CITY OF COFFEYVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE	8-27-13	
RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NUMBER		
AGENDA TITLE	**Discussion of Downtown Traffic Study**	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT	Administration	
PRESENTER	Gary Bradley, City Manager	
FISCAL INFORMATION	Cost as recommended:	TBD
	Budget Line Item:	
	Balance Available	
	New Appropriation Required:	[X] Yes [ ] No
PURPOSE	Discussion to obtain direction regarding signals in and around the downtown area.	

BACKGROUND	Members of the City commission have asked that certain signals be removed, while others have suggested that some signals should be made to flash. In either instance, such a change could result in liability to the City if it were made without first having conducted a traffic analysis to ensure the safety of the change. With the costs associated with hiring a consulting engineer to conduct such a traffic analysis, it makes sense while they are in the area conducting the work to have them also look at the advantages and disadvantages of one-way vs. two-way traffic on 8th and 9th streets in the downtown area. The results of both pieces of analysis, in turn, would serve as a foundation upon which to build a downtown master plan, as the decisions on those topics underlie the design issues of street and sidewalk width, utility placement, etc. The work would send a signal to the downtown community that we are taking the steps necessary to develop the appropriate planning documents that would then be used to support any future redevelopment in the downtown area. Having such preliminary engineering is also typically a requirement of grant applications that could prove useful in leveraging the City's investment in the area.
SPECIAL NOTES	Cost of the project would depend on the scope of work on the project. Looking at the AM and PM peak traffic counts with full analysis of turning movements, along with estimating the potential change to those figures if traffic were reopened to two way traffic would probably be in the neighborhood of $15,000.
ANALYSIS	Though currently unbudgeted, expenditures for this project would fit within the City's policy for the use of non-recurring revenues, and would also assist in the development of grant applications that could reduce the City's overall costs for infrastructure improvements in the downtown area.
PUBLIC INFORMATION PROCESS	N/A
BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends issuing a request for qualifications to select a consulting engineer to conduct a traffic study of the downtown area.
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED	