


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>24-418</b>	Meeting:	<b>October 21, 2024</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>6E</b>	Roll Call:	<b>24-1424</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Woodland Cemetery Road Reconstruction - Receiving bids, (11-5-24), and Setting date of hearing, (12-9-24). (Construction Estimate - \$310,000).

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. The project includes rehabilitation of roadways within Woodland Cemetery.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

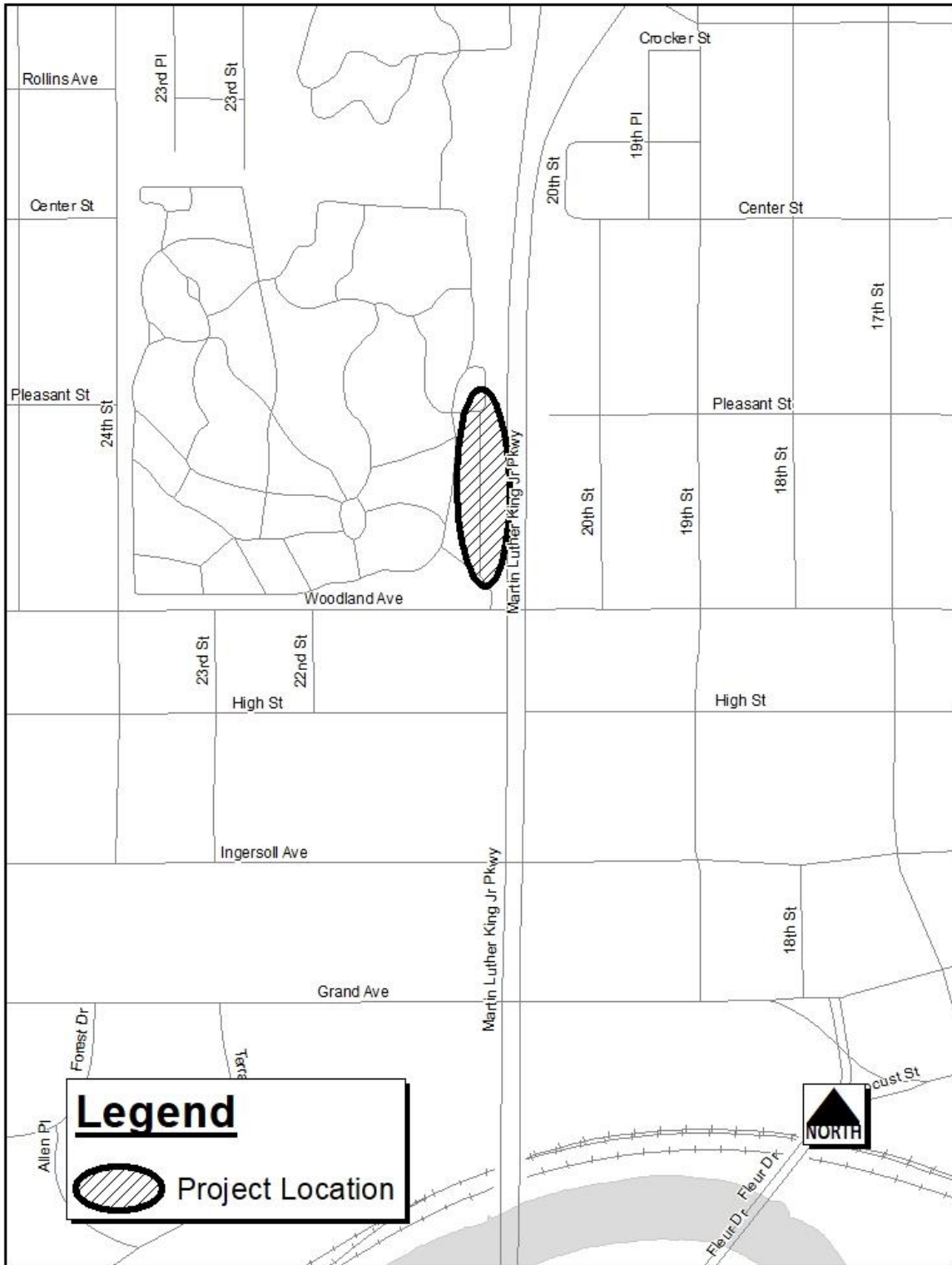
Amount: \$310,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 71, Park Infrastructure, PK175, G.O. Bonds

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Woodland Cemetery Road Reconstruction, Activity ID 11-2023-015. The improvement includes pavement removal, storm sewer replacement, Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavement, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement, traffic control, erosion control and surface restoration, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 664-155/182, located at Woodland Cemetery, 2019 Woodland Avenue.
- The estimated construction cost is \$310,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- The cemetery is approximately 54-acres in size and consists of four (4) interconnected cemeteries – Woodland, St. Ambrose, Emanuel, and International Order of Odd Fellows Cemeteries. The cemetery was established in the 1850's around the early settlement of Des Moines. The cemetery, excluding the Emanuel section, was designated as a local landmark in 1986.

- Many of the cemetery roads are in poor condition and require repairs. Roads will be cored to determine original pavement material and will be reconstructed in accordance with the results of the coring and plans identified in the application. Curbing will be replaced as necessary.
- The proposed project has been designed to avoid disturbing any burial plots.
- All improvements to a local landmark site must be reviewed by the Landmark Review Board (LRB) and approved by the City Council pursuant to Chapter 58 of the Municipal Code. The LRB is made up of the members of the City's Historic Preservation Commission and Urban Design Review Board.
- On September 6, 2022, the LRB, by consensus of those present, recommended approval subject to the following conditions:
  - Road 16 can be removed if coring samples do not identify any brick paver material. The remaining roads shall be retained and reconstructed as necessary based on coring samples as describe in the application.
  - The applicant shall review the coring results noted in condition one (1) with the Planning and Urban Design Administrator before proceeding.
  - Replacement curbing shall match the design of the curb style associated with the historic pavement material. For example, brick roads traditionally had square edge curbs. If a limited amount of curbing is being replaced, then it should match the adjoining curbing style regardless of the historic roadway surface.
  - Review and approval of any conflicts identified with road rehabilitation, curb rehabilitation, and nearby features such as gravesites, trees, or other significant markers shall be conducted by the Planning and Urban Design Administrator as needed.
- This project has been closely coordinated with the Parks and Recreation Department, including cemetery personnel, for review and comment on the design and to adhere to the LRB report.
- The cemetery will remain open during construction. Contract documents specify the contractor to pause work during burial events to help reduce noise and provide consideration for those events.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed by fall 2025.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 24, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-1676](#)

Action: On request from the City of Des Moines for a Certificate of Appropriateness pertaining to multiple site improvements within Woodland Cemetery at 2019 Woodland Avenue. ([Council Communication No. 22-485](#)) Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

Board: Landmark Review Board

Date: September 6, 2022

Resolution Number: CAHP-2022-000048

Action: Recommend approval of issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness subject to conditions by consensus of those members present.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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