


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	25-075	Meeting:	February 24, 2025
	Agenda Item:	51	Roll Call:	25-0300
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on East Army Post Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer from SE 14th Street to Three Lakes Estates: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as S. M. Hentges & Sons Inc. (Steven M. Hentges, President), \$4,321,000.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the East Army Post Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer from SE 14th Street to Three Lakes Estates and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project provides for the construction of a new trunk sanitary sewer ranging in size from 10-inches to 18-inches in diameter, generally aligned along East Army Post Road, providing sewer service for the areas lying on the north and south sides of East Army Post Road from the 1600 block to the 3000 block.

FISCAL IMPACT:

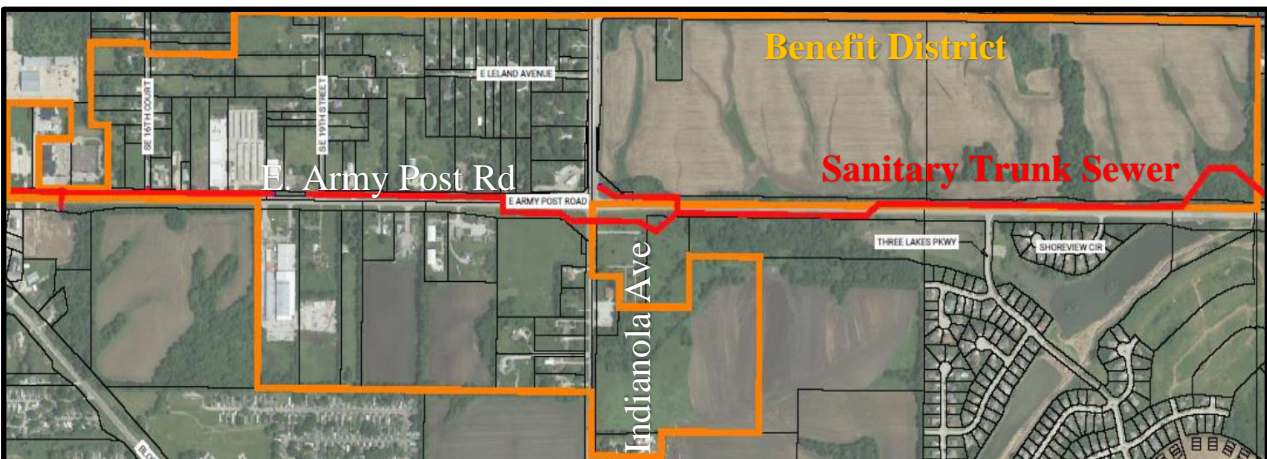
Amount: \$4,321,000 Construction Contract (\$4,500,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 86, Sanitary Sewer Trunk Sewers, SS120, Sanitary Sewer Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On January 13, 2025, under Roll Call No. 24-0010, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the East Army Post Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer from SE 14th Street to Three Lakes Estates. 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 East Army Post Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer from SE 14th Street to Three Lakes Estates, Activity ID 07-2023-001. The improvement includes clearing and grubbing, removals, sanitary sewer installation, storm sewer installation, intake replacement, replacement of driveways, sidewalks, street patches, traffic control, pavement markings, erosion control, restoration, seeding, and miscellaneous associated work, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 663-312/414, located along East Army Post Road from SE 14th Street to Three Lakes Estates.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - S. M. Hentges & Sons Inc., Jordan, MN - Low Bid
 - Graff Excavating Inc., Toledo, IA - Bid not read (Original Bid Bond was not submitted)
- 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 January 28, 2025.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by S. M. Hentges & Sons Inc. (Steven M. Hentges, President, 650 Quaker Avenue, Suite 200, Jordan, MN 55352) in the amount of \$4,321,000, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- In 2021, the City, in conjunction with its consultant, completed a Sanitary Sewer Planning Prioritization Study to develop a guide to assist in prioritizing new sanitary sewer projects to serve current unsewered and under-sewered areas that are suitable for development or areas currently served by individual septic systems.
- The Sanitary Sewer Planning Prioritization Study identified the area along East Army Post Road from east of SE 14th Street to east of Three Lakes Parkway as one of the highest priorities in the City for needing sanitary sewer service capacity.
- This project includes installation of a new sanitary trunk sewer along East Army Post Road from the existing Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority trunk sewer located east of Three Lakes Parkway to east of SE 14th Street.
- On February 10, 2025, under Roll Call No. 25-0219 and 25-0220, City Council held hearing and gave first consideration on proposed connection fee ordinance for East Army Post Road and Indianola Avenue Trunk Sanitary Sewer System Benefited District. Property owners within the East Army Post Road and Indianola Avenue Trunk Sanitary Sewer System Benefit District, with a total area of 394.924 acres, will be eligible to connect to the proposed trunk sewer improvements upon application, approval, and payment of the connection fee.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2026.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 10, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-0219](#) and [25-0220](#)

Action: [On](#) proposed connection fee ordinance for East Army Post Road and Indianola Avenue Trunk Sanitary Sewer System Benefited District. ([Council Communication No. 25-062](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

- (A) [First](#) consideration of ordinance above. Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 13, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-0036](#)

Action: [On](#) proposed connection fee ordinance for East Army Post Road and Indianola Avenue Trunk Sanitary Sewer System Benefited District, (2-10-25). ([Council Communication No. 25-001](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 13, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-0010](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (C) [East](#) Army Post Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer from SE 14th Street to Three Lakes Estates: Receiving of bids, (1-28-25) and Setting date of hearing, (2-24-25), Engineer's estimate, \$4,500,000. ([Council Communication No. 25-017](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Plan and Zoning Commission

Date: July 7, 2022

Resolution Number: Item 1

Action: Will Page made a motion that the Commission find the proposed East Army Post Road Urban Renewal Plan in conformance with the PlanDSM: Creating Our Tomorrow Plan. THE VOTE: 10-0

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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