


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>23-082</b>	Meeting:	<b>February 20, 2023</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>53</b>	Roll Call:	<b>23-265</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on E. 4th Street Reconstruction from East Martin Luther King Jr Parkway to E. Market Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Absolute Concrete Construction, Inc. d/b/a Absolute Group, Sonny Hall, President, \$4,969,142.50.

## SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the E. 4th Street Reconstruction from East Martin Luther King Jr Parkway to E. Market Street and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project includes the complete reconstruction of E. 4th Street between E. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and E. Market Street and providing a new street cross section that will include one (1) travel lane in each direction, parking on both sides, raised separated bike lanes on both sides, and sidewalks on both sides. The new cross section will also include permeable pavers for the parking surfaces and bioswales filled with trees, shrubs, and perennials along both sides of the street.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$4,969,142.50 Construction Contract (\$4,750,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

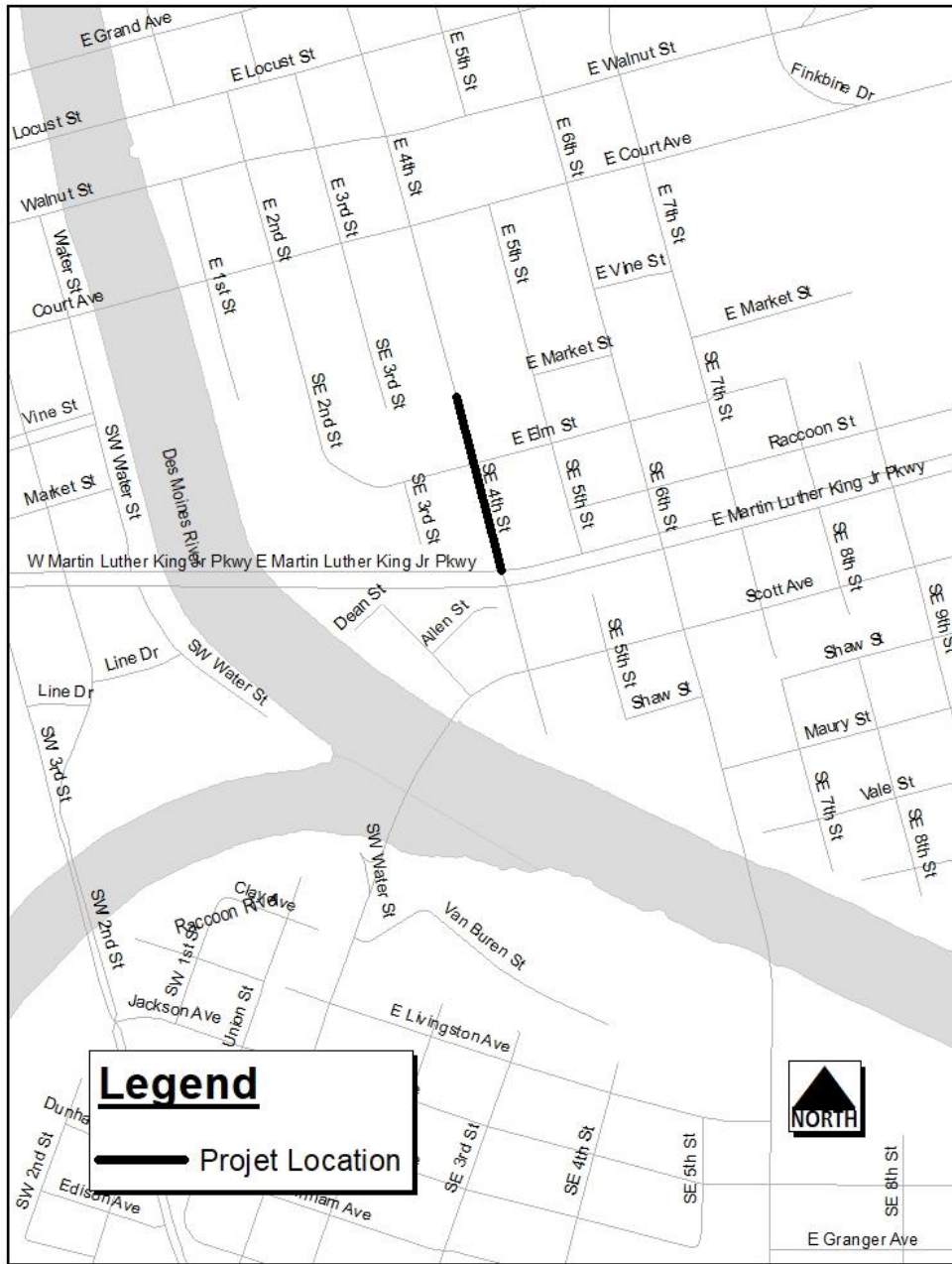
Funding Source: 2022-23 CIP, Page 137, Market District Infrastructure Improvements, ST282, Being: \$4,935,142.50 in TIF Bonds issued and the remaining \$34,000 from Des Moines Water Works.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On January 23, 2023, under Roll Call No. 23-0087, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the E. 4th Street Reconstruction from East Martin Luther King Jr Parkway to E. Market Street. 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 E. 4th Street Reconstruction from East Martin Luther King Jr Parkway to E. Market Street, Activity ID 06-2022-018. The improvement includes construction of Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement, Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) paving, permeable pavers, PCC sidewalks, modified subbase, subdrain, storm sewer, intakes, biocells, pavement markings, electrical conduit, water main relocations, site furnishings, plantings, and miscellaneous

associated work and incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File No. 650-185/290, located on East 4th Street from East Martin Luther King Jr Parkway to East Market Street.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
  - Absolute Concrete Construction, Inc. d/b/a Absolute Group, Slater, IA - Low Bid
  - Jasper Construction Services, Inc., Newton, IA
  - Synergy Contracting, LLC, Altoona, IA
- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa, at 11:00 a.m. on February 7, 2023.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Absolute Concrete Construction, Inc. d/b/a Absolute Group (Sonny Hall, President, 505 1st Avenue, Slater, Iowa, 50244), in the amount of \$4,969,142.50, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- The E. 4th Street corridor between E. Court Avenue and E. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway is currently a wide section of pavement with limited green space and sporadic sidewalks and on-street parking.
- A large, master planned urban development in the Market District is quickly making progress improving the area with new developments and new streets with improved stormwater management, trees, plantings, and sidewalks.
- In coordination with the development planning and design, this project includes the complete reconstruction of E. 4th Street between E. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and E. Market Street providing a new street cross section with one (1) travel lane in each direction, parking on both sides, raised separated bike lanes on both sides, and sidewalks on both sides. This new cross section will also include permeable pavers for the parking surfaces and bioswales filled with trees, shrubs, and perennials along both sides of the street.
- The project design and schedule for the City's project to reconstruct E. 4th Street from E. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway to E. Market Street has been coordinated with the private development improvement schedule. Most of this reconstruction work is anticipated to take place in 2023 and be fully complete by late summer 2024.
- The E. 4th Street crossing at Iowa Interstate Railroad will be improved at a future date in coordination with the Iowa Interstate Railroad. The overhead utility lines along E. 4th Street will be removed and relocated underground along with replacing the wood utility poles with the installation of new streetlights.
- The remaining section of E. 4th Street in the Market District from E. Market Street to E. Court Avenue is currently planned for reconstruction starting in 2025.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: January 23, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0087](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (B) [E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction from East ML King Jr Parkway to E. Market Street](#): Receiving of bids, (2-7-23) and Setting date of hearing, (2-20-23), Engineer's estimate, \$4,750,000. ([Council Communication No. 23-038](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. 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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