


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	22-474	Meeting:	October 24, 2022
	Agenda Item:	14	Roll Call:	22-1624
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Guthrie Avenue Trail from Delaware Avenue to Hubbell Avenue Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Guthrie Avenue Trail from Delaware Avenue to Hubbell Avenue 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 not be required for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

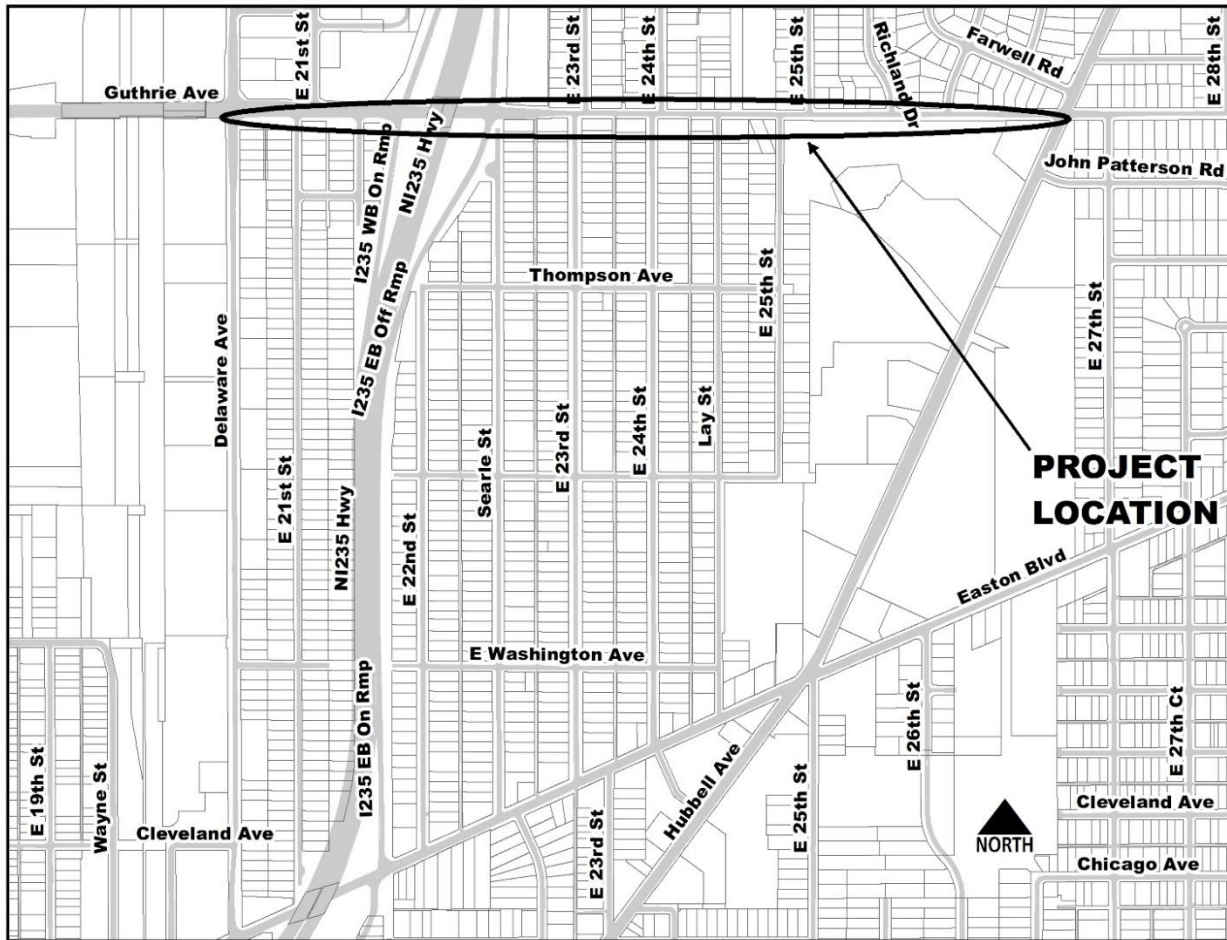
Amount: To be determined after final design is completed.

Funding Source: 2022-23 CIP, Page 168, Sidewalks – School and Priority Routes, SW081, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Guthrie Avenue between Glenbrook Drive and Hubbell Avenue is classified as a Minor Arterial Roadway and classified by MoveDSM as a Community Residential Roadway, being an important link in the City's street network for people using all modes of travel. MoveDSM also identifies Guthrie Avenue as being on the Core Bicycle Network.
- Adding a multiuse trail along Guthrie Avenue will provide a much-needed east-west pedestrian and bicycle connection over the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks, connecting multiple neighborhoods, and providing a connection to major roadway corridors and a DART bus route. This multiuse trail also helps to continue moving forward with the City's goal of filling sidewalk gaps, including providing sidewalks on both sides of major corridors, such as Guthrie Avenue.
- This project provides for the construction of a 10-foot-wide Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) multi-use trail on the south side of Guthrie Avenue from Glenbrook Drive to Hubbell Avenue.

- This project will be constructed in three (3) phases:
 - Phase 1, Guthrie Avenue from Delaware Avenue to Hubbell Avenue, is scheduled for construction starting in 2023.
 - Phase 2, Guthrie Avenue from the west edge of the viaduct over the Union Pacific Railroad to Delaware Avenue, is scheduled for construction as part of the Guthrie Avenue Viaduct over Union Pacific Railroad Rehabilitation project starting in 2024 and completed in 2025.
 - Phase 3, Guthrie Avenue from Glenbrook Drive to the viaduct over Union Pacific Railroad starting in either 2024 or 2025.
- The Phase 1 project also includes:
 - Construction of Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps at the intersections along with pedestrian traffic signal installations at existing traffic signals.
 - A lane reduction from two (2) lanes to one (1) lane for eastbound traffic on Guthrie Avenue between the entrance and exit ramps for Interstate 235.
 - Filling a sidewalk gap on East 25th Street from the existing sidewalk to the new trail.
 - Removal and replacement of the existing Reinforced Concrete Box culvert for the 7th Ward Ditch beneath Guthrie Avenue to accommodate the new trail.
- Construction of this Phase 1 project is anticipated to start in spring 2023, with completion by end of 2023.
- At this time, approximately nine (9) temporary construction easements, one (1) permanent easement for storm sewer and eight (8) partial fee acquisitions from nine (9) property owners are needed to complete the construction of this project. Relocation assistance will not be required.
- The design of this project was one (1) of the segments included as part of the 2023 Neighborhood Sidewalk Program.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 13, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-0858](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for 2023 Neighborhood Sidewalk Program, not to exceed \$130,000. ([Council Communication: 22-265](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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