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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>52</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>17-0640</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>17-335</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Hearing on Howe and Windsor Elementary School Pedestrian Bridge Repairs: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer’s estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Minturn, Inc., Clinton M. Rhoads, President, \$269,264.

**SYNOPSIS:**

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Howe and Windsor Elementary School Pedestrian Bridge Repairs and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. The project includes various concrete repairs to the pedestrian bridge over University Avenue, near Windsor Elementary, and the pedestrian bridge over Indianola Avenue, near Howe Elementary. The existing bus parking inset on University Avenue is to be extended further west.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$269,264 Construction Contract (\$229,687 City Engineer's Estimate)

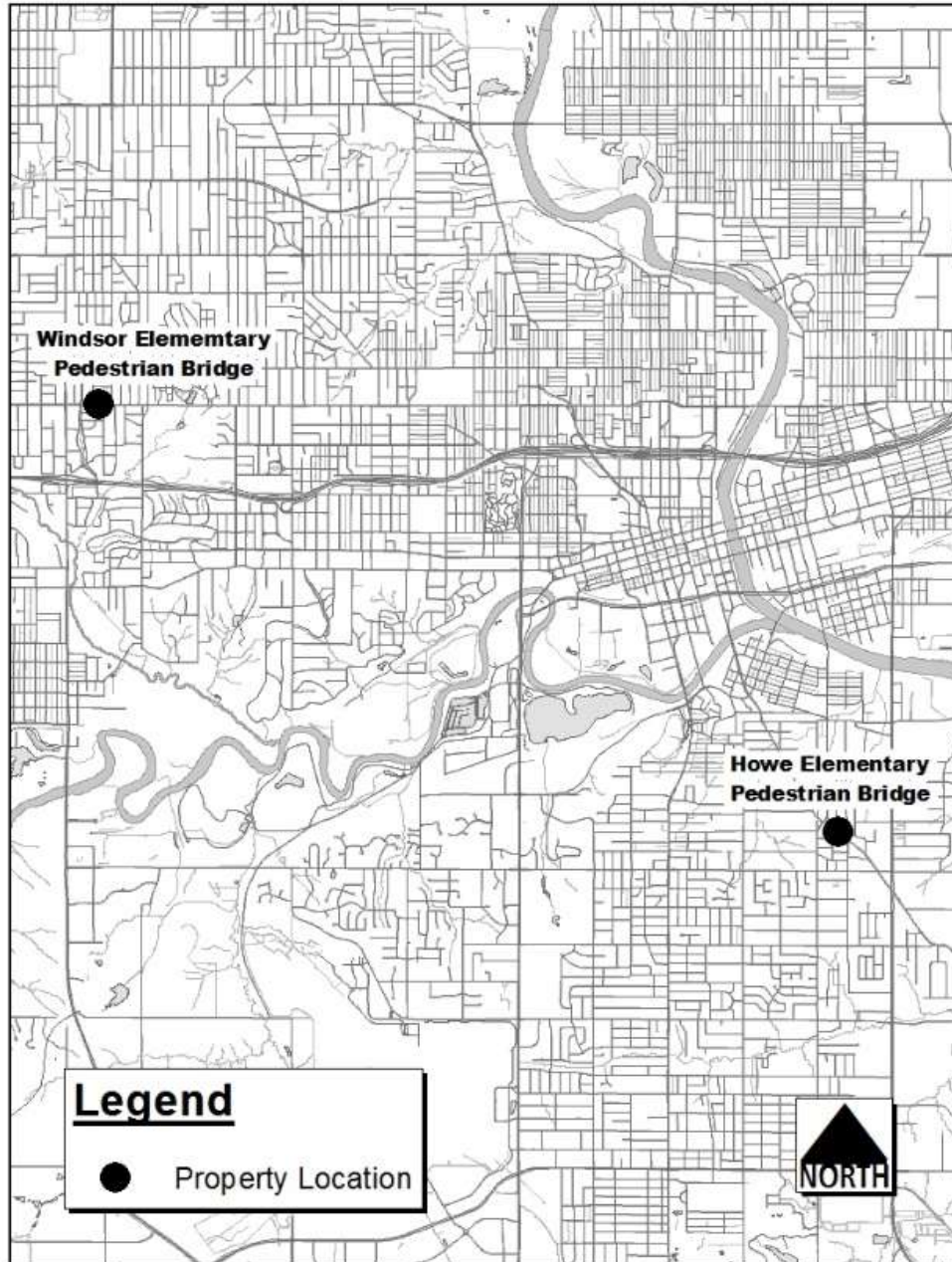
Funding Source: 2017-18 CIP, Page Bridge – 4, City-wide Bridges, BR003, Being: \$33,866.50 from the Des Moines Public Schools; and the remaining \$235,397.50 in Gaming Monies, BR003.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- On March 6, 2017, under Roll Call No. 17-0343, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Howe and Windsor Elementary School Pedestrian Bridge Repairs. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Howe and Windsor Elementary School Pedestrian Bridge Repairs, 12-2017-004. The improvement includes various concrete repairs to the pedestrian bridge over University Avenue, near Windsor Elementary, and the pedestrian bridge over Indianola Avenue, near Howe Elementary, including removal and replacement of concrete paving, curb and gutter, and sidewalk, includes all necessary traffic control and incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 579-006\025, along University Avenue and Indianola Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Repairs to the Howe Elementary School Pedestrian Bridge include making concrete structural repairs to the bridge, replacing bridge expansion joints, and replacing fencing and are estimated

to provide an eight (8) to 10-year life expectancy. Maintenance work proposed for the Windsor Elementary School Pedestrian Bridge includes patching potholes in bridge walking surface, beam edge repairs at only critical fence post locations, and some spot fence repairs and are estimated to provide an additional year or two (2) of service life until at-grade crossing options, including considering converting University Avenue to a 3-lane roadway cross section as part of the Transportation Master Plan, can be reviewed for the pedestrian crossing.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
  - Minturn, Inc., Brooklyn, IA
- Only one (1) bid was received, from Minturn, Inc. Contract documents were distributed to seven (7) Plan Rooms located in six (6) states, including Iowa. Contractors can obtain contract documents from Plan Rooms, electronically from the City website, or can stop in at the Engineering office. Since contractors can obtain documents from other places besides the City of Des Moines, we do not know the extent of contractors that actually have plan sets. In addition to Minturn, Inc., there was one (1) other plan holder who obtained contract documents from the Engineering office that indicated they would be a prime bidder, but did not submit a bid. This other plan holder was contacted by staff and the plan holder noted they did not bid on the project due to their current heavy workload for the construction season. Current workload at this time of year may likely be the reason other bids were not submitted.
- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the Shijiazhuang Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Administration Building, 400 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on March 21, 2017.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Minturn, Inc., Clinton M. Rhoads, President, 309 N. Orchard Street, Brooklyn, IA, 52211 in the amount of \$269,264, 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: March 6, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-0343](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (A) [Howe](#) and Windsor Elementary School Pedestrian Bridge Repairs: Receiving of bids, (3-21-17), Setting date of hearing, (4-3-17). Construction estimate, \$229,687. ([Council Communication No. 17-273](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Gatto.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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