

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-054	Meeting:	February 23, 2026
	Agenda Item:	45	Roll Call:	26-0269
	Submitted by:	John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Guthrie Avenue Trail from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive: 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, \$259,272.27.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Guthrie Avenue Trail from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive 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 a new, 10-foot-wide, Portland Cement Concrete, multi-use sidepath along the south side of Guthrie Avenue from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT:

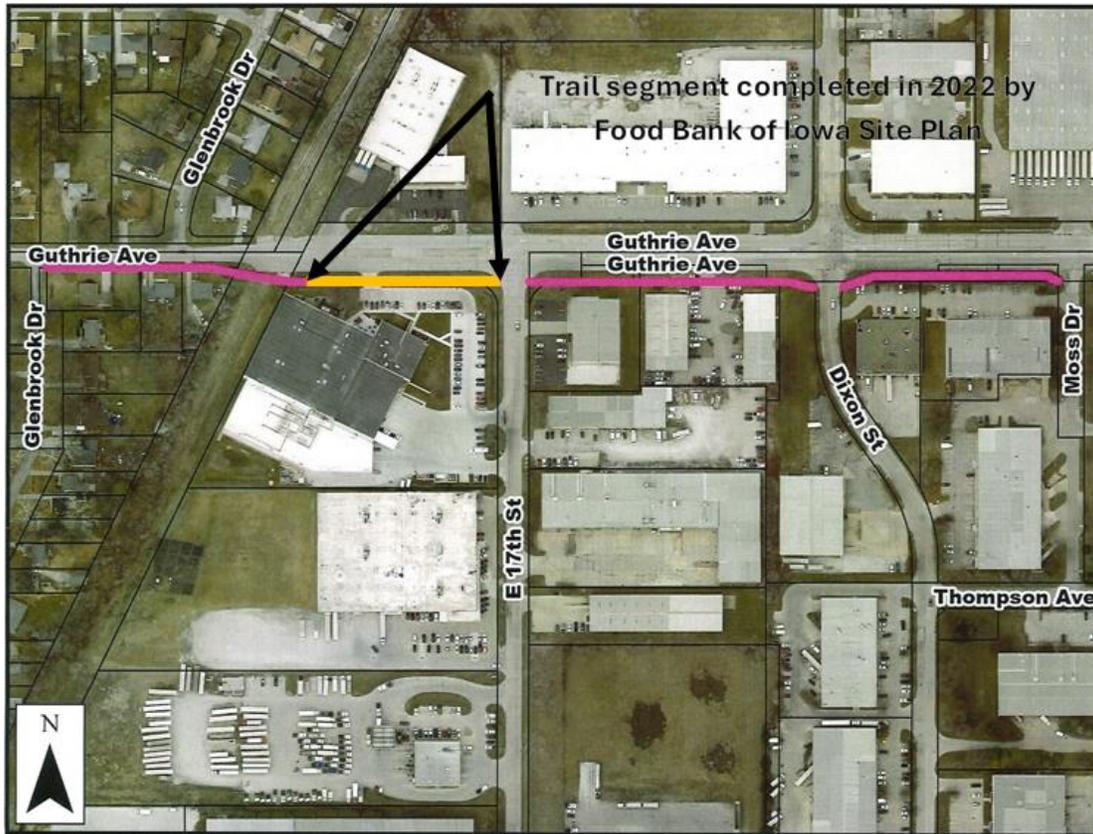
Amount: \$259,272.27 Construction Contract (\$425,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On January 12, 2026, under Roll Call No. 26-0016, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Guthrie Avenue Trail from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive. 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 Guthrie Avenue Trail from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive, Activity ID 09-2023-003. The improvement includes the construction of Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) multi-use trail, PCC sidewalk, PCC Curb and Gutter, truncated domes, PCC combination sidewalk and retaining wall, fencing, grading, traffic control, site restoration, erosion control, and other associated work, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 678-374/410, along the south side of Guthrie Avenue from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Caliber Concrete, LLC, Adair, IA, - Low Bid
 - MPS Engineers, P.C. dba Kingston Services, P.C., Des Moines, IA
 - TK Concrete, Inc., Pella, IA
 - Howser Concrete Unlimited, LLC, Urbandale, 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 January 27, 2026.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Caliber Concrete, LLC (PO Box 248, 309 Audubon Street, Adair, IA, 50002; Jason Martin, Owner) in the amount of \$259,272.27, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- Guthrie Avenue between Glenbrook Drive and Hubbell Avenue is classified as a Minor Arterial Roadway and classified by MoveDSM as a Community Residential Roadway, being an important link in the City's street network for people using all modes of travel. MoveDSM also identifies Guthrie Avenue as being on the Core Bicycle Network.
- Adding a multi-use sidepath along Guthrie Avenue will provide a much-needed east-west pedestrian and bicycle connection over the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks, connecting multiple neighborhoods and providing a connection to major roadway corridors and a DART bus route. This multi-use sidepath also helps to continue moving forward with the City's goal of filling sidewalk gaps, including providing sidewalks on both sides of major corridors, such as Guthrie Avenue.
- The City's plan is to construct a PCC multi-use sidepath on the south side of Guthrie Avenue from Glenbrook Drive to Hubbell Avenue in three (3) phases:
 - Phase 1 – Guthrie Avenue from East 21st Street to Hubbell Avenue was completed in the fall of 2024.
 - Phase 2 – Guthrie Avenue from the west edge of the viaduct over the Union Pacific Railroad to East 21st Street, is scheduled for construction as part of the Guthrie Avenue Viaduct over Union Pacific Railroad Rehabilitation project, which is currently being designed and is anticipated to start in 2026 and be completed in 2027.
 - This Phase 3 – Guthrie Avenue from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive, is anticipated to start in the spring of 2026 and be completed in fall 2026.
- Ownership, general maintenance, snow removal, and repairs of the Guthrie sidepath will be the responsibility of the Public Works Department.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 12, 2026

Roll Call Number: [26-0016](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (D) [Guthrie](#) Avenue Trail from Glenbrook Drive to Moss Drive: Receiving of bids, (1-27-26) and Setting date of hearing, (2-23-26), Engineer's estimate, \$425,000. ([Council Communication No. 26-004](#)) 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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