



# Council Communication

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## AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on E. McKinley Avenue Widening - South Union Street to S.E. 5th Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Reilly Construction Co., Inc., Chris R. Reilly, President, 110 Main Street, PO Box 99, Ossian, IA, 52161, \$1,383,942.

## SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the E. McKinley Avenue Widening - South Union Street to S.E. 5th Street and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. On April 6, 2009, the City Council approved an Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement for Federal Stimulus project funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 for 100% of construction costs to a maximum amount of \$1,400,000 for E. McKinley Avenue widening from South Union Street to S.E. 5th Street. The proposed improvements include reconstructing E. McKinley Avenue to a three-lane roadway to provide a through lane in each direction and a center two-way left-turn lane.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,383,942 Construction Contract (\$1,653,985 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2009-2010 CIP, Page Street-23, McKinley Avenue Widening - Fleur Drive to E. Indianola Avenue, STR212, Being: \$1,286,228 in Federal Stimulus Funds from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (100% of construction costs \$1,400,000 maximum) and \$97,714 from Des Moines Water Works for water main construction

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A number of transportation related projects were submitted to and approved by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee at their January 29, 2009 meeting for funding under the ARRA of 2009. The funding request for E. McKinley Avenue widening from South Union Street to S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street was approved. IDOT prepared an agreement for the proposed improvement, which was approved by the City Council on April 6, 2009, by Roll Call Number 09-517. The receipt of these funds and other transportation stimulus funds, has allowed an acceleration of street projects. The local share of transportation stimulus funds must be funded from existing street CIP funds.

On October 11, 2004, by Roll Call No. 04-2157, City Council approved the McKinley Avenue Corridor Study. The study looked at existing conditions, analyzed the projected traffic, obtained public input, and

made recommendations regarding number of lanes, intersection improvements, sidewalks, drainage, and priorities between Fleur Drive and E. Indianola Avenue. Through the public input process, area residents advised that they wanted to retain the residential neighborhood character and were opposed to improving the entire length of the corridor with a three- or four-lane section, due to width of right-of-way required and overall travel speed. The final recommendation includes a combination of two- and three-lane sections. There are six proposed segments that can be constructed in phases. The segment of McKinley Avenue between South Union Street and S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street was identified as the highest priority project during the corridor study. The proposed improvements include reconstructing McKinley Avenue to a three-lane roadway to provide two-way left-turn lanes.

In 2007, the intersection of S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and E. McKinley Avenue was reconstructed to widen both roadways to a three-lane section to provide left-turn lanes. The proposed widening project will begin approximately four hundred feet west of S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street at the end of the intersection reconstruction, and continue westerly to approximately four hundred feet east of South Union Street. It is anticipated that the reconstruction of the intersection of South Union Street and McKinley Avenue to provide left-turn lanes will be the next highest priority project.

On July 13, 2009, under Roll Call No. 09-1182, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the E. McKinley Avenue Widening - South Union Street to S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, a public hearing must be held to approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the E. McKinley Avenue Widening - South Union Street to S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 06-2007-002. The improvement includes widening and reconstruction of E. McKinley Avenue with 10-inch thick full-depth portland cement concrete, together with pavement removal, excavation, water main construction, storm drainage, subdrain, subbase placement, driveways, sidewalks, sodding, and miscellaneous associated work including cleanup in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 497-045/128, on E. McKinley Avenue between South Union Street and S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Reilly Construction Co., Inc., Ossian, IA  
Jasper Construction Services, Inc., Newton, IA  
Elder Corporation, Des Moines, IA  
Concrete Technologies, Inc., Urbandale, IA  
Sternquist Construction Inc., Indianola, IA  
Corell Contractor, Inc. & Subsidiary, West Des Moines, IA

The bids, in accordance with a previously approved IDOT Agreement, were received and opened by IDOT on July 21, 2009.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Reilly Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,383,942, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: July 13, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1182

Action: Ordering construction of the following: E. McKinley Avenue Widening – South Union Street to SE 5<sup>th</sup> Street: Receiving of bids, (7-21-09), and Setting date of hearing, (8-10-09). (Construction Estimate - \$1,653,985). (Council Communication No. 09-464) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 6, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-517

Action: Approving execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreements for the following: (A) E. McKinley Avenue widening from South Union Street to S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. (Council Communication No. 09-196)  
) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: March 12, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-490

Action: On McKinley Avenue Widening & Signalization at SE 5<sup>th</sup> Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer's Estimate and designating lowest responsible bidder as Cedar Valley Corp., (Stephen R. Jackson, President), \$1,097,339.60. (Council Communication No. 07-137) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: October 11, 2004

Roll Call Number: 04-2157

Action: McKinley Avenue Corridor Study. (Council Communication No. 04-507) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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