


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>25-155</b>	Meeting:	<b>April 21, 2025</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>16</b>	Roll Call:	<b>25-0567</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Guthrie Avenue Trail from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Guthrie Avenue Trail from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the property acquisition process for this project under eminent domain. Relocation assistance will not be required for this project.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: To be determined after final design is completed.

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 164, Sidewalks – School and Priority Routes, SW081, G.O. Bonds

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Guthrie Avenue between Glenbrook Drive and Hubbell Avenue is classified as a Minor Arterial Roadway and classified by MoveDSM as a Community Residential Roadway, being an important link in the City's street network for people using all modes of travel. MoveDSM also identifies Guthrie Avenue as being on the Core Bicycle Network.
- Adding a multi-use trail along Guthrie Avenue will provide a much-needed east-west pedestrian and bicycle connection over the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks, connecting multiple neighborhoods and providing a connection to major roadway corridors and a DART bus route. This multi-use trail also helps to continue moving forward with the City's goal of filling sidewalk gaps, including providing sidewalks on both sides of major corridors, such as Guthrie Avenue.
- The City's plan is to construct a Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) multi-use trail on the south side of Guthrie Avenue from Glenbrook Drive to Hubbell Avenue in three (3) phases:
  - Phase 1 - Guthrie Avenue from E. 21st Street to Hubbell Avenue was completed in the fall of 2024.

- Phase 2 - Guthrie Avenue from the west edge of the viaduct over the Union Pacific Railroad to E. 21st Street, is scheduled for construction as part of the Guthrie Avenue Viaduct over Union Pacific Railroad Rehabilitation project, which is currently being designed and is anticipated to start in 2026 and be completed in 2027.
- Phase 3 - Guthrie Avenue from Glenbrook Drive to the viaduct over Union Pacific Railroad, is also anticipated to start in the spring of 2026, with completion by 2027.
- This Phase 3 of the project provides for the construction of a 10-foot-wide PCC multi-use trail on the south side of Guthrie Avenue from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive.
- On April 1, 2025, under provisions of Iowa Code 6B.2D, notices of the proposed resolution authorizing the acquisition of the necessary property interests for recreational trail purposes were mailed to each affected property owner, contract purchaser of record, and tenants known to be occupying the properties required for the Project.
- The affected property owners have the right to attend the City Council meeting on April 21, 2025, to voice any objections to the proposed property interests to be acquired.
- At this time, approximately six (6) temporary construction easements and five (5) partial fee acquisitions from six (6) property owners are needed to complete the construction of this project. Relocation assistance will not be required.
- The design of Phase 3 of this project was completed under the design agreement for the 2023 Neighborhood Sidewalk Program.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: June 13, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-0858](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for 2023 Neighborhood Sidewalk Program, not to exceed \$130,000. ([Council Communication No. 22-265](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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