COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Number:	**25-455**	Meeting:	**December 8, 2025**
Agenda Item:	**8a**	Roll Call:	**25-1582**
Submitted by:	**Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer**		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: 2026 Neighborhood Sidewalk Program - Receiving bids (12-23-25) and Setting date of hearing (1-26-26). (Construction Estimate - $1,700,000).

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 the construction of new sidewalks and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant sidewalk curb ramps addressing gaps in existing sidewalk networks along residential streets near schools and along priority pedestrian routes in neighborhoods throughout the City. The project improves walkability for students and residents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: $1,700,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 166, Sidewalks - School and Priority Routes, SW081, 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 2026 Neighborhood Sidewalk Program, Activity ID 09-2022-007. The improvement includes construction of Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sidewalk, PCC ADA-compliant curb ramps, grading, pavement removal, subdrain, storm sewer, modular block retaining walls, water service modifications, surface restoration, traffic control, and other incidental items, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 678-001/224, along the following sections of residential streets:

  1. Merle Hay Road from Holcomb Avenue to New York Avenue (west side)
  2. Sherman Blvd from Douglas Avenue to Madison Avenue (east/south side)
  3. Madison Avenue from Sherman Blvd to Beaver Avenue (south side)
  4. Beaver Avenue from Douglas Avenue to Madison Avenue (west side)
  5. 16th Street from Allison Avenue to Hickman Road (west side)
  6. Hickman Road from 18th Street to 16th Street (south side)
  7. E 25th Street from Garfield Avenue to Easton Blvd (east side)

8. E 25th Street from Arthur Avenue to Hull Avenue (west side)
9. Williams Street from E University Avenue to Fourmile Creek
10. E 42nd Street from Easton Blvd to Morton Avenue (east side)
11. 59th Street/Ingersoll Avenue from Grand Avenue to 56th Street (west/north side)
12. Porter Avenue from SW 9th Street to SW 7th Street (south side)
13. Wall Avenue from SW 8th Street to SW 4th Street (north side)
14. E Kenyon Avenue from SE 3rd Street to SE 5th Street (north side)
15. SE 5th Street from E McKinley Avenue to E Porter Avenue (west side)
16. SE 5th Street from E McKinley Avenue to E Watrous Avenue (east side).

- The estimated construction cost is $1,700,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- This project is anticipated to begin in spring of 2026 and be completed in spring of 2027, with the following project locations near schools to be completed during the summer of 2026 while school is out of session:
    - 16th Street from Allison Avenue to Hickman Road (west side)
    - E 25th Street from Arthur Avenue to Hull Avenue (west side)
    - E 42nd Street from Easton Blvd to Morton Avenue (east side)
    - Madison Avenue from Sherman Blvd to Beaver Avenue (south side)
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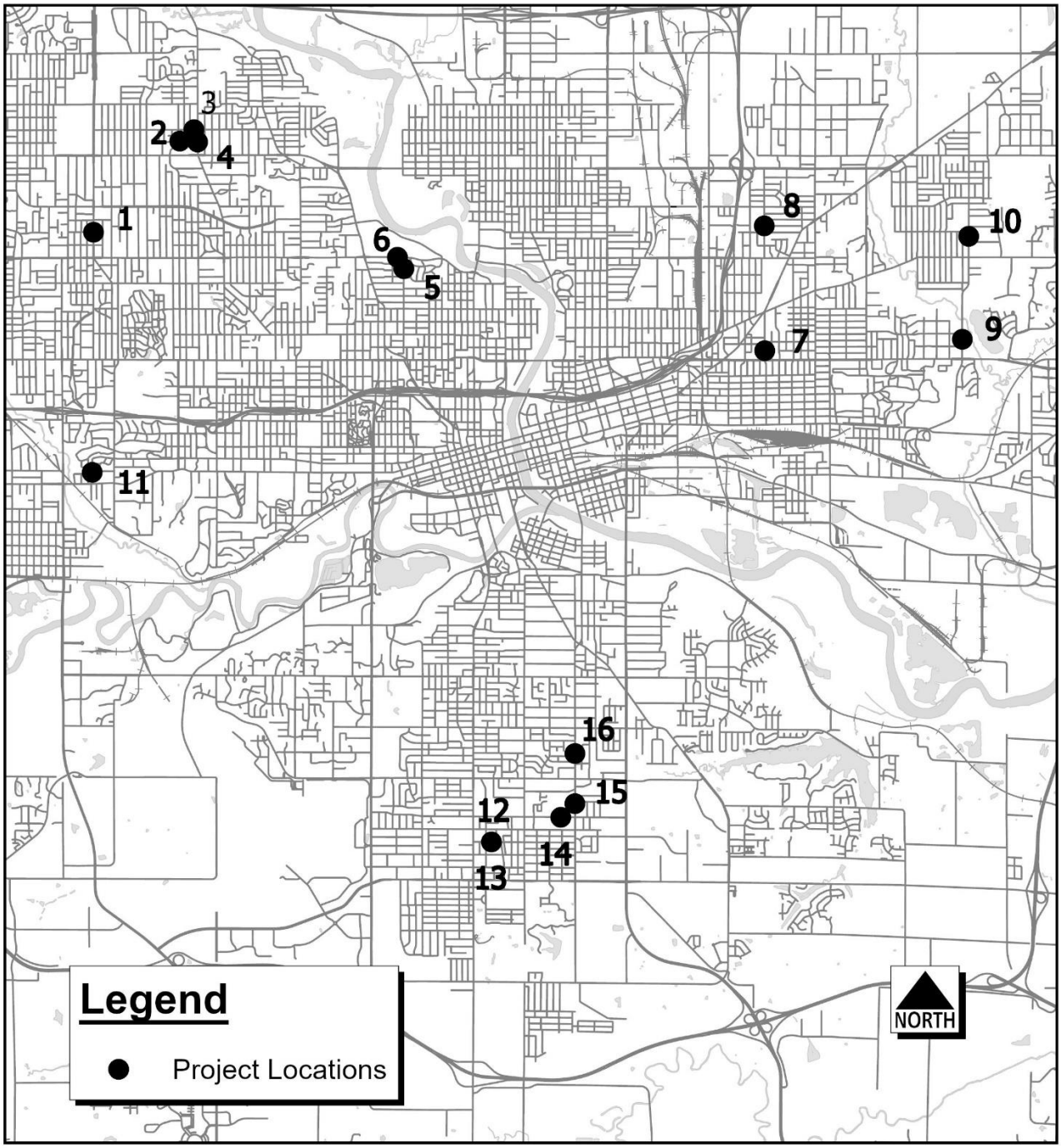

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16. S.E. 5th St. – E. McKinley Ave. to E. Watrous Ave.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 18, 2024

Roll Call Number: 24-0410

Action: Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the 2026 Neighborhood Sidewalk Program. (Council Communication No. 24-119) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 6-0.

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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