


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-107	Meeting:	March 6, 2023
	Agenda Item:	61	Roll Call:	23-0347
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Guthrie Avenue Trail from E. 21st Street to Hubbell Avenue: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as TK Concrete, Inc., Tony J. Ver Meer, President, \$1,251,035.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Guthrie Avenue Trail from E. 21st Street to Hubbell Avenue and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project provides for the construction of a new multiuse trail along Guthrie Avenue from E. 21st Street to Hubbell Avenue. The project also includes replacement of the concrete box culvert for the 7th Ward Ditch as well as new sidewalk and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk curb ramps along E. 25th Street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,251,035 construction contract (\$1,350,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2022-23 CIP, Page 168, Sidewalks - School and Priority Routes, SW081, Being: \$1,251,035 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding (Sidewalks).

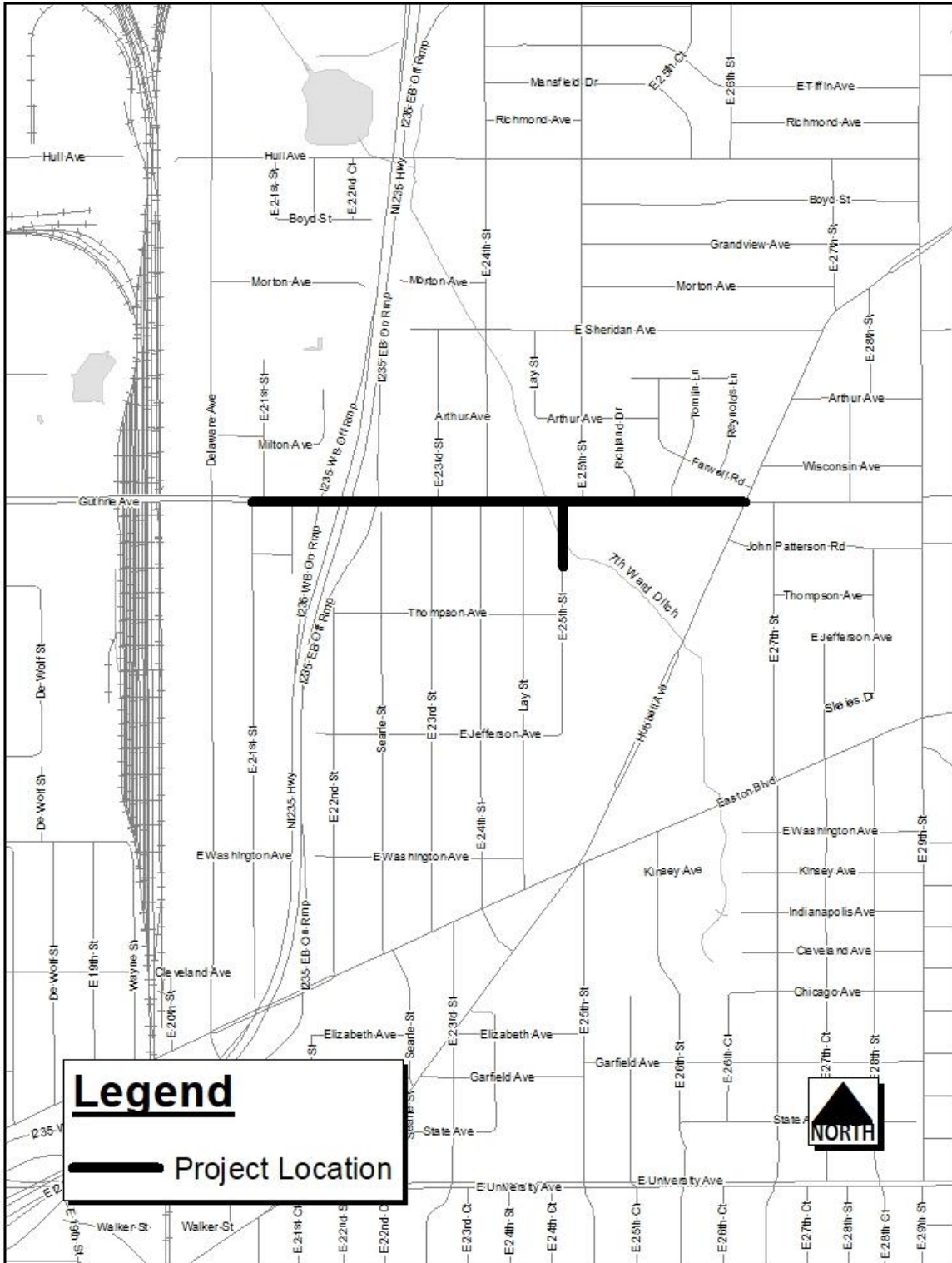
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On February 6, 2023, under Roll Call No. 23-0143, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Guthrie Avenue Trail from E. 21st Street to Hubbell Avenue. 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 Guthrie Avenue Trail from E. 21st Street to Hubbell Avenue, 092022001. The improvement includes the construction of a Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) multi-use trail, PCC sidewalk, PCC Curb and Gutter, truncated domes, storm sewer, intakes, manholes, PCC pavement, PCC retaining wall, modular block retaining wall, fencing, grading, traffic control, pavement markings, site restoration, erosion control, and other associated work and incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File No. 653-001/121, along the south side of the Guthrie Avenue between E. 21st Street and Hubbell Avenue and along E. 25th Street from Guthrie Avenue to 500 feet south.

- 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. The south side of Guthrie Avenue does not have a sidewalk and MoveDSM 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.
- The City's plan is to construct a PCC multiuse trail on the south side of Guthrie Avenue from Glenbrook Drive to Hubbell Avenue in three (3) phases:
 - Phase 1 - Guthrie Avenue from E. 21st Street 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 E. 21st Street, 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.
- City staff attended two (2) Fairmont Park Neighborhood Association Meetings to present Phase 1 of the Guthrie Avenue Trail project, and at the November 8, 2022 meeting, residents voiced concerns regarding property impacts from the proposed trail. In response to those concerns, to reduce property impacts the Ward Councilmember requested City staff make the proposed trail 8-foot wide from the I-235 off ramp (Searle Street) to the 7th Ward Ditch.
- For Phase 1, the new multiuse trail along the south side of Guthrie Avenue will be a 10-footwide PCC multiuse trail from E. 21st Street to I-235 off ramp (Searle Street) and from the 7th Ward Ditch to Hubbell Avenue. Between the I-235 off ramp (Searle Street) and the 7th Ward Ditch, the trail will be 8-foot wide.
- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - TK Concrete, Inc., Pella, IA, - Low Bid
 - Jasper Construction Services, Inc., Newton, IA
 - MPS Engineers, P.C. d/b/a Kingston Services, P.C., Des Moines, IA
 - Shekar Engineering, P.L.C., Des Moines, 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 21, 2023.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by TK Concrete, Inc. (Tony J. Ver Meer, President, 1608 Fifield Road, Pella, IA, 50219), in the amount of \$1,251,035, and said bid

should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.

- Construction of this project is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2023 and be completed in the fall of 2023.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 6, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0143](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (B) [Guthrie](#) Avenue Trail from E. 21st Street to Hubbell Avenue: Receiving of bids, (2-21-23) and Setting date of hearing, (3-6-23), Engineer's estimate, \$1,350,000. ([Council Communication No. 23-060](#)) 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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