


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-386	Meeting:	September 9, 2019
	Agenda Item:	8	Roll Call:	19-1369
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AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig Inc., for professional services for 18th Street Improvements from Ingersoll Avenue to Locust Street, for an amount not to exceed \$75,510.

SYNOPSIS:

Approving the PSA with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig Inc., for a total cost not to exceed \$75,510 based on hourly rates to provide traffic analysis and concept design for the 18th Street Improvements from Ingersoll Avenue to Locust Street.

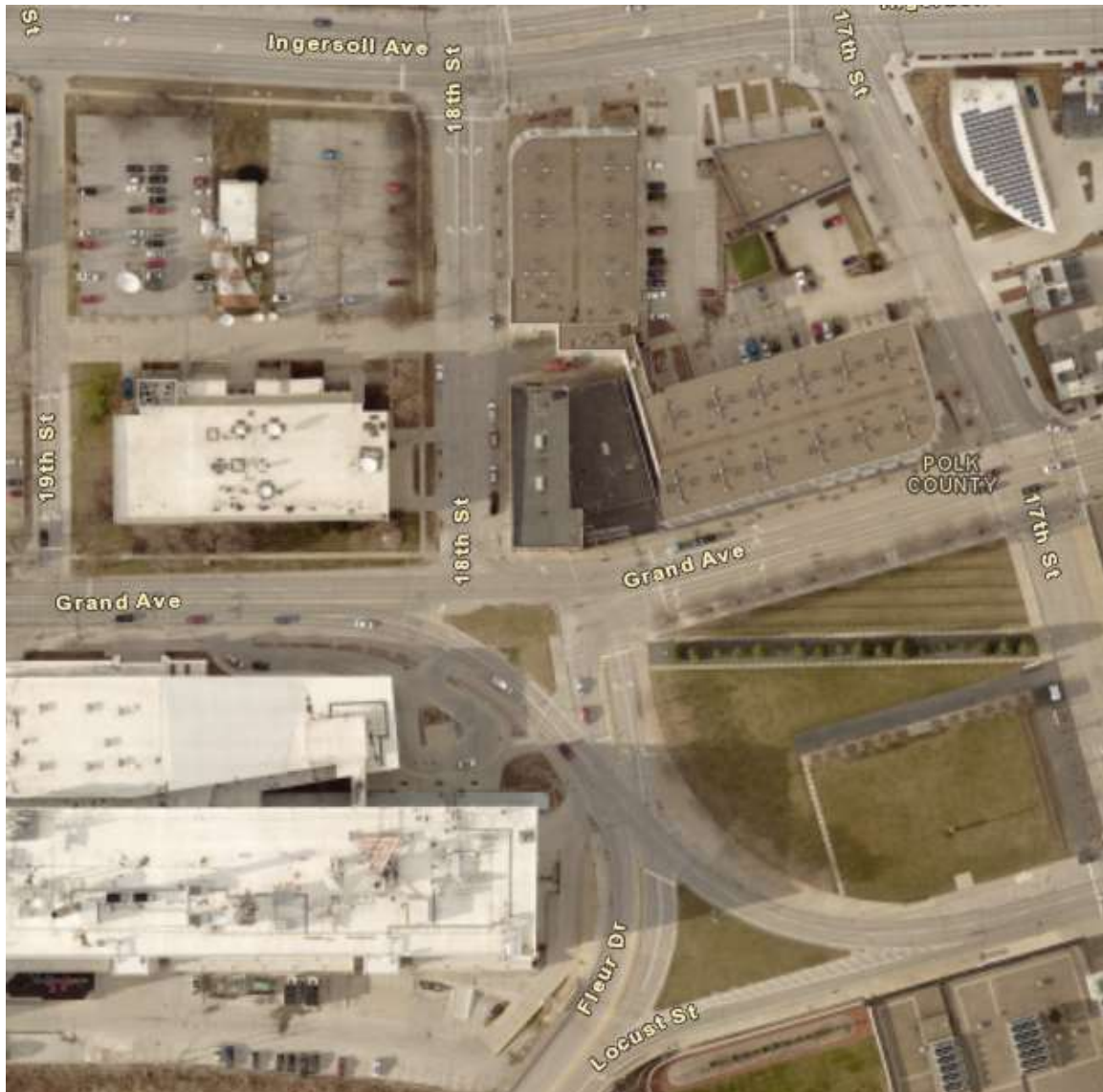
FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$75,510

Funding Source: 2019-2020 Capital Improvement Program, Page Street Improvements-5, Connect Downtown, ST261, TIF.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The adopted Connect Downtown Plan identified 18th Street between Grand Avenue and Locust Street as a roadway that should be considered for redesign due to the unique intersection configuration and poor pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. The Des Moines Public Schools Central Campus at the corner of Grand Avenue and 18th Street generates a large amount of pedestrian traffic and also has bus and parent pick-up and drop-off along Grand Avenue.
- The existing traffic signals at 18th Street and Grand Avenue, Fleur Drive and Grand Avenue, and Fleur Drive and Locust Street are antiquated and need replacement.
- The City of Des Moines and Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA) have proposed the construction of the WRA Ingersoll Run Outlet Sewer, which includes a proposed alignment along 18th Street. This WRA project may require the reconstruction of portions of 18th Street between Ingersoll Avenue and Locust Street, expediting the need for a redesign of 18th Street. This project will also provide an opportunity to provide a gateway to the Western Gateway area.



- The traffic analysis and concept design will include:
 - Analysis of existing and future traffic in the study area.
 - Analysis of on-street parking.
 - Evaluation of the potential one-way to two-way conversion of 17th Street, 18th Street and 19th Street.
 - Identify changes to street lane configurations.
 - Identify changes to intersection control.
 - Identify improvements to multi-modal accommodations including pedestrian, bicycle and transit.
 - Work with Des Moines Public Schools on bus and parent pick-up and drop-off locations.
 - Consideration for future one-way to two-way conversions of Grand Avenue and Locust Street as recommended by Connect Downtown.

- A Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services for 18th Street from Ingersoll Avenue to Locust Street was issued and posted on the City's website. A selection committee of Engineering Department staff reviewed and rated the four (4) proposals received in response to the RFP. Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig Inc. was selected based upon the selection criteria in the RFP and their thorough project approach, understanding, and related project experience.
- City staff has negotiated a PSA with Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig for a total cost not to exceed \$75,510, based on hourly rates, to provide traffic analysis and concept design for a study area generally bound by Ingersoll to the north, 17th Street to the east, Locust Street to the south, and 19th Street to the west.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

City staff anticipates there will be future Council actions of this PSA for the consultant to provide preliminary and final design services for the recommended concept alternative.

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