


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-038	Meeting:	February 9, 2026
	Agenda Item:	44	Roll Call:	26-0200
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on 2026 Midblock Pedestrian Signal Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Iowa Signal, Inc. (Wayne Lesley, President), \$525,801.41.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the 2026 Midblock Pedestrian Signal Improvements and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project.

This project includes replacement of existing midblock pedestrian crossing flashing sign assemblies with updated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon pedestrian signals at the following locations:

- Locust Street bridge over the Des Moines River at Principal Riverwalk
- Martin Luther King Jr Parkway and Water Street at Principal Riverwalk

This project includes replacement of existing midblock pedestrian traffic signals with new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon pedestrian signals on a mast arm at the following locations:

- Walker Street at East High School

This project includes the replacement of the existing midblock pedestrian traffic signals with new Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon signals at the following locations:

- Evergreen Avenue at Jackson Elementary School
- E 29th Street at Goodrell Middle School
- SW 14th Street at Wright Elementary School

This project includes the replacement of the existing school zone flashing assemblies and speed signs with new, updated school zone flashing assemblies and speed feedback signage at the following locations:

- SW 14th Street at Wright Elementary School
- E 29th Street at Goodrell Middle School

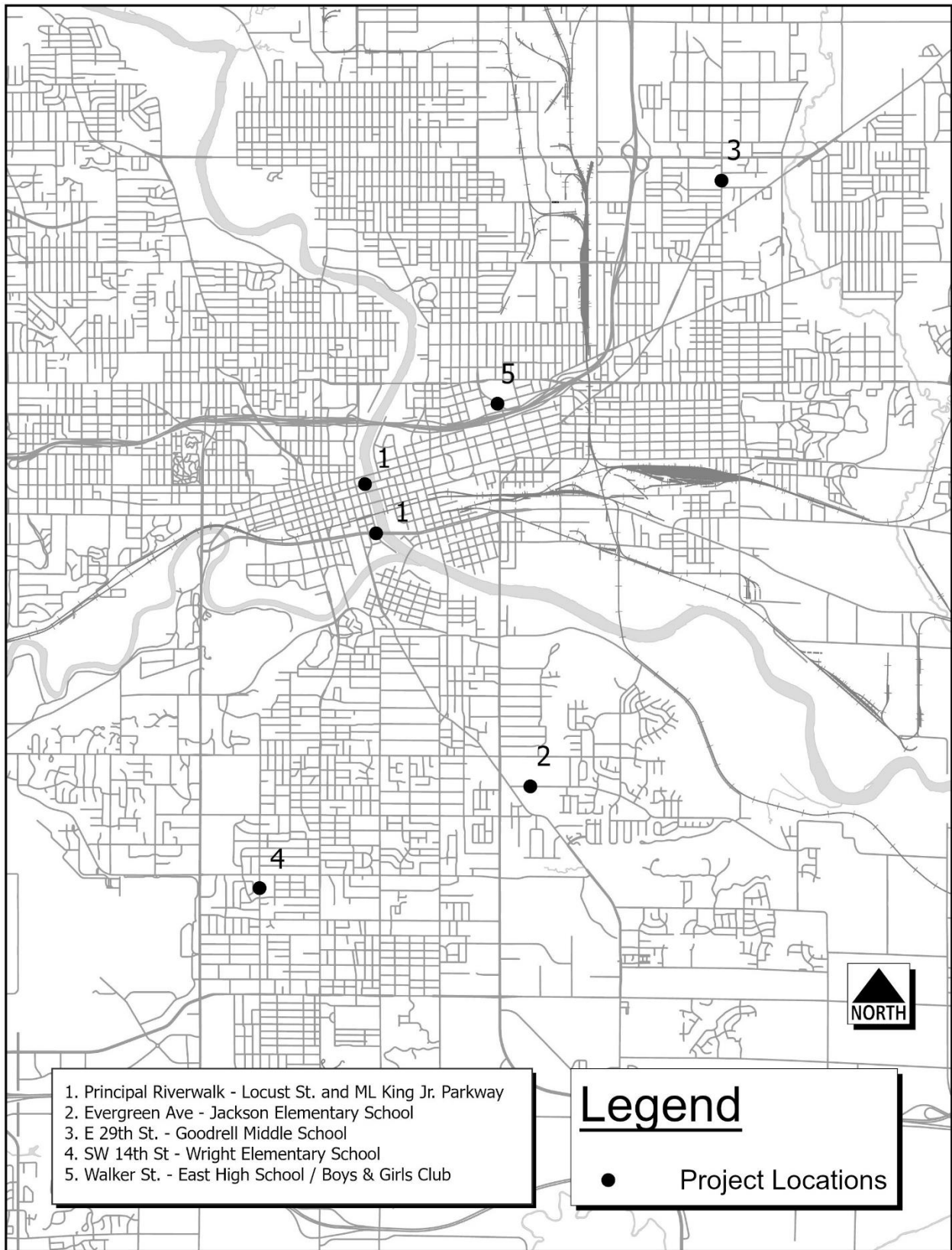
FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$525,801.41 Construction Contract (\$660,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 134, Pedestrian Crossing Improvements, ST287

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On January 12, 2026, under Roll Call No. 26-0013, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the 2026 Midblock Pedestrian Signal Improvements. 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 Midblock Pedestrian Signal Improvements, Activity ID 04-2025-006. The improvement includes new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon pedestrian signal, Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sidewalk, pavement markings, and other incidental items, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 678-411/446, located on Locust Street bridge over the Des Moines River at Principal Riverwalk, Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and Water Street at Principal Riverwalk, Evergreen Avenue at Jackson Elementary School, Walker Street at East High School, East 29th Street at Goodrell Middle School, Southwest 14th Street at Wright Elementary School, and other locations directed by the City Engineer.
- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Iowa Signal, Inc., Grimes, IA, - Low Bid
 - Van Maanen Electric, Inc., Newton, IA
 - TK Concrete, Inc., Pella, IA
 - Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc., Le Center, MN
- 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 January 27, 2026.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Iowa Signal, Inc. (3711 S.E. Capitol Circle, Grimes, IA, 50111; Wayne Lesley, President), in the amount of \$525,801.41, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- This project replaces antiquated, midblock pedestrian crossing signal equipment with updated equipment at five locations city-wide, all located near schools and/or at high volume pedestrian crossing locations.
- Construction of this project shall be substantially completed in the summer of 2026 while school is out of session and is anticipated to be fully completed by fall 2026.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 12, 2026

Roll Call Number: [26-0013](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (A) [2026](#) Midblock Pedestrian Signal Improvements: Receiving of bids, (1-27-26) and Setting date of hearing, (2-9-26), Engineer's estimate, \$660,000. ([Council Communication No. 26-008](#))
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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