


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	25-041	Meeting:	January 27, 2025
	Agenda Item:	9	Roll Call:	25-0095
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Designation of lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Minturn, Inc. (Clinton M. Rhoads, President) and approval of contract and bond on SW 1st Street Bridge Park Improvement, \$961,268.75.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of contract and bond with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Minturn, Inc. (Clinton M. Rhoads, President, 144 W Front Street, PO Box 369, Brooklyn, IA 52211) for the SW 1st Street Bridge Park Improvement 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 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 in anticipation of future bridge aesthetic lighting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$961,268.75 Construction Contract (\$925,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

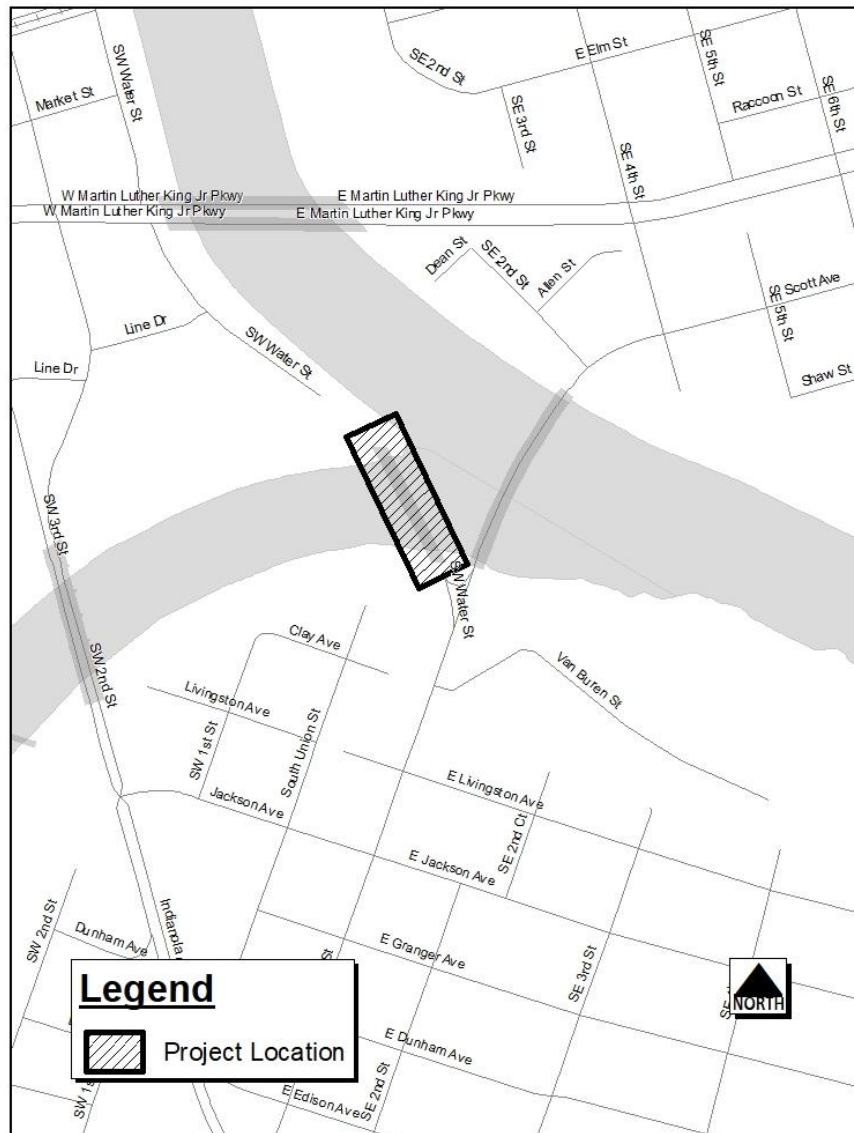
Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 62, Multi-Use Trails, PK045, Being: \$200,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funding from the National Park Service (NPS), \$160,000 in Private Donations, \$75,000 Tax Increment Financing (TIF), and the remaining \$526,268.75 in G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On January 13, 2025, under Roll Call No. 25-0063, the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents and Engineer’s estimate of construction cost for said improvement was held and closed. Said plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer’s estimate of construction cost were approved as the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer’s estimate of construction cost for said improvement, including Plan File No. 666-045/067, and bids for said improvement were received and filed.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Minturn, Inc. (Clinton M. Rhoads, President, 144 W Front Street, PO Box 369, Brooklyn, IA 52211) in the amount of \$961,268.75, and said bid should be

accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.

- 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.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed in fall 2025.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 13, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-0063](#)

Action: [On](#) SW 1st Street Bridge Park Improvement: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, and receive and file bids. ([Council Communication No. 25-011](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

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):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: September 18, 2024

Resolution: No. 24-10

Action: Colby Fangman, City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Park Planner, presented plans for the SW 1st Bridge/Park Improvements Project. This project will transform the SW 1st Street Bridge into a vibrant park-on-structure and trail space.

Motion to Approve by Dylan Jones noting suggestions of turning spaces and markings Seconded by Garland Armstrong. Motion Carried 8-0

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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