


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-292	Meeting:	August 4, 2025
	Agenda Item:	18	Roll Call:	25-1038
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway (MLK) Lane Modifications from I-235 to Hickman Road project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the MLK Lane Modifications from I-235 to Hickman Road 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 design is completed and right-of-way needs have been identified.

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 152, 19th Street and MLK, ST311, Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Federal Grant

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Construction includes resurfacing the existing roadway from I-235 to Hickman Road with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) and reducing the roadway configuration between Cottage Grove to Washington Street from a three (3)-lane cross-section to a two (2)-lane cross-section with on-street parking, traffic signal modifications, pavement markings, curb extensions and curb and gutter relocation.
- Bumpouts and parking along MLK from University Avenue to School Street. MLK is being aligned to eliminate a lane of traffic and to provide a separation between the back of curb and the sidewalk on both sides of the roadway.
- The City was awarded a \$13M SS4A Implementation Grant from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to assist with funding for the improvement of several roadways, traffic signals and school speed zone assemblies, of which this project was included. The SS4A grant agreement is currently with the USDOT awaiting final approval.

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- Legend**
- Project Location
- NORTH**

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 6, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0640](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) the application for a USDOT SS4A Implementation Grant. ([Council Communication: 24-202](#)). Moved by Coleman to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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