

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-161	Meeting:	April 5, 2021
	Agenda Item:	34	Roll Call:	21-0581
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hold public hearing on the intent to commence a public improvement project to construct the Indianola Avenue Reconstruction – E. Army Post Road to Highway 69 Project and to authorize acquisition of the necessary property interests, including agricultural land, for the project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary right-of-way and easements for the Indianola Avenue Reconstruction – E. Army Post Road to Highway 69 Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the property acquisition under eminent domain.

This project consists of reconstructing Indianola Avenue between E. Army Post Road and Highway 69. This project will not require relocation assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

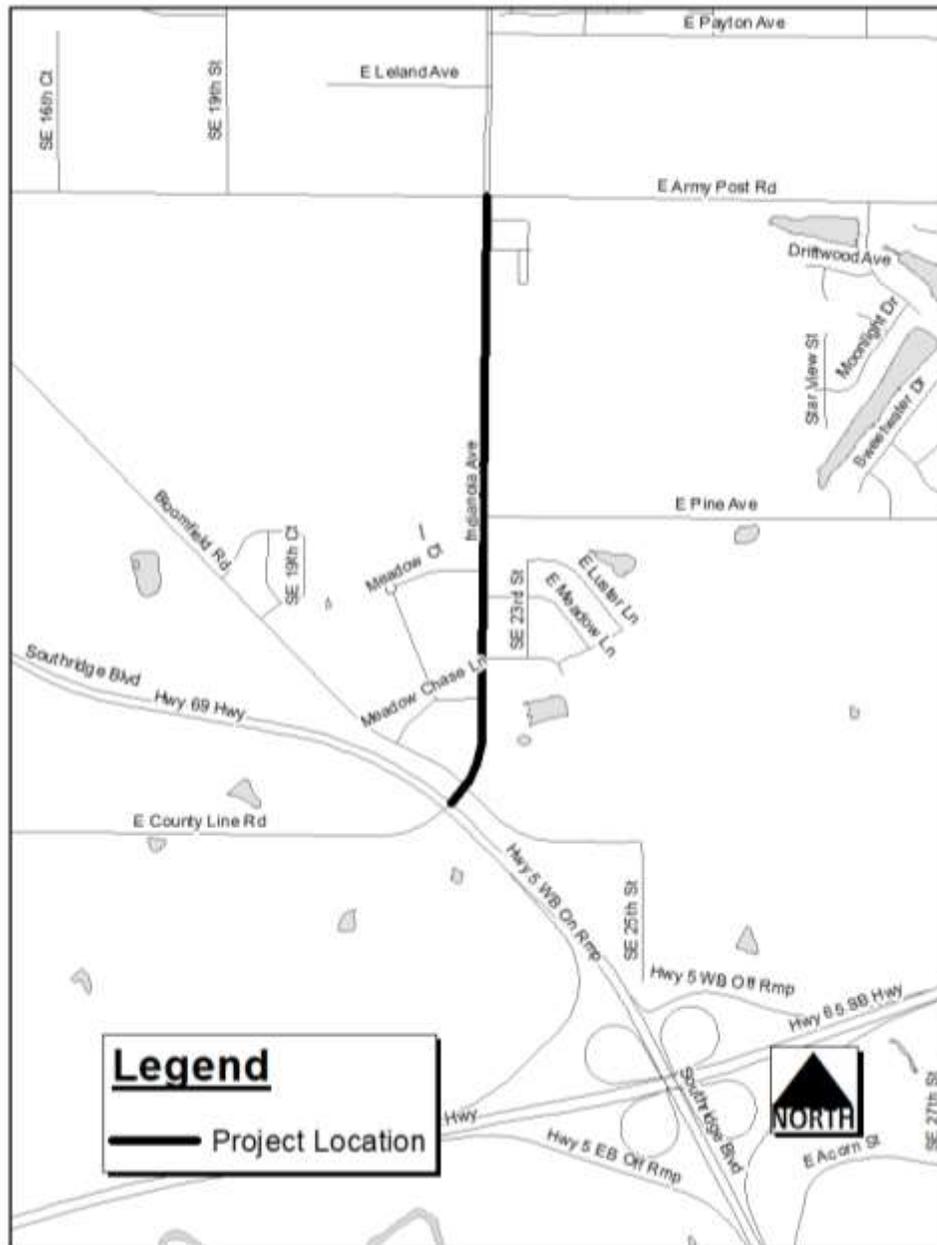
Amount: To be determined after design is completed and all right-of-way needs have been identified.

Funding Source: 2021-22 CIP, Street - Page 118, Indianola Avenue Improve – E. Army Post Road to Highway 69, ST264.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This is the final phase of the five (5) phase Indianola Avenue Reconstruction and provides for the reconstruction of Indianola Avenue from E. Army Post Road to U.S. Highway 69.
- The project will reconstruct Indianola Avenue as a 2-lane roadway with curbs and gutters and with the addition of possible left turn lanes at intersections depending on the traffic study. The project also adds a 10-foot wide multiuse trail along the west side and a sidewalk along the east side of the roadway.
- A public meeting was held on October 14, 2020 to discuss the project components and obtain input from interested and impacted members of the public.

- On March 4, 2021, under provisions of Iowa Code Section 6B.2A, notices of the proposed resolution authorizing acquisition of agricultural land by eminent domain for public improvement purposes were mailed to each affected agricultural land property owner, contract purchaser of record and any tenants known to be occupying the properties required for the project.
- The affected property owners have the right to attend the City Council Meeting on April 5, 2021 and to voice any objections to the proposed property interests to be acquired.
- At this time, approximately six (6) partial fee acquisitions, one (1) permanent easement, and 23 temporary construction easements from 24 property owners are required to construct this project. Relocation assistance will not be required.
- Construction is tentatively scheduled to commence in the spring of 2022.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 9, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-0402](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement for the Indianola Avenue Reconstruction Project: East Army Post Road to US 69. ([Council Communication No. 20-103](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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