


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-057	Meeting:	February 10, 2025
	Agenda Item:	8b	Roll Call:	25-0169
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: E. 33rd Street from University Avenue to Easton Boulevard Improvements - Receiving bids, (2-25-25), and Setting date of hearing, (3-24-25). (Construction Estimate - \$825,000).

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. This project provides for street improvements to E. 33rd Street from University Avenue to Easton Boulevard, including:

- Pavement rehabilitation, including milling, patching, and Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) overlay to E. 33rd Street from University Avenue to Easton Boulevard.
- Replacing defective curbs in select locations along E. 33rd Street.
- Replacing defective Class A sidewalk along the west side of E. 33rd Street from Mahaska Avenue to south of Cleveland Avenue.
- Changing the pavement markings and signage to move the on-street parking from the east side to the west side of E. 33rd Street between State Avenue and Dubuque Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$825,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 154, Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) Street Improvements, ST800, LOSST Monies

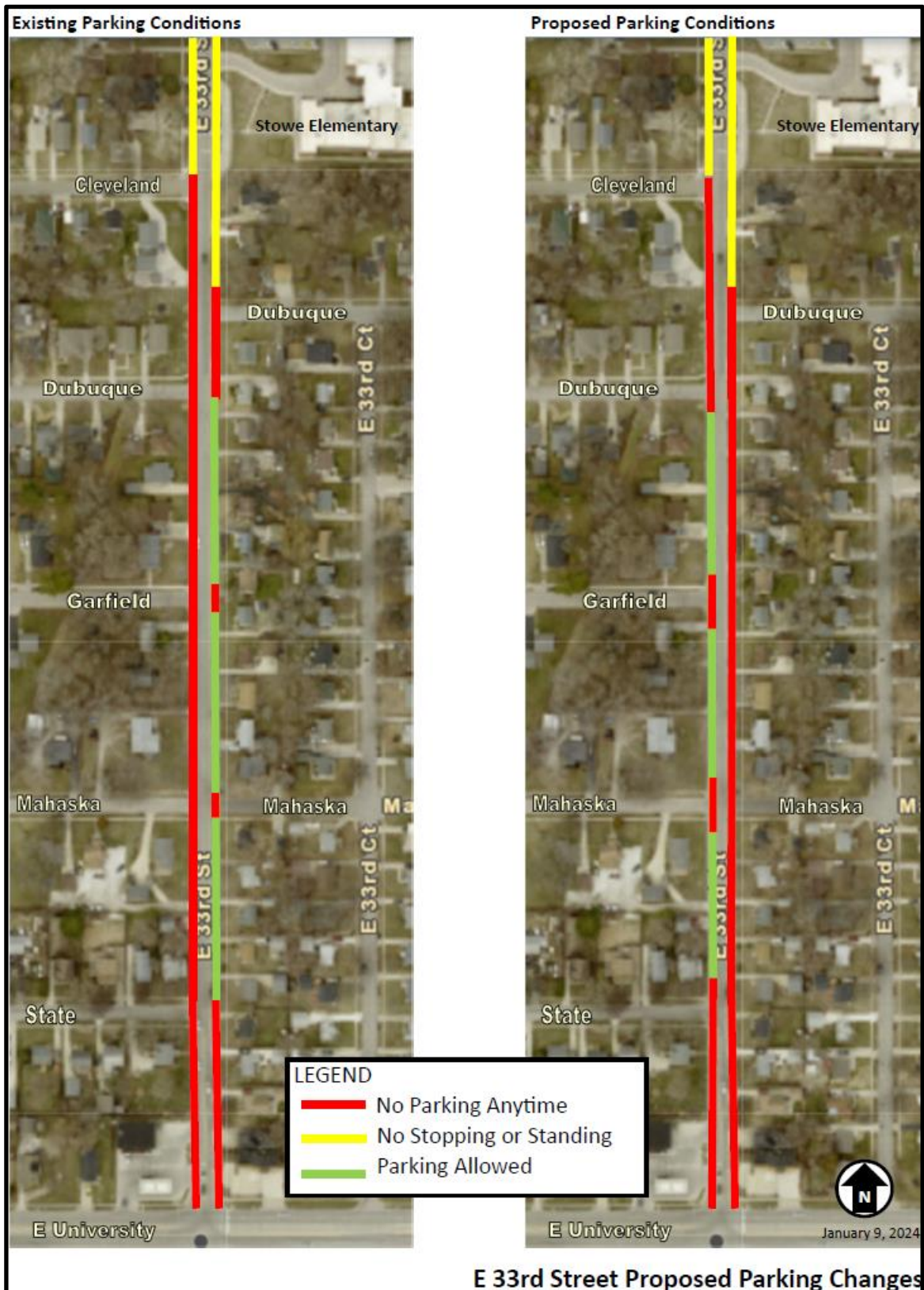
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

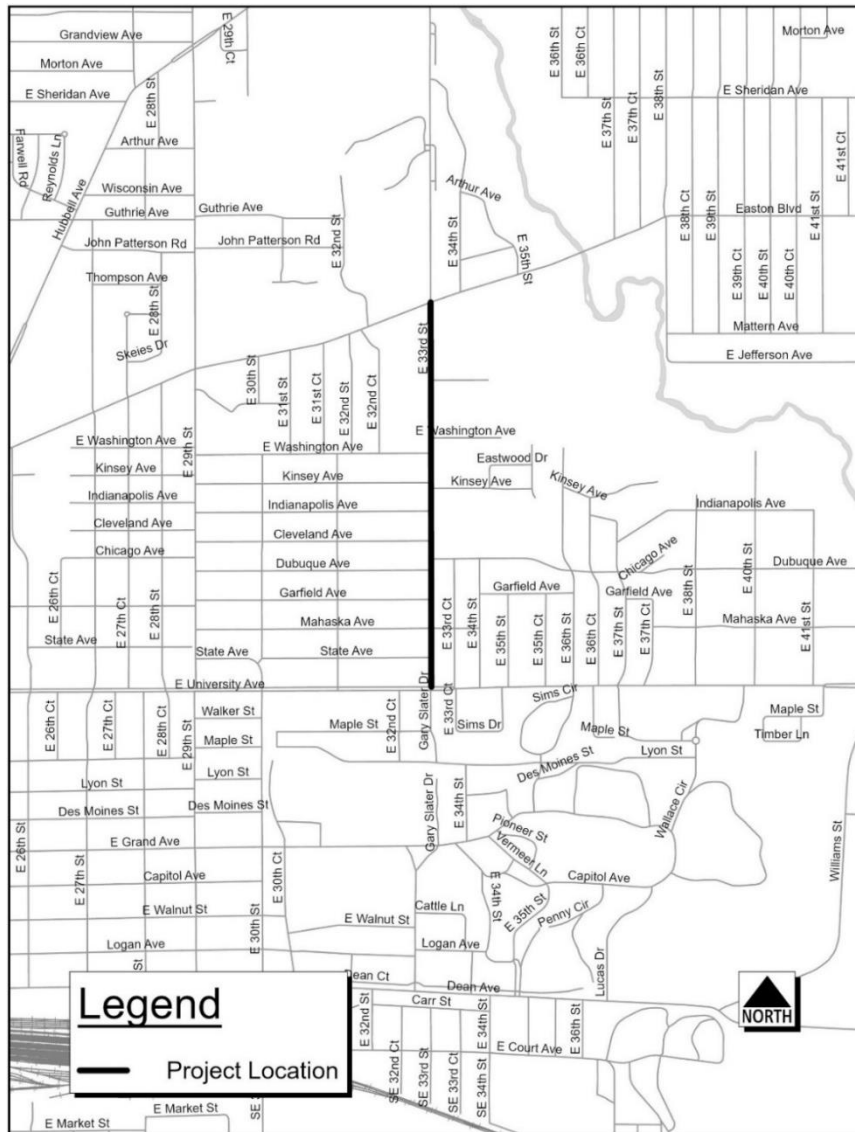
- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the E. 33rd Street from University Avenue to Easton

Boulevard Improvements, Activity ID 06-2025-005. The improvements include scarification, furnish and placement of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavement, pavement markings, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) curb and gutter, PCC sidewalk, pavement removal, traffic control, signage and other incidental items, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 672-280/299 located along E. 33rd Street from University Avenue to Easton Boulevard.

- The estimated construction cost is \$825,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- E. 33rd Street, between E. University Avenue and Easton Boulevard, needs pavement rehabilitation.
- Over the past few years, Mayor Boesen, Councilmember Westergaard, and representatives from the Accent Neighborhood have relayed to City staff safety concerns from area residents about the sidewalks on the west side of E. 33rd Street, particularly between E. University Avenue and Cleveland Avenue, being directly at the edge of the E. 33rd Street travel lane.
- Area residents inquired about the possibility of moving the sidewalk back away from the roadway. Ideally, sidewalks would have a buffer or parkway [typically a minimum of five (5)-feet in width] separating the sidewalk from the roadway. There isn't room to move the sidewalk back without substantial impacts to existing homes and properties along the west side of E. 33rd Street. Also, there isn't space to narrow the roadway to provide a buffer between the sidewalk and edge of road.
- On-street parking is currently allowed on the east side of E. 33rd Street between State Avenue and Dubuque Avenue. There already exists a parkway (grass and trees) separating the existing sidewalk along the east side of E. 33rd Street from the road.
- City staff recommend moving the on-street parking to the west side of E. 33rd Street between State Avenue and Dubuque Avenue (please see graphic below showing the existing and proposed change) to provide a buffer between vehicular traffic and the existing sidewalk on the west side of E. 33rd Street between State Avenue and Dubuque Avenue. With this proposal, even if the on-street parking is not utilized, the painted street centerline would be shifted to the east, thereby shifting the traffic away from the sidewalk on the west side of E. 33rd Street. Also please note the fire hydrants exist on the east side of E. 33rd Street, which prohibit parking in front of those hydrants, which is another benefit of moving the parking to the west side of the street.
- This project provides for street improvements to E. 33rd Street from University Avenue to Easton Boulevard, including:
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- Construction of this project shall commence on or after June 9, 2025, and be completed during summer 2025 while school is out of session, with the exception of final stabilization and punch list items. Additionally, no work is to occur during the Iowa State Fair from August 7-17, 2025.





PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

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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