


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-018	Meeting:	January 26, 2026
	Agenda Item:	35	Roll Call:	25-0136
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on 2026 Neighborhood Sidewalk Program: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Caliber Concrete, LLC, Jason Martin, Owner, \$1,320,875.91.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the 2026 Neighborhood Sidewalk Program and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. 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: \$1,320,875.91 Construction Contract (\$1,700,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

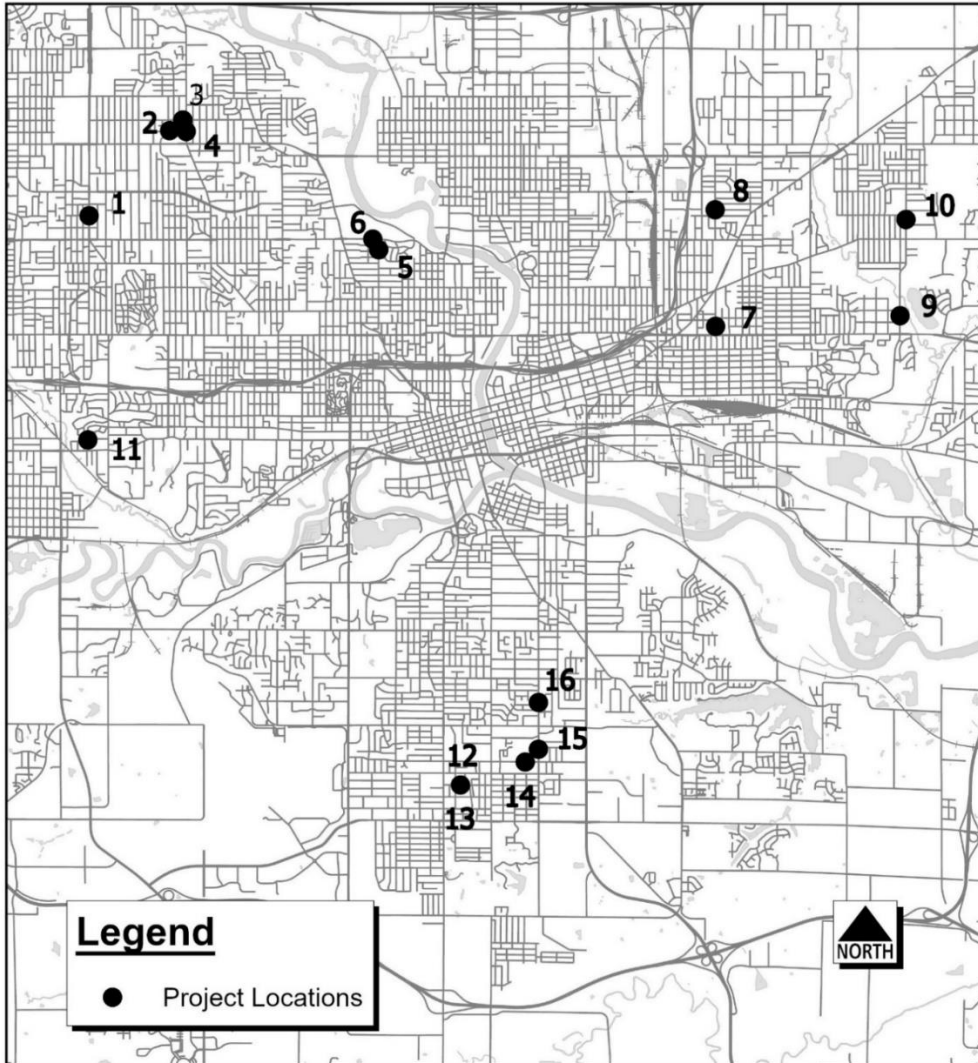
Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 166, Sidewalks - School and Priority Routes, SW081, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On December 8, 2025, under Roll Call No. 25-1582, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the 2026 Neighborhood Sidewalk Program. 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 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:
 - Merle Hay Road from Holcomb Avenue to New York Avenue (west side)
 - Sherman Boulevard from Douglas Avenue to Madison Avenue (east/south side)
 - Madison Avenue from Sherman Boulevard 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. East 25th Street from Garfield Avenue to Easton Boulevard (east side)
 8. East 25th Street from Arthur Avenue to Hull Avenue (west side)
 9. Williams Street from East University Avenue to Fourmile Creek
 10. East 42nd Street from Easton Boulevard to Morton Avenue (east side)
 11. 59th Street/Ingersoll Avenue from Grand Avenue to 56th Street (west/north side)
 12. Porter Avenue from Southwest 9th Street to Southwest 7th Street (south side)
 13. Wall Avenue from Southwest 8th Street to Southwest 4th Street (north side)
 14. East Kenyon Avenue from Southeast 3rd Street to Southeast 5th Street (north side)
 15. Southeast 5th Street from East McKinley Avenue to East Porter Avenue (west side)
 16. Southeast 5th Street from East McKinley Avenue to East Watrous Avenue (east side).
- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Caliber Concrete, LLC, Adair, Iowa, - Low Bid
 - MB Lawn Care, LLC, Urbandale, Iowa
 - TK Concrete, Inc., Pella, Iowa
 - Brothers Cleaning Corporation d/b/a Brothers Concrete, Des Moines, Iowa
 - Howser Concrete Unlimited, LLC, Urbandale, Iowa
 - AmeriCore, LLC, Muscatine, Iowa
 - I-80 Concrete Design, LLC, Clive, Iowa
 - Jordison Construction, Inc., Urbandale, Iowa
 - MPS Engineers, P.C. dba Kingston Services, P.C., Des Moines, Iowa
 - 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 December 23, 2025.
 - The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Caliber Concrete, LLC, Jason Martin, Owner, 309 Audubon Street, PO Box 248, Adair, Iowa, 50002 in the amount of \$1,320,875.91, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
 - 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)
 - East 25th Street from Arthur Avenue to Hull Avenue (west side)

- East 42nd Street from Easton Boulevard to Morton Avenue (east side)
- Madison Avenue from Sherman Boulevard to Beaver Avenue (south side)
- Porter Avenue from Southwest 9th Street to Southwest 7th Street (south side)
- Sherman Boulevard from Douglas Avenue to Madison Avenue (east side)
- Wall Avenue from Southwest 8th Street to Southwest 4th Street (south side)



1. Merle Hay Rd. – Holcomb Ave. to New York Ave.
2. Sherman Blvd. – Douglas Ave. to Madison Ave.
3. Madison Ave. – Sherman Blvd. to Beaver Ave.
4. Beaver Ave. – Douglas Ave. to Madison Ave.
5. 16th St. – Allison Ave. to Hickman Rd.
6. Hickman Rd. – 18th St. to 16th St.
7. E. 25th St. – Garfield Ave. to Easton Blvd.
8. E. 25th St. – Arthur Ave. to Hull Ave.

9. Williams St. – E. University Ave. to Four Mile Creek
10. E. 42nd St. – Easton Blvd. to Morton Ave.
11. 59th St./Ingersoll Ave. – Grand Ave. to 56th St.
12. Porter Ave. – SW 9th St. to SW 7th St.
13. Wall Ave. – SW 8th St. to SW 4th St.
14. E. Kenyon Ave. – SE 3rd St. to SE 5th St.
15. SE 5th St. – E McKinley Ave. to E Porter Ave.
16. S.E. 5th St. – E. McKinley Ave. to E. Watrous Ave.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 8, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1582](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (A) [2026](#) Neighborhood Sidewalk Program: Receiving of bids, (12-23-25) and Setting date of hearing, (1-26-26), Engineer's estimate, \$1,700,000. ([Council Communication No. 25-455](#)) 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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