

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-396	Meeting:	October 20, 2025
	Agenda Item:	5b	Roll Call:	25-1381
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from SW 9th Street to SW 14th Street - Receiving bids (11-4-25) and Setting date of hearing (12-8-25). (Construction Estimate - \$5,800,000).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project provides for full reconstruction of McKinley Avenue from SW 9th Street to SW 14th Street to improve the roadway to urban standards, including construction of curbs, storm sewer, new sidewalk along the south side of McKinley Avenue, and a new 10-foot-wide multi-use trail along the north side of the roadway.

FISCAL IMPACT:

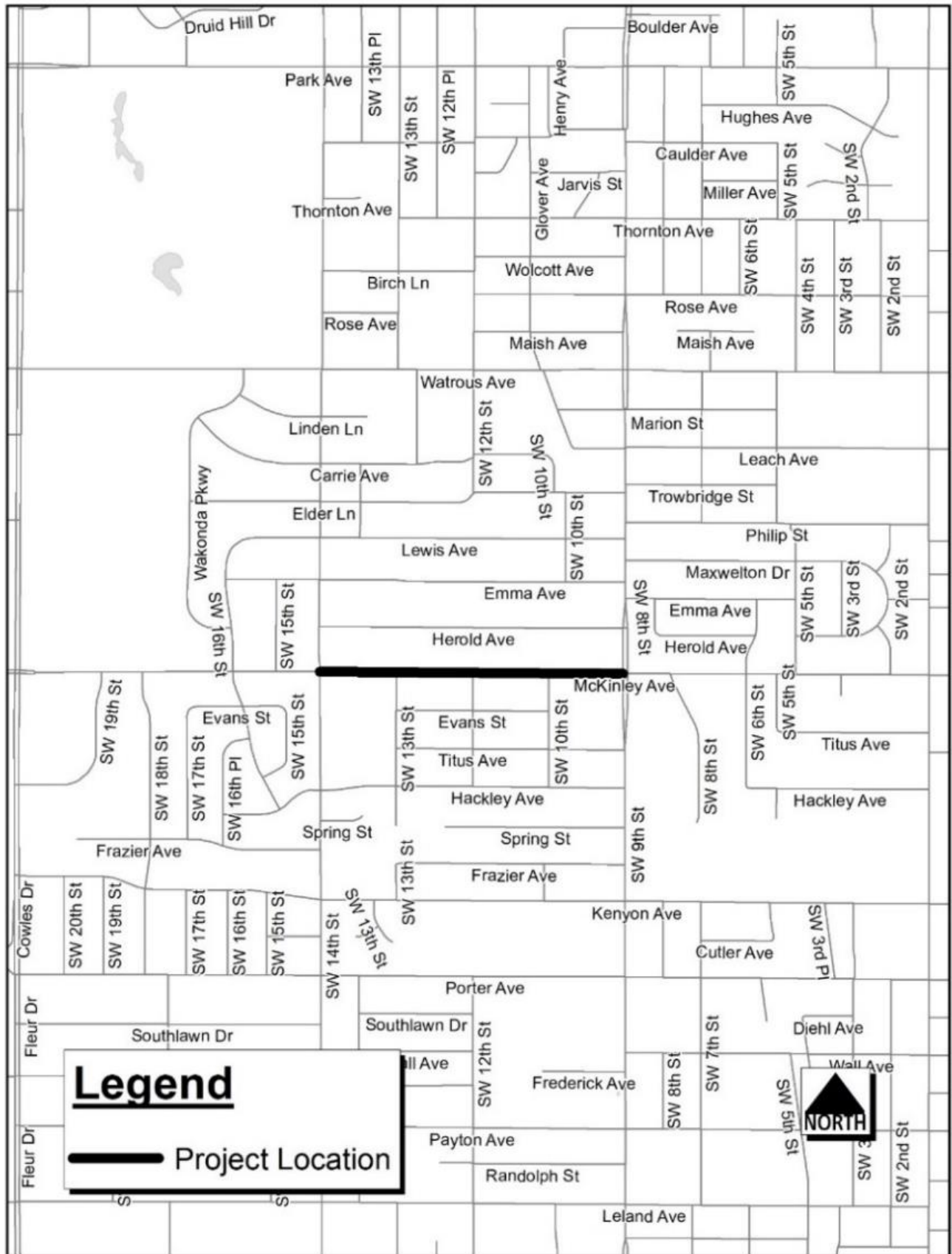
Amount: \$5,800,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 117, McKinley Avenue Improvements, ST212, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from SW 9th Street to SW 14th Street, Activity ID 06-2023-010. The improvement includes reconstructing McKinley Avenue with Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) roadway paving, PCC sidewalks, PCC driveways, PCC multi-use trail, storm sewer, storm sewer intakes and manholes, subdrain, clearing and grubbing, earthwork and grading, traffic signals, pavement markings, signage, erosion control, and restoration, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No.675-095/310, located along McKinley Avenue from SW 9th Street to SW 14th Street.

- The estimated construction cost is \$5,800,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- MoveDSM identifies McKinley Avenue as a Community Residential Street, a street that connects neighborhoods together, and links residents to commercial nodes, parks and schools, as well as being on the Core Bicycle Network.
- Between 2008 and 2019, the City reconstructed McKinley Avenue between SE 14th Street and South Union Street from a rural roadway cross section to an urban roadway cross section with curbs and gutters, sidewalks on both sides, and storm sewer improvements.
- Reconstruction of McKinley Avenue between South Union Street and SW 9th Street was completed in 2025, converting the rural cross section to an urban cross section with curbs and gutters, a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail along the north side of the roadway and a five (5)-foot-wide sidewalk along the south side of the roadway, along with storm sewer improvements and water main replacement by Des Moines Water Works.
- This project provides for full reconstruction of McKinley Avenue from SW 9th Street to SW 14th Street to improve the roadway to urban standards, including construction of curbs, storm sewer, new sidewalk along the south side of McKinley Avenue, and a new 10-foot-wide multi-use trail along the north side of the roadway.
- A public information meeting was held at the South Side Library on May 16, 2024, to provide information about the McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from SW 9th Street to SW 14th Street project.
- Des Moines Water Works began replacement of their water main on McKinley Avenue between SW 9th Street and SW 14th Street in 2025. Other utilities began relocation of their facilities in 2025.
- Construction of the City's road reconstruction project is anticipated to start in spring 2026 and be completed in summer 2027.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 4, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1025](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with HR Green, Inc. for additional professional services for McKinley Avenue Reconstruction, SW 9th Street to SW 14th Street, not to exceed \$95,940. ([Council Communication No. 25-288](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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