


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>25-275</b>	Meeting:	<b>July 14, 2025</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>9</b>	Roll Call:	<b>25-0960</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of contract and bond for construction of an improvement with an estimated cost which is less than the Iowa Code competitive bid threshold Fort Des Moines Historic Monument Replacement, TNT Tuckpointing and Building Restoration, L.L.C., Joshua L. Smyser, Owner, \$122,680.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond for the Fort Des Moines Historic Monument Replacement. This project includes removal and replacement of the damaged south monument and repointing and cleaning of the north monument, located at historic Fort Des Moines on the east side of SW 9th Street at Bundy Street.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

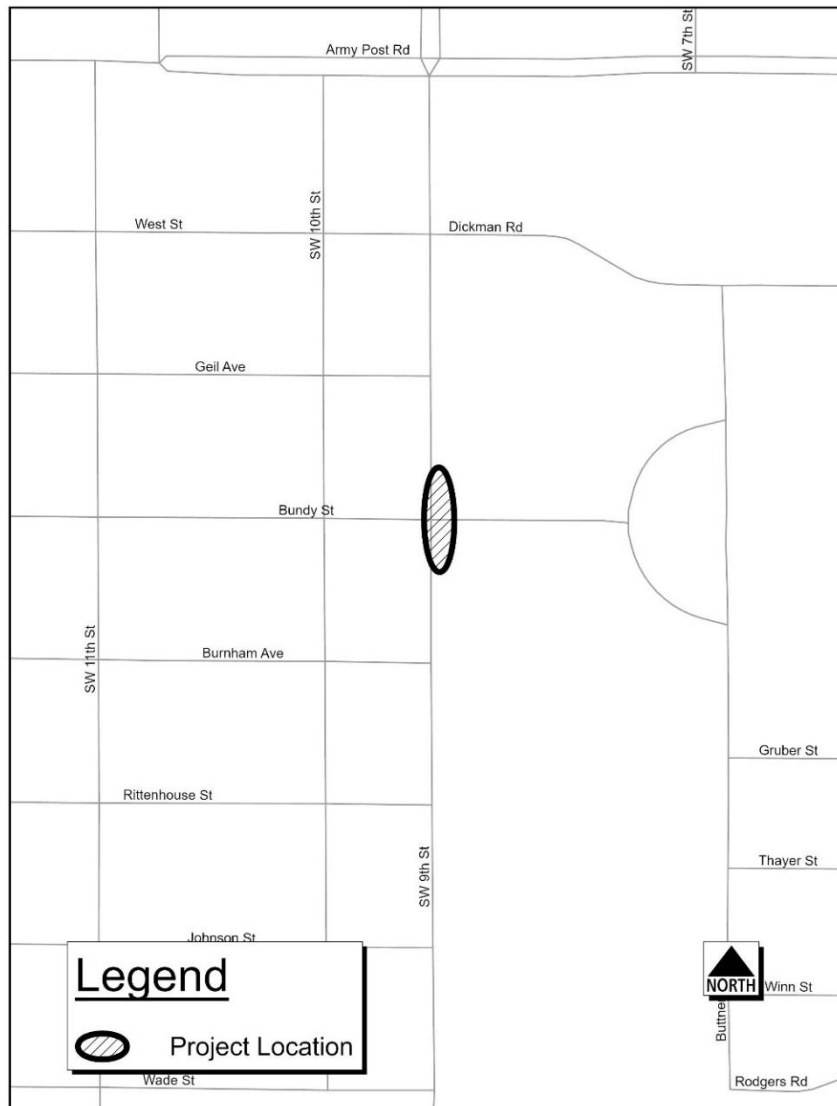
Amount: \$122,680 Construction Contract (\$75,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 64, Land Acquisition, MS022, General Fund

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- For projects where the Engineer's estimated cost of a vertical infrastructure improvement is less than the competitive bid threshold under Iowa Code, which is currently \$206,000, a competitive quotation process may be utilized.
- Sections 26.3 and 26.12 of the Iowa Code exempt the governing body from advertisement for sealed bids and holding a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of a vertical infrastructure improvement when the Engineer's estimated cost for the improvement is less than the competitive bid threshold established in Iowa Code Section 314.1B.
- On February 12, 2007, under Roll Call No. 07-0291, the Des Moines City Council approved bidding and contracting process changes for construction of improvements which included "Part II: New Competitive Quotation Process for Public Improvements", which the City Engineer has utilized for this project to determine the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for construction of the proposed improvement.

- This monument was significantly damaged after being hit by an automobile in 2018.
- The City Engineer's estimate of the following proposed improvement was \$75,000, which is less than the competitive bid threshold under Iowa Code.
- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Fort Des Moines Historic Monument Replacement, Activity ID 04-2025-012. The improvement includes removal of all stone and the existing south monument, installation of concrete plinth and backer wall, installation of new limestone veneer and cap stones, and repointing and cleaning of the north monument, all in accordance with the contract documents, located on the east side of SW 9th Street at Bundy Street.
- As part of a solicitation for proposals for said improvement, the plans and specifications were issued to contractors that normally bid on City of Des Moines projects of a similar nature, and were also posted on the Engineering Department's project bidding webpage where all other public improvements are posted, requesting contractors to submit proposals to the office of the City Clerk or to the Des Moines City Engineer on or before 11:00 a.m. on June 24, 2025.
- Bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
  - TNT Tuckpointing and Building Restoration, L.L.C., Stockton, IA - Low Bid
  - Hildreth Construction Services, L.L.C., Cumming, IA
  - Edge Commercial, LLC, Grimes, IA
- 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 June 24, 2025.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by TNT Tuckpointing and Building Restoration, L.L.C. (Joshua L. Smyser, Owner; 202 Iowa Street, Stockton, IA 52769) in the amount of \$122,680, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed by fall 2025.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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