


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>24-269</b>	Meeting:	<b>June 17, 2024</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>9</b>	Roll Call:	<b>24-0846</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing the purchase of 1,668 stream bank credits from Bunker Stream Mitigation Bank, Central Indiana Mitigation Providers, LLC, Owner and Seller, for Southeast Connector project from SE 30th Street to U.S. Highway 65, in the amount of \$158,460.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the purchase of 1,668 stream bank credits from Bunker Stream Mitigation Bank, Central Indiana Mitigation Providers, LLC, Owner and Seller, for Southeast Connector project from SE 30th Street to U.S. Highway 65, in the amount of \$158,460.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

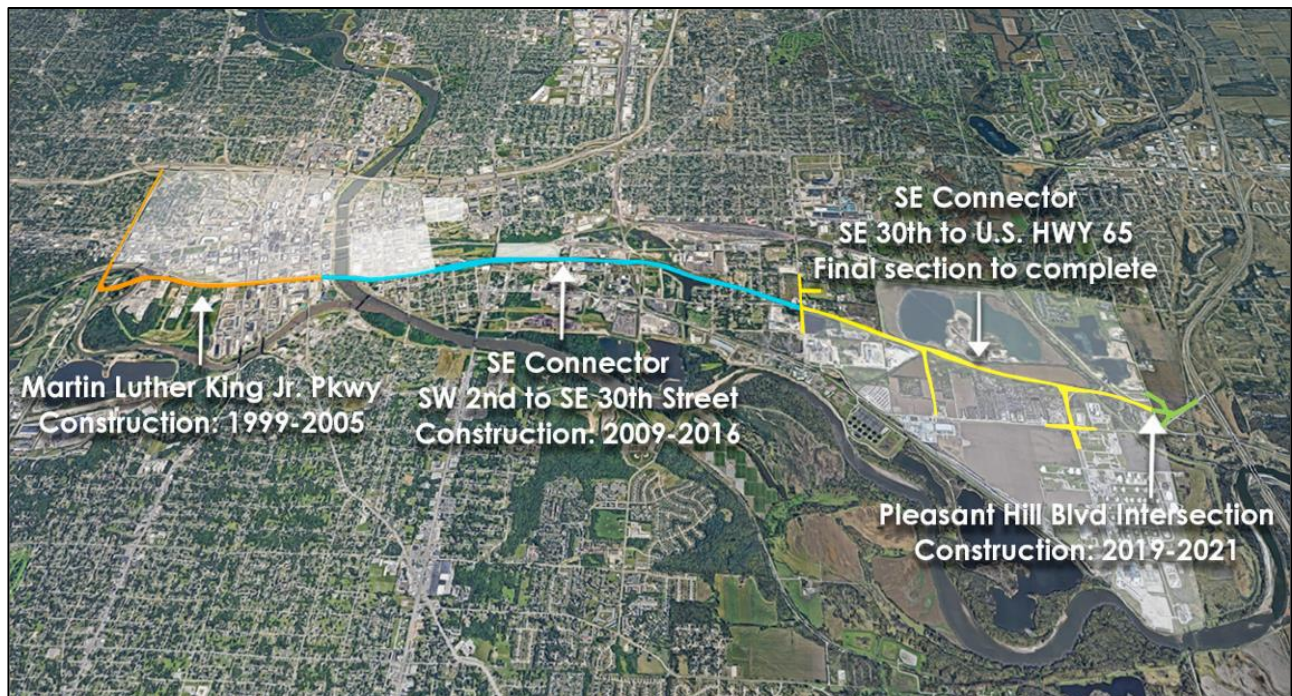
Amount: \$158,460

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 86, Southeast Connector, ST256, Being: Federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant, Federal STBG funding allocated by the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization, G.O. Bonds, and Tax Increment Funding Bonds

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Southeast Connector project from SE 30th Street to U.S. Highway 65 provides for the extension of the Southeast Connector and east/west segment of Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway from SE 30th Street to U.S. Highway 65. The project is a joint effort with the City of Pleasant Hill.
- The City applied for a United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) INFRA discretionary grant in 2023 for an amount of \$34M. The City was notified by the USDOT in January 2024 that its application had been approved for the full amount of \$34M. The City Council will consider approving the INFRA grant agreement at a future Council meeting.
- The Southeast Connector project requires realignment of 107 feet of Fourmile Creek to properly pass under the new bridge to be constructed as part of the project, and to protect the existing levee by returning the creek channel to its natural alignment.

- A stream mitigation bank is an alternative method to provide compensation for unavoidable impacts to aquatic resources permitted under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act when direct mitigation of the aquatic resources is not feasible within the project limits. To compensate for the realignment of 107 feet of Fourmile Creek just north of Vandalia Road, the purchase of 1,668 units of stream bank credits is required. City staff recommend purchasing credits with the Bunker Stream Mitigation Bank, which is located south of Highway 5 and west of SW 9th Street/R63 Highway in Warren County and has also been determined by staff to be the most economical mitigation option for this project.
- The City of Des Moines shall pay \$95 per credit for 1,668 stream credits, for a total of \$158,460 within 30 days of the execution and delivery of the agreement.
- The project is anticipated to be bid via the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) with an anticipated bid date in late 2024 or early 2025. The project will take approximately three (3) years to construct.



### PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 1, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0478](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Supplemental Agreement No. 6 to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for additional design services for Southeast Connector – SE 30th Street to U.S. 65, not to exceed \$295,000. ([Council Communication No. 24-142](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Approval and authorization of the DOT Grant Agreement under INFRA Program for the Southeast Connector from SE 30th Street to U.S. Highway 65.

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