


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>23-302</b>	Meeting:	<b>June 26, 2023</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>58</b>	Roll Call:	<b>23-0944</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Hold public hearing on the intent to commence a public improvement project to construct the E. Army Post Road and SE 36th Street Roundabout Project and to authorize acquisition of the necessary property interests, including agricultural land, for the project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the E. Army Post Road and SE 36th Street Roundabout Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law when agricultural property is proposed for acquisition, 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:

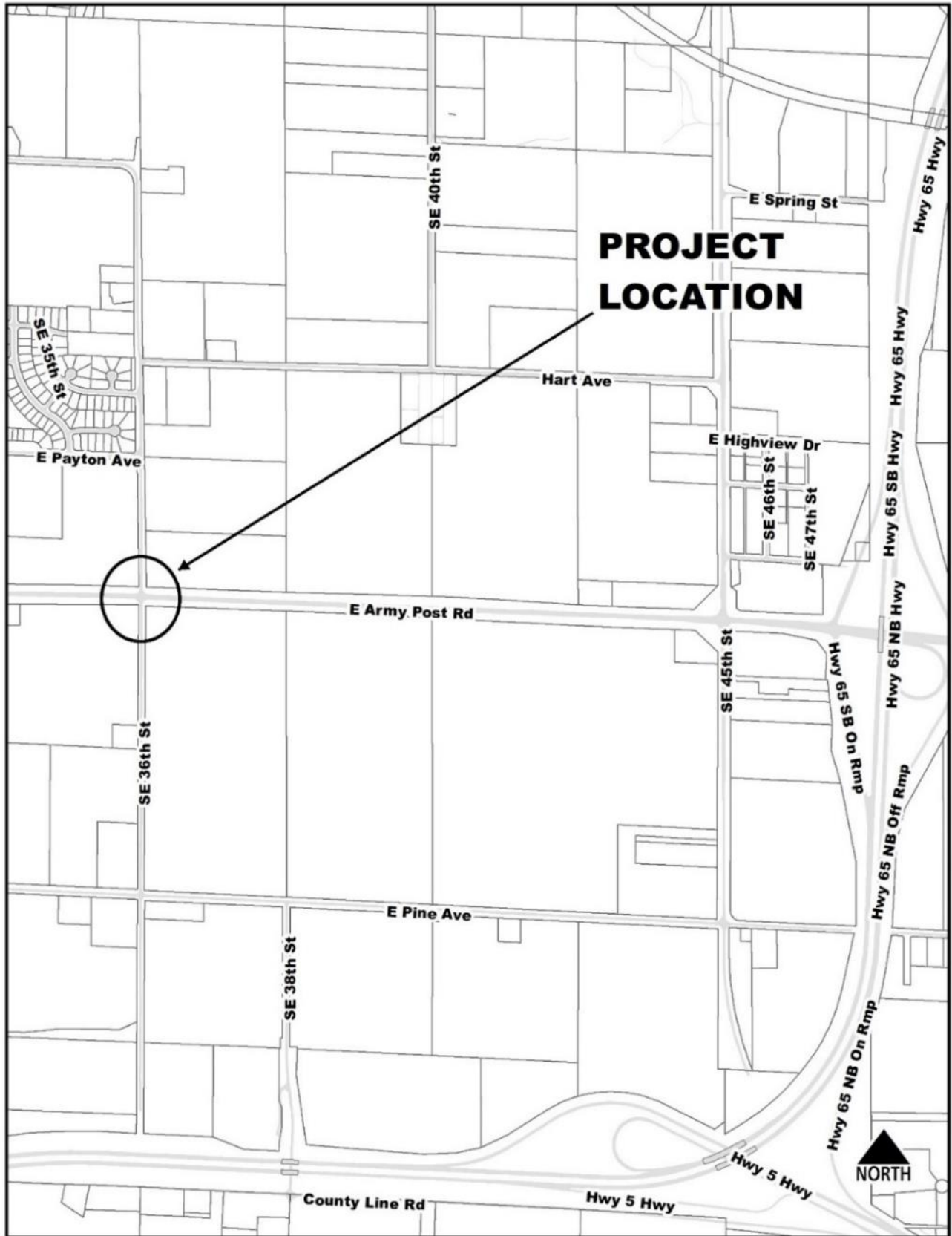
Amount: To be determined after final design is completed.

Funding Source: 2023-24 CIP, Page 152, E. Army Post Road & SE 36th Street Intersection Improvements, ST303, G.O. Bonds

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A traffic study completed in 2020 identified significant traffic growth on the north approach of the intersection of E. Army Post Road and SE 36th Street, as well as safety and speeding issues on E. Army Post Road. Based on E. Army Post Road's history of fatal and serious injuries, observed speeding along the corridor, and traffic growth in the area, the conversion from a two (2)-way stop-controlled intersection (on SE 36th Street) to a roundabout will enhance safety by reducing speeds, reducing intersection conflict points, and reducing the severity of crashes by eliminating head-on and 90-degree angle crashes, while also optimizing the efficiency of the traffic operations.
- This project includes the reconstruction of the intersection of E. Army Post Road and SE 36th Street into a roundabout. The roundabout is anticipated to be a single-lane roundabout with one (1) lane entering and exiting on each approach. Roundabout improvements will include curb and gutter and extended splitter islands to manage speeds as vehicles approach the roundabout.
- A virtual public meeting was held on July 14, 2020, to review and discuss the proposed project and gather input from affected parties and interested members of the public.

- This project concept was approved by the Transportation Safety Committee on November 10, 2020.
- On June 27, 2022, by Roll Call No. 22-0977, the City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC for the E. Army Post Road and SE 36th Street Roundabout design for an amount not to exceed \$299,534.
- On August 8, 2022, by Roll Call No. 22-1225, City Council approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) application to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for \$500,000 (maximum amount per project under TSIP) for the SE 36th Street and E. Army Post Road Roundabout Project.
- IDOT has awarded \$500,000 in TSIP funding for the SE 36th Street and E. Army Post Road Roundabout Project. The estimated total cost for construction is approximately \$2 Million.
- On May 8, 2023, by Roll Call No. 23-0631, City Council approved and authorized the execution of the IDOT Agreement for SE 36th and E Army Post Road Roundabout, which provides \$500,000 of TSIP funds.
- On May 22, 2023, under provisions of Iowa Code 6B.2A, notices of the proposed resolution authorizing acquisition of agricultural land by eminent domain for public improvement purposes were mailed to each affected agricultural land property owner and contract purchaser of record known to be occupying the properties required for the Project.
- The affected property owners have the right to attend the City Council Meeting on June 26, 2023, to voice any objections to the proposed property interests to be acquired.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to start in 2025 and be completed in 2026.
- At this time, approximately five (5) temporary construction easements, one (1) permanent easement, and five (5) partial fee acquisitions are needed from four (4) property owners to complete the construction of this project. Relocation assistance will not be required.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: June 12, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0828](#)

Action: [On](#) the intent to commence a public improvement project to construct the E. Army Post Road and SE 36th Street Roundabout Project and to authorize acquisition of the necessary property interests, (6-26-23). Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Transportation Safety Committee

Date: November 10, 2020

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion was made by Tom DeSio to approve staff recommendations of the modern roundabout concept for the intersection improvement at E. Army Post Road and SE 36th Street; seconded by Scott Bents. Motion passed 6:0.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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