COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Number:	**25-228**	Meeting:	**June 9, 2025**
Agenda Item:	**7a**	Roll Call:	**25-0803**
Submitted by:	**Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer**		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: 2025 Riverwalk Improvements – Balustrade Replacement - Receiving bids (6-24-25), and Setting date of hearing (7-14-25). (Construction Estimate - $230,000).

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 replaces deteriorated portions of the balustrade wall with a cast stone balustrade wall along the west side of the Des Moines River between Center Street and Locust Street and between Walnut Street and Court Avenue. The replacement sections of the balustrade wall will replicate the design of the existing wall.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: $230,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 82, Principal Riverwalk, PK162, G.O. Bonds

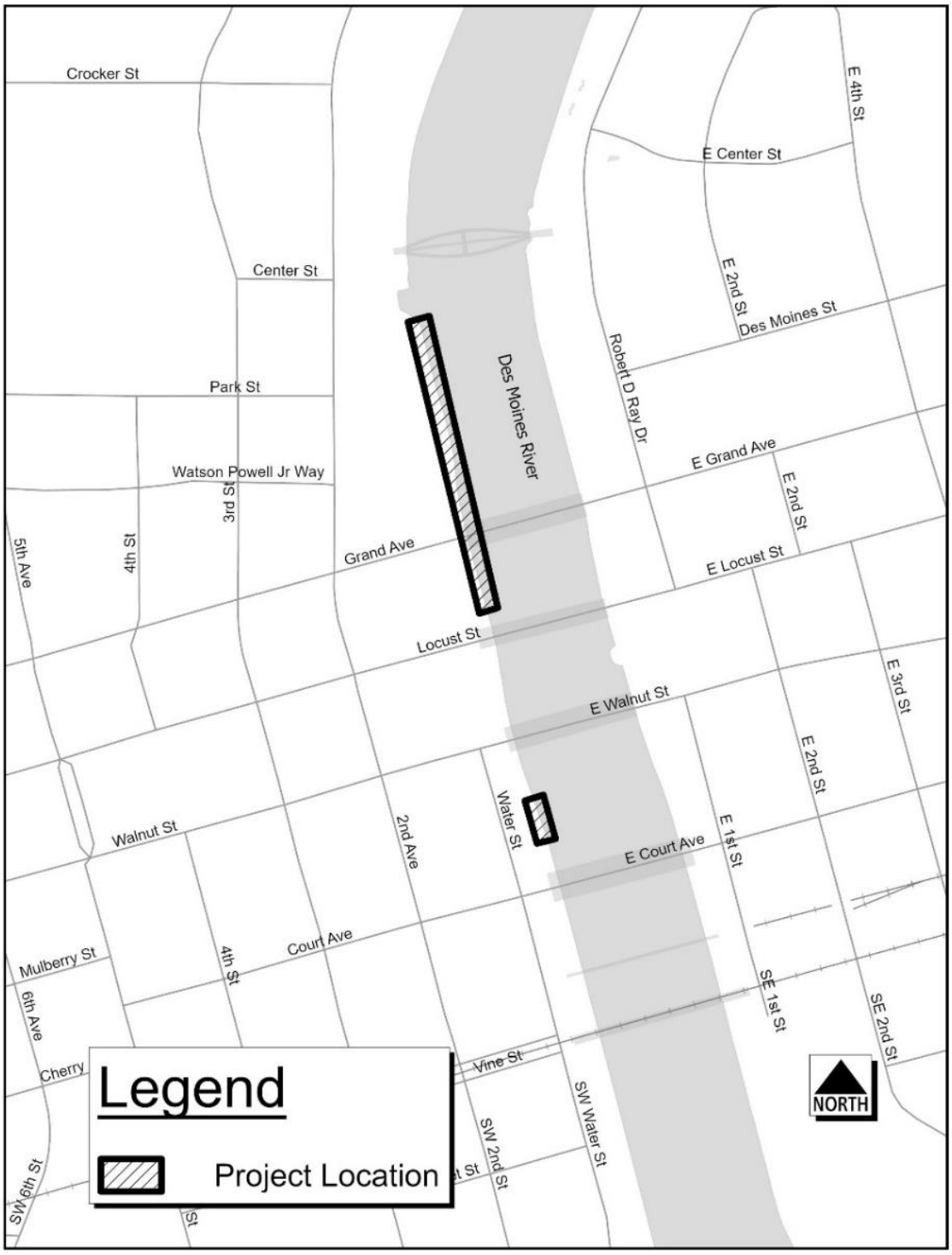
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the 2025 Riverwalk Improvements – Balustrade Replacement, Activity ID 11-2025-005. The improvement includes removal of existing sections of balustrade wall and replacement with sections of cast stone balustrade wall, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 674-116/125, located along the west side of the Des Moines River between Center Street and Locust Street and between Walnut Street and Court Avenue.

- The estimated construction cost is $230,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.

- Construction of this project is anticipated to begin in summer 2025 and be completed in summer 2026.

- The contractor will need to close portions of the Principal Riverwalk trail Monday through Friday, up to four (4) weeks. The contractor will be required to reopen the Principal Riverwalk trail on Saturdays and Sundays.



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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