


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-360	Meeting:	September 29, 2025
	Agenda Item:	18	Roll Call:	25-1279
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Polk Boulevard and University Avenue Stormwater Improvements project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Polk Boulevard and University Avenue Stormwater Improvements project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the property acquisition process under eminent domain. Relocation will not be required for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

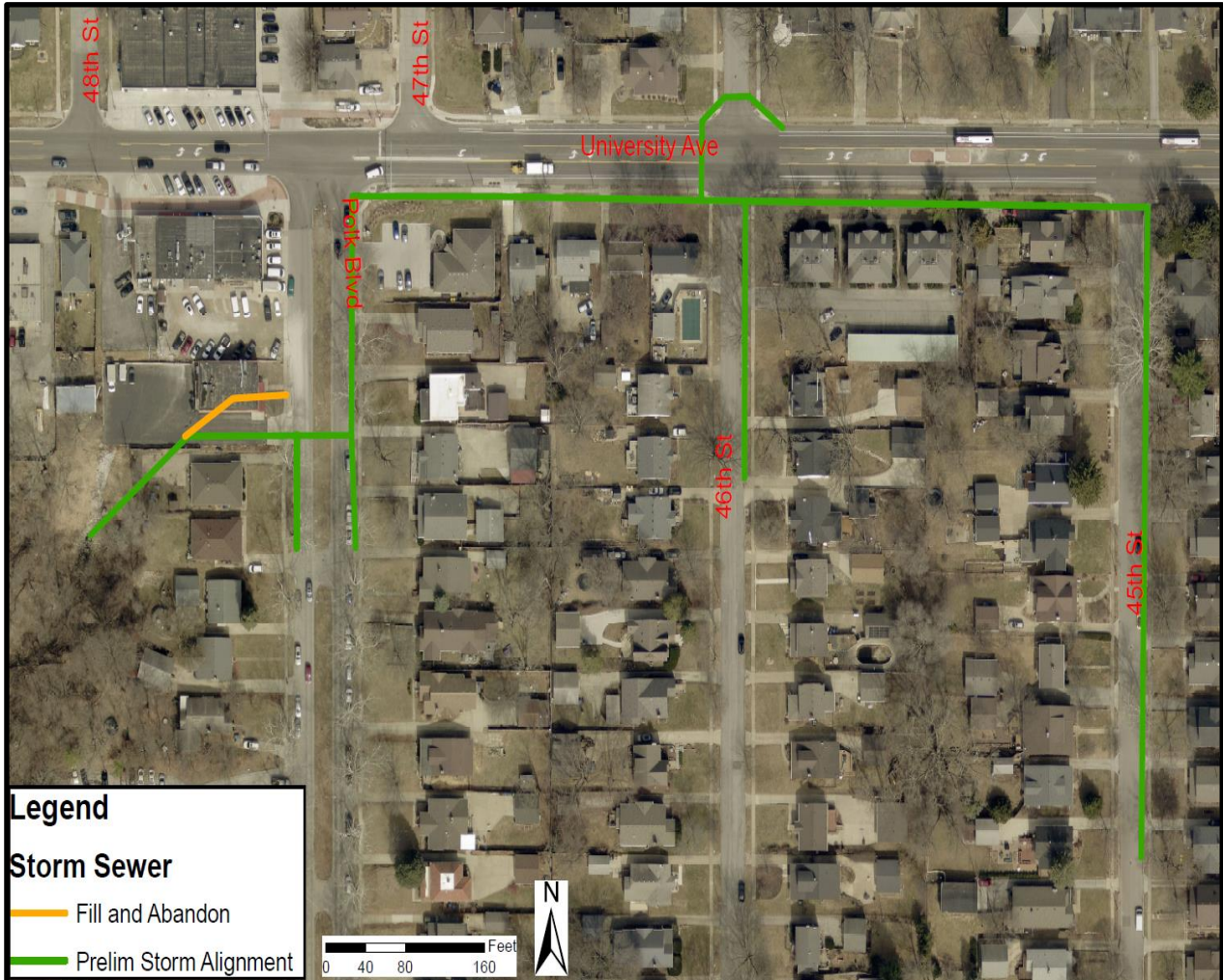
Amount: To be determined after final design is completed.

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 105, Citywide Stormwater Master Plan Program, SM138, Storm Water Utility Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City's Public Works Department presented the [Des Moines Stormwater Master Plan Development and Future Planning](#) at the City Council Work Session on December 4, 2023.
- The Stormwater Master Plan assessed the existing City stormwater assets and prioritized stormwater and flood mitigation projects.
- The No. 1 priority project identified in the Stormwater Master Plan focuses on the area of University Avenue and Polk Boulevard, upsizing over capacity storm sewer pipes to convey the 10-year storm event, also known as the 10 percent (10%) annual exceedance storm event (meaning there is a 10% chance of the event occurring in any given year).
- The City's Engineering Department started design of the project with the goal being to reduce the rate and frequency of flooding within public right-of-way and private property by upsizing storm sewers on University Avenue, Polk Boulevard, 46th Street, and 45th Street.

- Construction of this project is tentatively scheduled to start in 2027 or 2028.
- At this time, approximately 19 temporary construction easements and 10 permanent easements are needed from 17 property owners to complete construction of this project. Relocation assistance will not be required.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 18, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1536](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with CDM Smith, Inc. for additional professional services for Phase 2 of the City-Wide Stormwater Master Plan Study, not to exceed \$566,592. ([Council Communication No. 21-445](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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