


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-293	Meeting:	August 4, 2025
	Agenda Item:	11	Roll Call:	25-1027
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Change Order No. 5 with Synergy Contracting, LLC for additional work on 2nd Avenue Reconstruction from University Avenue to the Des Moines River, in the amount of \$210,429.30.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$210,429.30 with Synergy Contracting, LLC (Jesse Rognes, President; 7481 US HWY 65/69, Des Moines, Iowa 50320) for additional work on 2nd Avenue Reconstruction from University Avenue to the Des Moines River.

FISCAL IMPACT:

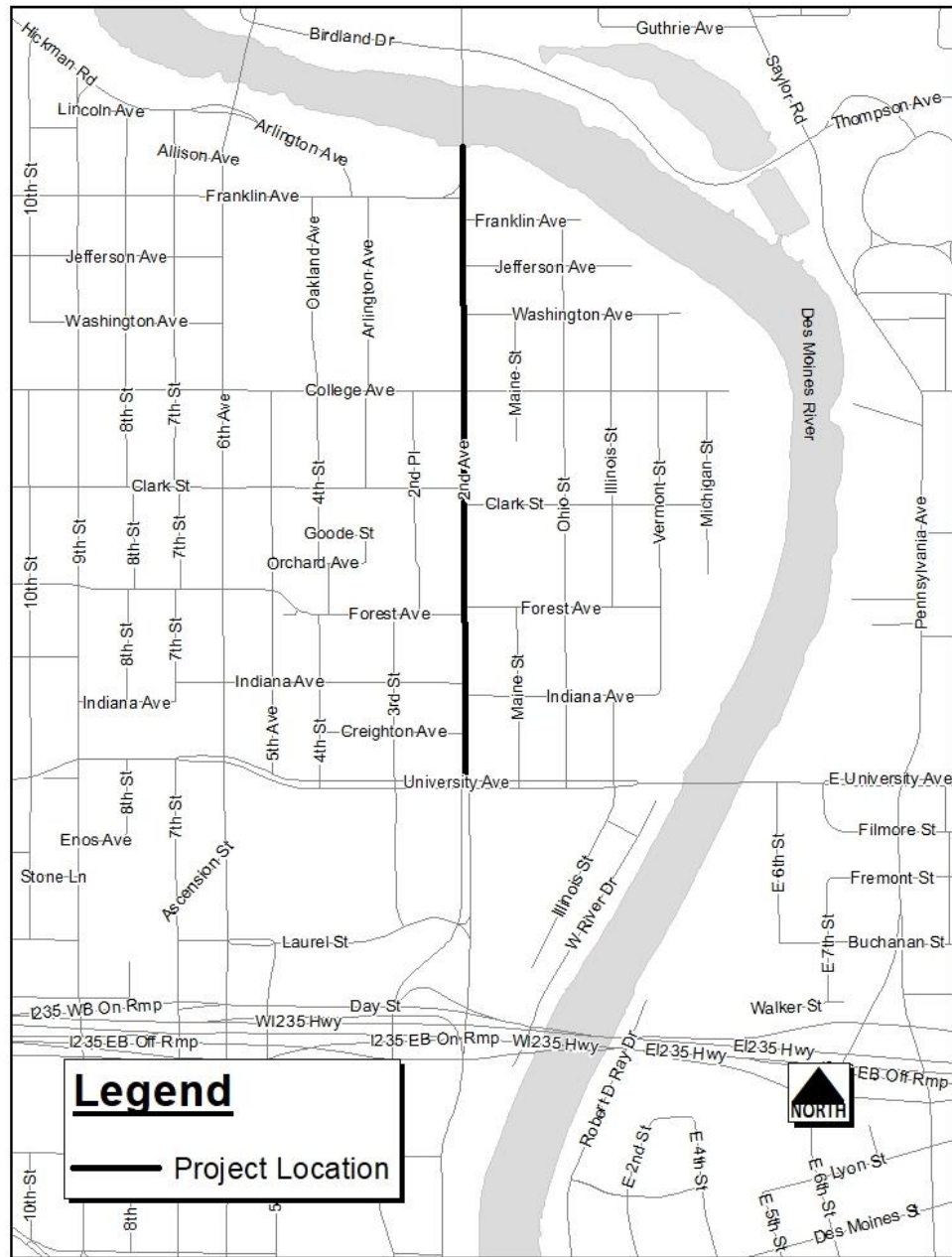
Amount: \$210,429.30

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 128, Roadway Reconstruction – Second Avenue, ST277, Tax Increment Funding (TIF) Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The 2nd Avenue Reconstruction from University to the Des Moines River project includes:
 - *Pavement Reconstruction* – Full pavement reconstruction of a four (4)-lane roadway with 11-foot-wide lanes plus new curbs and gutters and new five (5)-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides.
 - *Forest Avenue Realignment* – Realignment of the east leg of Forest Avenue at the intersection of 2nd Avenue to align with the west leg of Forest Avenue at the intersection of 2nd Avenue.
 - *Clark Street Realignment* – Realignment of the east leg of Clark Street at the intersection of 2nd Avenue to align with the west leg of Clark Street at the intersection of 2nd Avenue.
 - *Left-Turn Lanes at Select Intersections* – Adding left-turn lanes at the following intersections along 2nd Avenue:
 - Franklin Avenue (2nd Avenue northbound left-turn lane)
 - College Avenue (2nd Avenue northbound and southbound left-turn lanes)

- Clark Street (2nd Avenue northbound and southbound left-turn lanes)
- Forest Avenue (2nd Avenue northbound and southbound left-turn lanes)
- *Access Control Improvements* – Eliminate and/or consolidate driveway accesses along the corridor to reduce the number of conflict points/turning movements along the corridor.
- *Storm Sewer Installation* – Installation of a new storm sewer along the west side of 2nd Avenue from College Avenue to the Des Moines River.
- *Water Main Replacement* – Replacement of the existing water main under 2nd Avenue by Des Moines Water Works.
- On December 18, 2023, by Roll Call No. 23-557, City Council held a hearing on 2nd Avenue Reconstruction from University Avenue to the Des Moines River, approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Synergy Contracting, LLC (Jesse Rognes, President), \$17,148,218.80.
- Change Order No. 1 for \$18,529.15, approved by the City Engineer on August 14, 2024, provided additional fittings necessary for the connection of the new water main to the existing water main, and provided an additional splice for the traffic interconnect system to connect an unanticipated communication line found during construction.
- Change Order No. 2 for \$90,085.66, approved by the City Engineer on January 15, 2025, modified the contract completion provisions, added additional temporary pavement for 2nd Avenue, modified traffic signalization, and modified storm sewer at the intersection of 2nd Avenue and College Avenue. This change order modified the contract completion provisions by changing the project's Final Completion date from September 25, 2026, to August 15, 2026.
- Change Order No. 3 for \$45,695.12, approved by the City Engineer on March 7, 2025, provided hydro-excavation for signal footings, added reinforced Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sidewalk, removal of curb, and adjustment of plan quantity.
- Change Order No. 4 for \$84,753.98, approved by the City Engineer on May 27, 2025, repaired damage to the existing 36" force main located at 2nd Avenue and Forest Avenue caused during directional drilling operations for the relocation of a fiber optic line.
- Change Order No. 5 will provide for the installation of additional water main at the Des Moines River Bridge abutment (to be reimbursed by Des Moines Water Works); provide for additional 12-inch PCC pavement at the intersection of 2nd Avenue and Forest Avenue; provide for modifications to two (2) storm sewer structures located at Forest Avenue and Indiana Avenue; provide for the installation of reinforced concrete footings parallel to the 36" force main crossing 2nd Avenue at Forest Avenue; provide for repair of damage to the 36" force main, which was at a higher elevation than anticipated, caused during saw cutting operations of 2nd Avenue; and repair of potholes that had developed along the existing 2nd Avenue pavement while construction of the new pavement has been ongoing. This change order will also adjust plan quantities to as-built quantities for items that have been completed.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 23, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1705](#)

Action: [Acceptance](#) of a proposal from MidAmerican Energy Company to relocate existing overhead utilities transversely crossing 2nd Avenue to underground for the 2nd Avenue Reconstruction from University Avenue to the Des Moines River, estimated cost \$389,410. ([Council Communication No. 24-522](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 6-0. Absent: Voss.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Transportation Safety Committee

Date: July 9, 2019

Resolution Number: 1

Action: Motion was made by Jim Windsor to approve the 2nd Avenue Reconstruction from University Avenue to the Des Moines River Concept Plan for a four (4)-lane roadway section with turn lanes at select intersections and access control measures along the corridor, seconded by Blake Hanson. Motion passed 7:1. Opposed: Dave Ferree (preferred five [5]-lane).

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor, potential change orders for unanticipated additional scope of work items, and final acceptance of work.

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