5239(7), CN #12927;

**SPONSOR:** Public Works and Utilities

**OPPONENTS:** Unknown

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:**  
Nebraska Department of Roads and Federal Hwy.  
Administration

**APPLICANT:** Public Works and Utilities

**REASON FOR LEGISLATION:** To provide authority for the Mayor to execute a Safety Improvement Project Agreement between the City of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads (NDOR). This agreement will obligate Federal Funds to reimburse the City for Engineering and Construction of Pedestrian Countdown Signal Heads at various signalized locations.

## DISCUSSION

To provide the quality of service the Lincoln community expects, the City consistently pursues safety enhancement, maintenance and rehabilitation of the existing pedestrian infrastructure. Walking is an essential part of our daily activities, whether it be for work, shop, school or play, therefore, the City continuously promotes safety and security of all pedestrians and bicyclists from school age children to the elderly. Historically since 1963 the City in collaboration with Public and Private schools has maintained a comprehensive School Crossing Protection Program that includes engineering, enforcement and education. A review of the City's 2005 through 2007 crash history for pedestrian and bicycle crashes indicates a total occurrence of 196, 210 and 223 crashes respectively. The City is pursuing a proactive approach to help reduce the likelihood and severity of these crashes by proposing the installation of pedestrian countdown signal heads at 122 signalized school and pedestrian crossings. The NDOR Safety Committee has approved this project and agreed to reimburse the City, using Federal Safety Funds for 80% of the total eligible cost estimated at \$195,000. The anticipated implementation of this project is summer 2009.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:** No

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:** Engineering and Construction Cost estimated at \$195,000

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Federal Safety Funds = 80% of the total eligible cost estimated at \$156,000

**CITY:** 20% of the total eligible cost estimated at \$39,000 (Street Construction Funds -SO)

**NON CITY:** \$156,000 Federal Safety Funds.

**BENEFIT COST:** N/A

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