


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-011	Meeting:	January 13, 2025
	Agenda Item:	42	Roll Call:	25-0063
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on SW 1st Street Bridge Park Improvement: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the SW 1st Street Bridge Park Improvement and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project involves the development of an urban park area on the SW 1st Street Bridge over the Raccoon River. Features will include customized planter beds, seating areas and benches, a pre-fabricated shade structure, customized concrete river in-lay, and integrated geo-foam synthetic turf play mounds. A designated multi-use trail corridor will be dedicated on the upstream side of the bridge to allow easy through travel across the bridge. Additional accommodations will be made to anticipate future bridge aesthetic lighting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Apparent low bid is \$961,268.75 (\$925,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

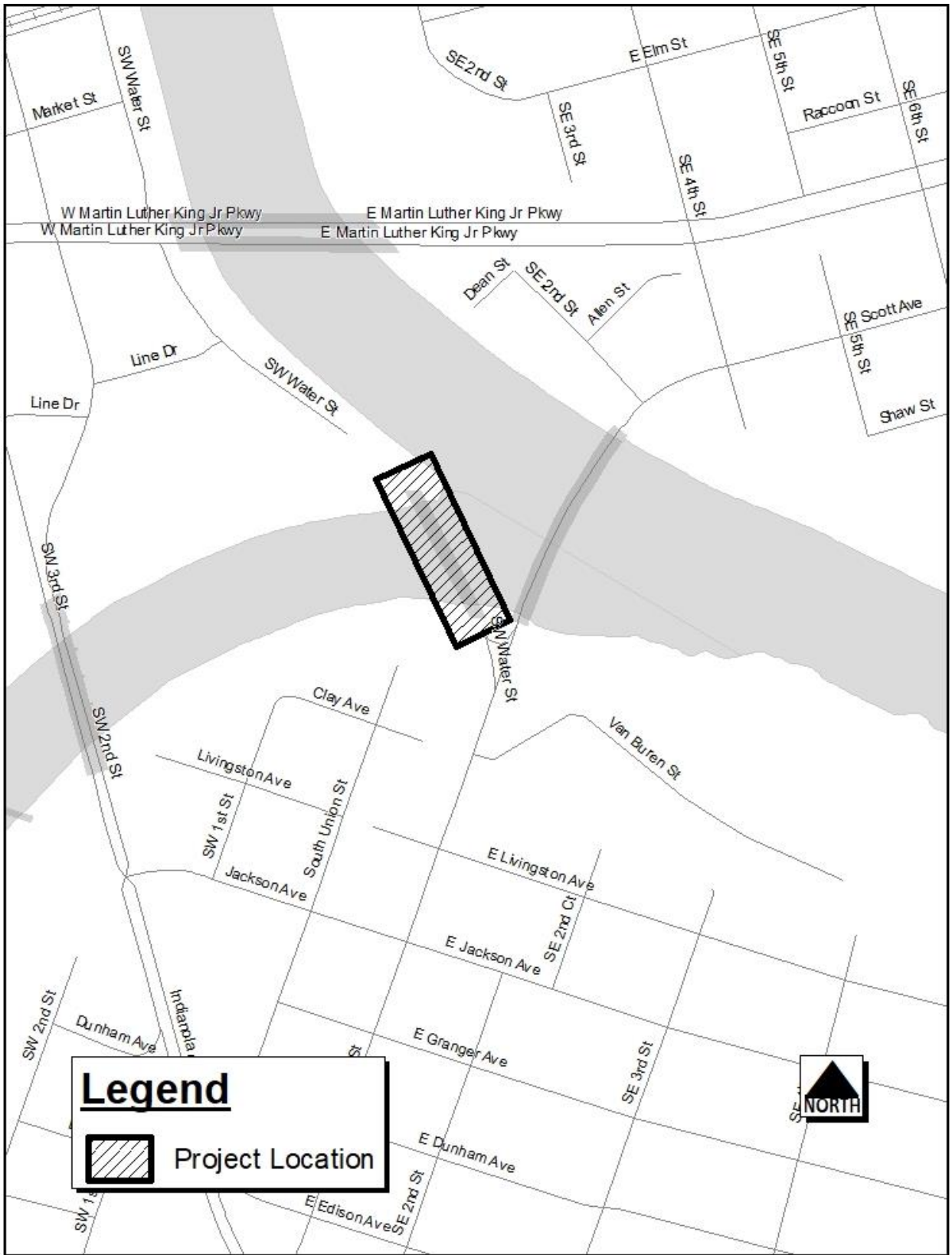
Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 62, Multi-Use Trails, PK045, Being: \$200,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funding from the National Park Service (NPS), \$160,000 in Private Donations, \$75,000 Tax Increment Financing (TIF), \$490,000 in G.O. Bonds, and the remaining funds of \$36,268.75 shall be determined at the time City Council considers approval to award a contract for construction.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On November 18, 2024, under Roll Call No. 24-1549, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the SW 1st Street Bridge Park Improvement. 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 SW 1st Street Bridge Park Improvement, Activity ID 11-2024-010. The improvement includes adding custom geo-foam and synthetic turf play mounds, custom cast-in-place concrete bench seating, metal benches, metal planter edging with sedum soil and plantings, pre-manufactured shade structure, modified and added deck drains, custom colored concrete river in-lay channel, multi-use trail pavement markings, traffic control, construction survey, and mobilization, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 666-045/067, located on the SW 1st Street Bridge over the Raccoon River.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Minturn, Inc., Brooklyn, IA - Low Bid
 - Jasper Construction Services, Inc., Newton, 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, IA at 11:00 a.m. on December 10, 2024.
- Located near the confluence of the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers, the 0.6-acre SW 1st Street Bridge was originally built in 1937 and was rehabilitated in 1974. The bridge was converted to a multi-use trail facility in 2005 and was again rehabilitated in 2019 as part of the City's Bridges to Opportunity Project funded by the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program. In addition to structural repairs, the deck was rehabilitated providing a flat surface and lighting for future park improvements.
- The SW 1st Street Bridge is part of the Meredith Trail providing accessibility and access to 6,279 Des Moines residents within a 10-minute walking distance. In 2023, a bicycle and pedestrian infrared counter stationed on the bridge captured nearly 210,000 trips. In 2024, the same counter documented just over 154,650 trips, with the reduction in usage attributed to levee alterations and construction activities impacting the Carl Voss Trail and Meredith Trail.
- The current Council action holds the public hearing and receives and files the submitted bids. An item for City Council consideration on awarding the contract and approving the bond may be presented at the January 27, 2025 Council meeting.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 18, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1549](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (C) [SW](#) 1st Street Bridge Park Improvement: Receiving of bids, (12-10-24) and Setting date of hearing, (1-13-25), Engineer's estimate, \$925,000. ([Council Communication No. 24-463](#))
Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Possible designation of lowest responsive, responsible bidder and approve contract and bond.

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