


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-341	Meeting:	September 8, 2025
	Agenda Item:	59	Roll Call:	25-1245
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Skywalk Bridge 3CaS Repair: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Hildreth Construction Services, L.L.C., Mark R. Hildreth, Owner, \$749,000.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Skywalk Bridge 3CaS Repair and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project includes the demolition of existing interior finishes, walls, lighting, sliding doors, and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) ductwork on the 3CaS Skywalk Bridge and installation of new finishes. This project will include replacement of HVAC ductwork, lighting and electrical work, security camera installation, new fire walls and finishes, window film and prints, soffit installation, and interior and exterior painting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

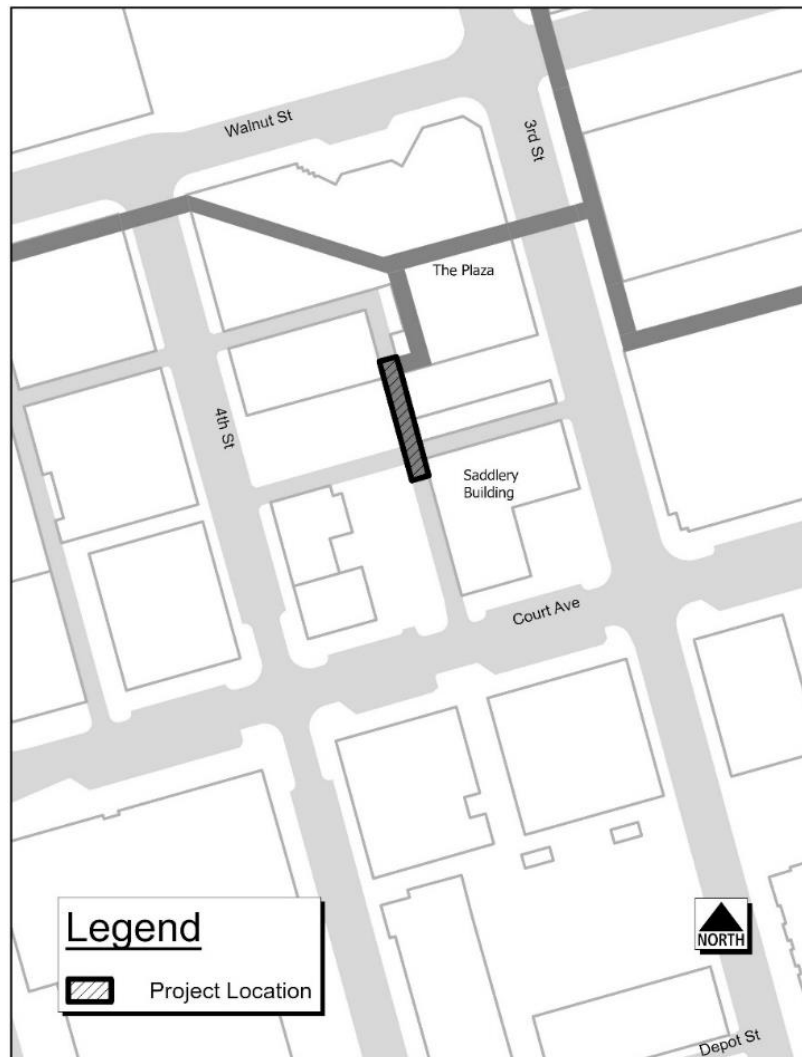
Amount: \$749,000 Construction Contract (\$700,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 169, Skywalk System, SW094, Tax Increment Funding (TIF) Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On June 30, 2025, under Roll Call No. 25-0886, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Skywalk Bridge 3CaS Repair. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Skywalk Bridge 3CaS Repair, Activity ID 10-2024-005. The improvement includes the demolition of existing interior HVAC ducting, interior and exterior lighting and electrical, all existing interior finishes, existing automatic sliding door, glass block wall and miscellaneous wall conditions, and replacement with new HVAC ducting and exterior screening, interior and exterior lighting, electrical, security cameras, carpet, door hardware, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant sliding doors and operators, interior and exterior painting, and interior and exterior window films, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 671-097/114, 3CaS Skywalk Bridge located between 3rd Street and 4th Street above the alley between Court Avenue and Walnut Street.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Hildreth Construction Services, L.L.C., Cumming, IA - Low Bid
 - BallTeam, L.L.C., Urbandale, IA
 - Neumann Brothers, Inc., Des Moines, IA
 - Trinity Construction Group, LTD, West Des Moines, 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 August 5, 2025.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Hildreth Construction Services, L.L.C. (Mark R. Hildreth, Owner; 2754 Cumming Avenue, Cumming, IA 50061) in the amount of \$749,000, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- Substantial completion for construction of all interior skywalk work for the project is to be completed by January 1, 2026, with all construction being fully completed by spring of 2026.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 30, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-0886](#)

Action: [Ordering](#) construction of Skywalk Bridge 3CaS Repair: Receiving of bids, (8-5-25) and Setting date of hearing, (9-8-25), Engineer's estimate, \$700,000. [\(Council Communications No. 25-250\)](#) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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