


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 <p>CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER</p>	Number: 25-040	Meeting: January 27, 2025
	Agenda Item: 10	Roll Call: 25-0096
	Submitted by: Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer	

AGENDA HEADING:

Acceptance of a proposal from MidAmerican Energy Company to relocate existing overhead utilities crossing 6th Avenue to underground for 6th Avenue Improvements from School Street to University Avenue, estimated at \$61,485.51.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend acceptance of a proposal from MidAmerican Energy Company (Kelcey A. Brown, President, 666 Grand Avenue, Suite 500, Des Moines, Iowa 50309) to relocate existing overhead utilities crossing 6th Avenue to underground for 6th Avenue Improvements from School Street to University Avenue, estimated at \$61,485.51.

FISCAL IMPACT:

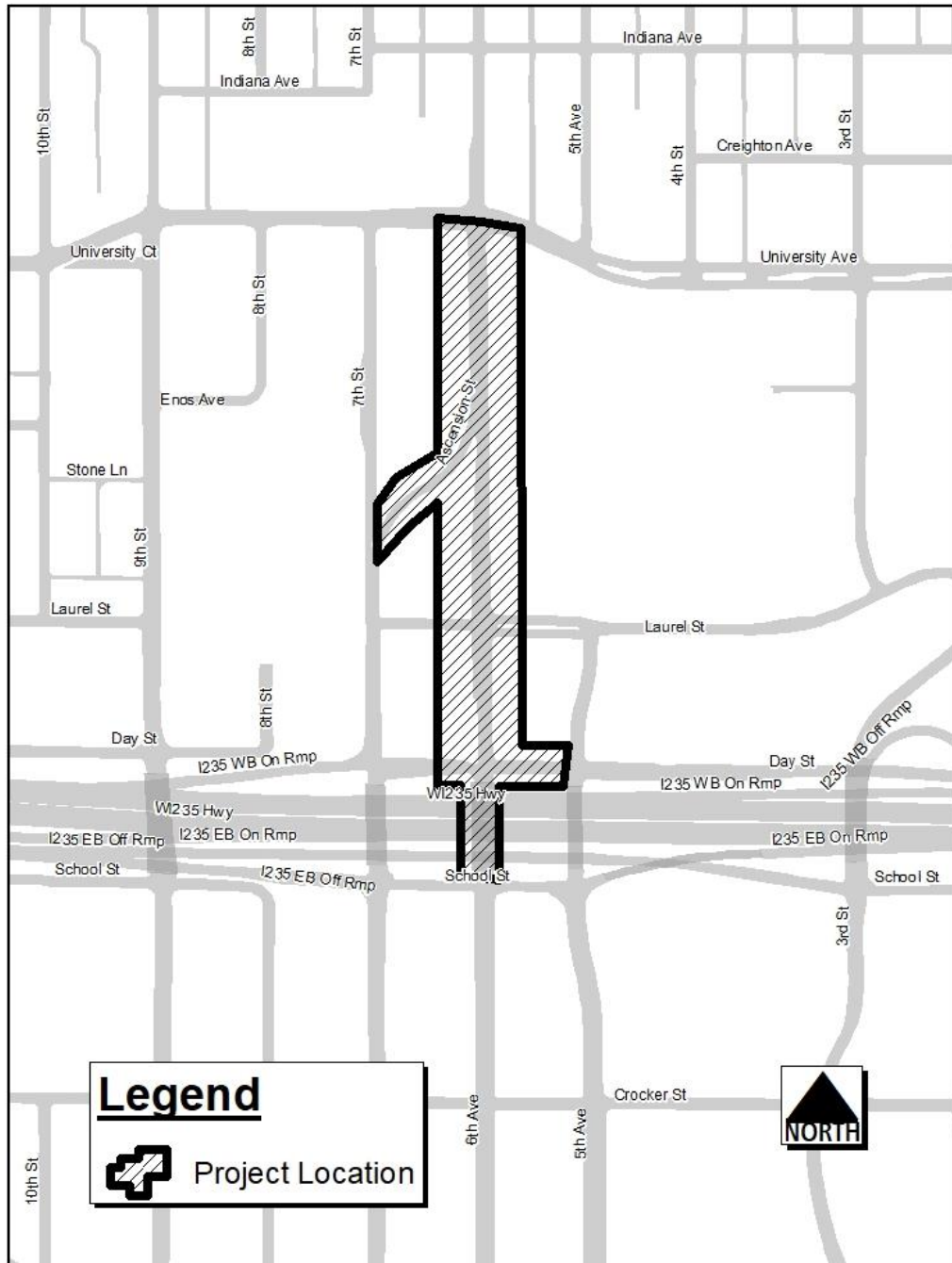
Amount: \$61,485.51

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 108, Sixth Avenue Streetscape, ST266, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The 6th Avenue Improvements from School Street to University Avenue project will include:
 - Narrowing 6th Avenue between University Avenue and Ascension Street, including removing one (1) of the two (2) southbound lanes on 6th Avenue.
 - Narrowing Ascension Street between 6th Avenue and 7th Street, including removing one (1) of the two (2) southbound lanes on Ascension Street.
 - Narrowing 6th Avenue between I-235 and Ascension Street, including removing one (1) of the three (3) northbound lanes on 6th Avenue.
 - Geometric safety and sight distance improvements at the 6th Avenue and Day Street intersection.
 - Adding an eight (8)-foot-wide, two (2)-way, raised bicycle facility along 6th Avenue from University Avenue to I-235.

- Adding a five (5)-foot-wide sidewalk along Ascension Street.
- Replacement of traffic signals at the intersection of Laurel Street and 6th Avenue.
- Traffic signal modifications at the intersection of Day Street and 6th Avenue.
- Resurfacing (mill and overlay) 6th Avenue from University Avenue to Day Street and on Ascension Street.
- These improvements will be part of the 6th Avenue Improvements from School Street to University Avenue project planned for construction starting in 2025. This project will be the third and last phase in the revitalization of the 6th Avenue Corridor from the Des Moines River to I-235. The first phase of this project from Hickman Road to College Avenue was completed in 2020. The second phase from College Avenue to University Avenue was completed in 2022.
- As part of the 6th Avenue Improvements from School Street to University Avenue project, City staff were directed to request a proposal from MidAmerican Energy Company to remove and/or underground the overhead facilities crossing 6th Avenue between School Street to University Avenue.
- This proposal provides for MidAmerican Energy Company to:
 - Remove overhead distribution facilities crossing 6th Avenue.
 - Furnish and install underground cable, switchgears, and other pad-mounted equipment.
 - Provide a field representative to review plans with the contractor hired to install conduit system.
- The estimate from MidAmerican Energy for undergrounding of the existing electrical lines which cross 6th Avenue is \$61,485.51 and is budgeted as part of the 6th Avenue Improvements from School Street to University Avenue project costs.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 6, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0641](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement for the Intersection Improvements of 6th Avenue and Day Street. ([Council Communication No. 24-190](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated future actions related to this project include, ordering construction, 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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