COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CITY OF DES MOINES CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	Number:	**25-454**	Meeting:	**December 8, 2025**
	Agenda Item:	**52**	Roll Call:	**25-1642**
	Submitted by:	**Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer**		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from SW 9th Street to SW 14th Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as All Star Concrete, L.L.C., Alex Vazquez, Member and Manager, $4,326,483.30.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from SW 9th Street to SW 14th Street and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. 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: $4,326,483.30 Construction Contract ($5,800,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 117, McKinley Avenue Improvements, ST212, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On October 20, 2025, under Roll Call No. 25-1381, the City Council received and filed 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. 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 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.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
    - All Star Concrete, L.L.C., Johnston, IA – Low Bid
    - Shekar Engineering, P.L.C., Des Moines, IA
    - Reilly Construction Co., Inc., Ossian, IA
    - C. J. Moyna & Sons, LLC & Progressive Structures, LLC, a Joint Venture, Elkader, 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, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on November 4, 2025.

- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by All Star Concrete, L.L.C., Alex Vazquez, Member and Manager, 4989 NW Johnston Drive, Johnston, IA, 50131 in the amount of $4,326,483.30, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.

- 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.

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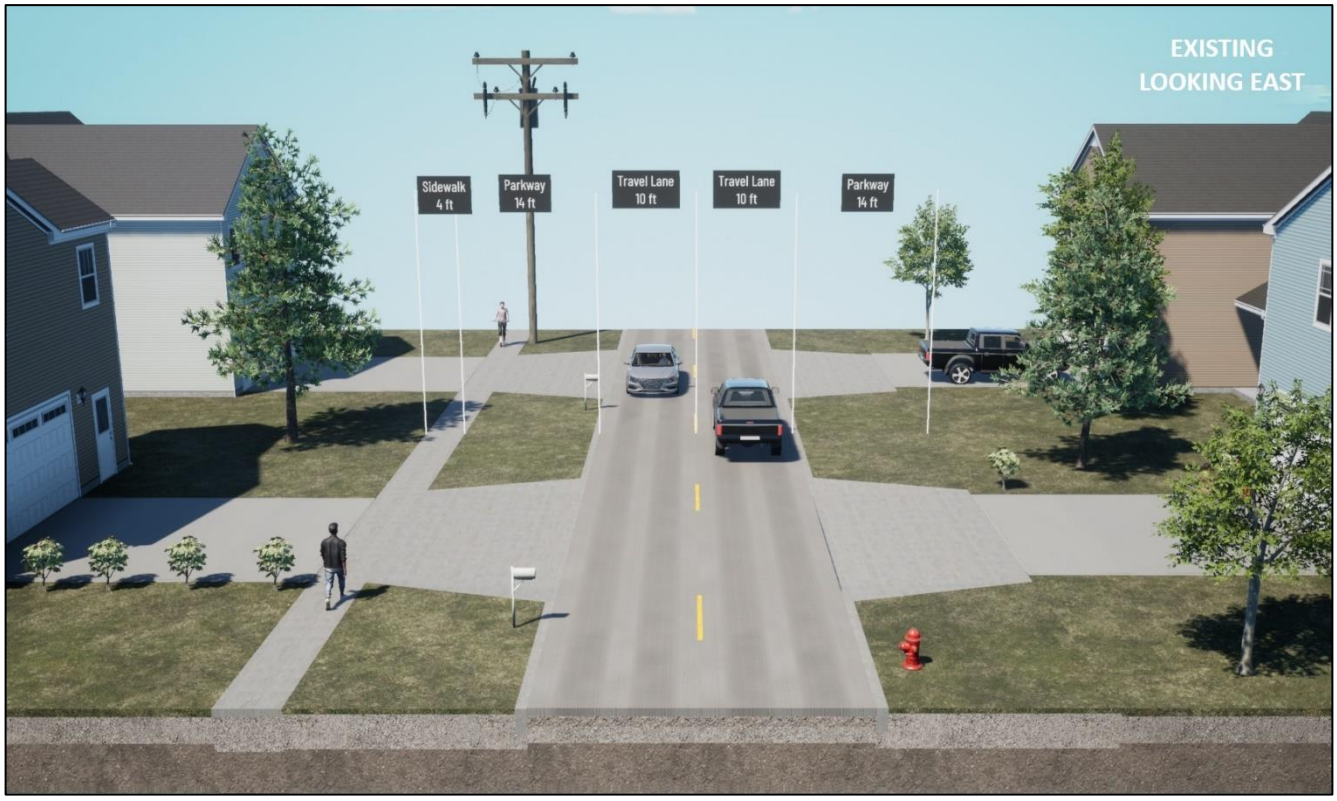
- A public information meeting was held at the South Side Library on May 16, 2024, to provide information about the McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from SW 9th Street to SW 14th Street project.

- 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.

- The graphics below show the existing and proposed cross sections for this project.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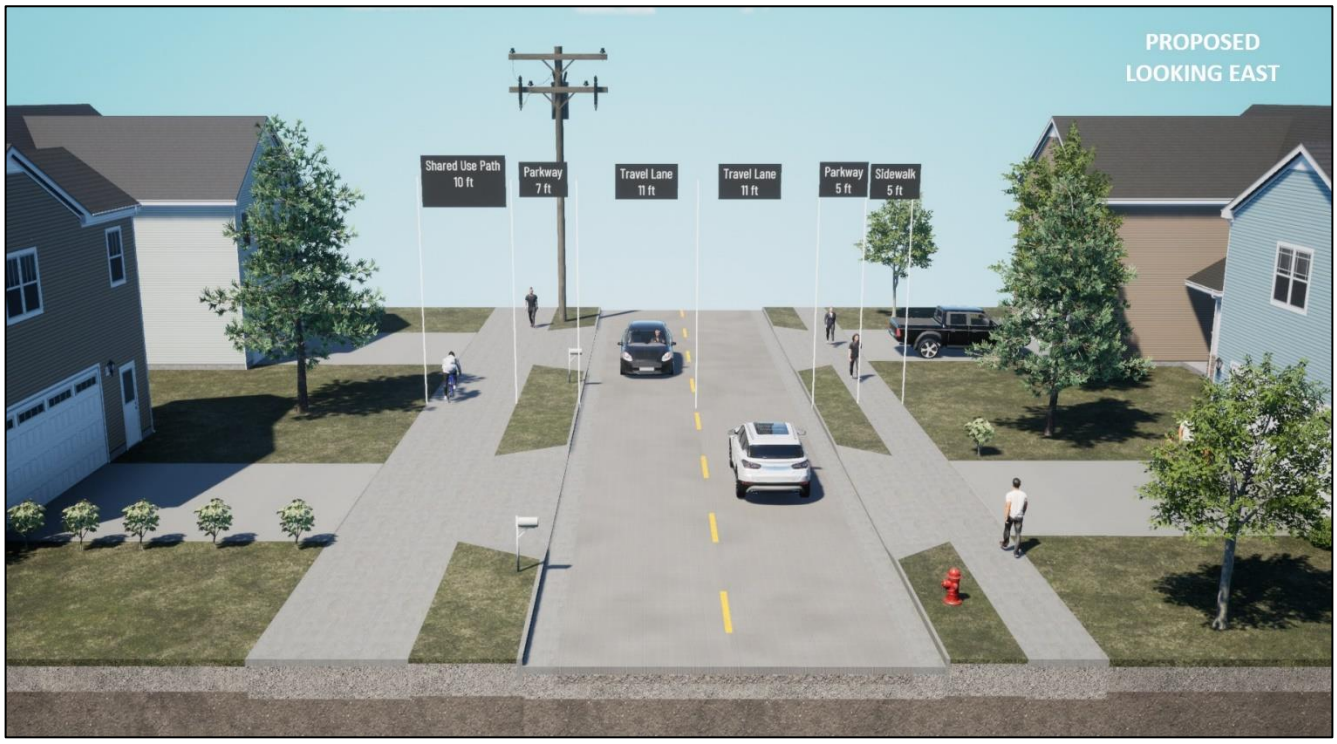
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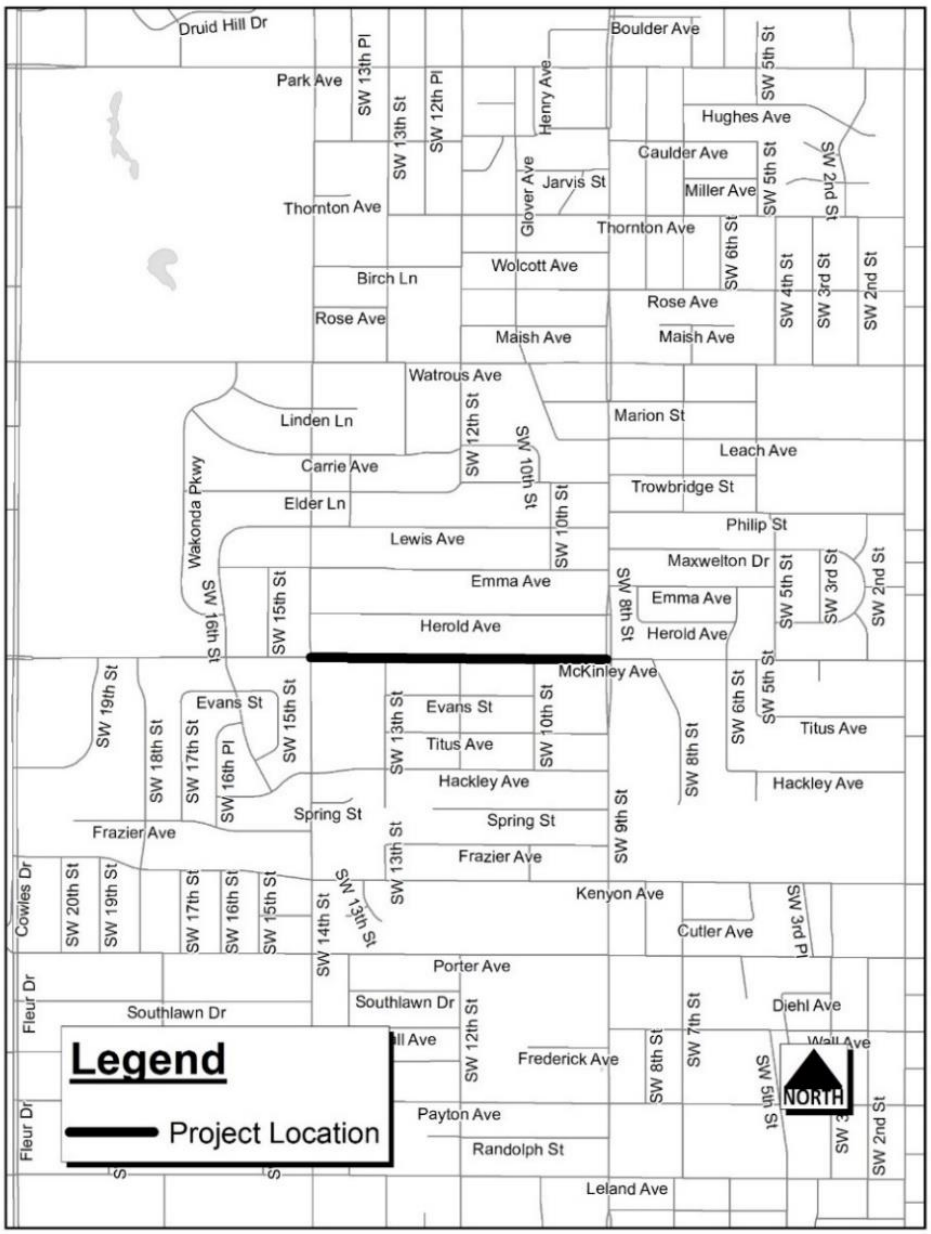

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 20, 2025

Roll Call Number: 25-1381

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

(B) McKinley Avenue Reconstruction from SW 9th Street to SW 14th Street: Receiving of bids, (11-4-25) and Setting date of hearing, (12-8-25), Engineer's estimate, $5,800,000. (Council Communication No. 25-396) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Coleman. 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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