


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>22-362</b>	Meeting:	<b>August 8, 2022</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>55</b>	Roll Call:	<b>22-1292</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief; James M. Hoff, Facilities Manager, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Fire Station 4 Relocation Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Fire Station 4 Relocation Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the property acquisition process for this project under eminent domain. Relocation assistance will be required for the acquisition of two (2) homes for this project.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

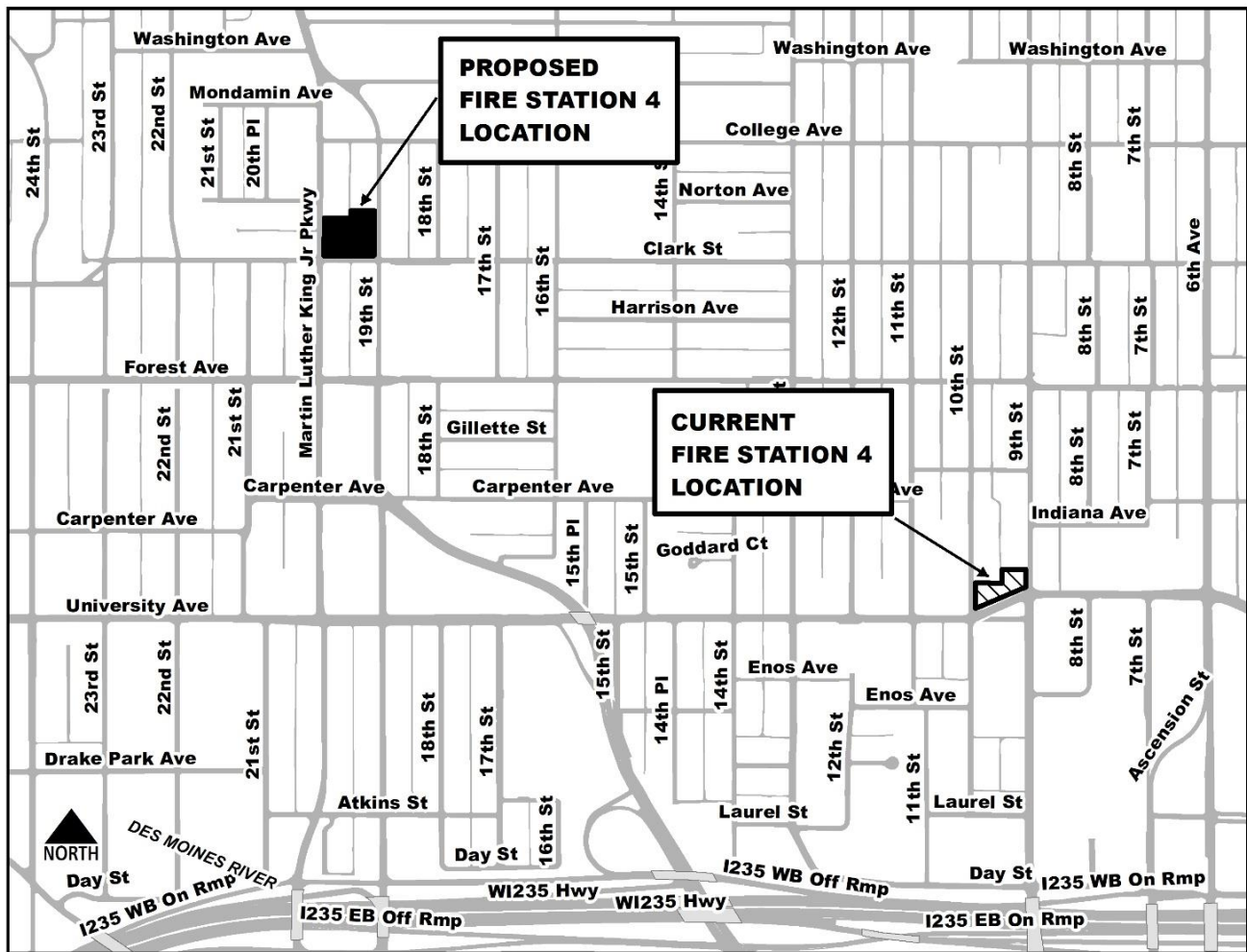
Amount: \$500,000 estimated cost for acquisition, relocation assistance, and demolition.

Funding Source: 2022-23 CIP, Page 61, Fire Station 4, BL136.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- As part of the Fire Department's long-term planning for fire station replacement, this project provides for the replacement and relocation of Fire Station 4. The new station will be similar in size to the newly constructed Fire Station 11 but will also include the addition of a fourth apparatus bay and a stair training tower.
- Fire Station 4 has been identified as the highest priority project for the Fire Department for two (2) main reasons:
  - The ability to improve service delivery to the residents and guests of Des Moines.
  - The opportunity to replace the 2nd oldest fire station in the City.
- A project page was established on the City's website in May 2022. A virtual public meeting was held May 26, 2022, to share information regarding site selection and project planning with neighborhood residents. A recording of that meeting was posted to the project page. City staff also attended a meeting of the King Irving Neighborhood Association on June 16, 2022, to present the project and answer questions. Project information and updates may be found at this link: [https://www.dsm.city/departments/engineering - division/fire\\_station\\_no\\_4.php](https://www.dsm.city/departments/engineering - division/fire_station_no_4.php)

- On July 20, 2022, under provisions of Iowa Code 6B.2D, notices of the proposed resolution authorizing acquisition of private property by eminent domain for a public improvement project were mailed to each affected property owner, contract purchaser of record, and any tenants known to be occupying the properties required for the Project.
- The affected property owners were notified that they have the right to attend the City Council Meeting on August 8, 2022, to voice any objections to the proposed property interests to be acquired.
- At this time, nine (9) total fee acquisitions are needed from eight (8) property owners to complete the construction of this project. Relocation assistance will be required for the acquisition of two (2) homes for this project.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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