

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-061	Meeting:	February 23, 2026
	Agenda Item:	7	Roll Call:	26-0222
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing execution of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) City Highway Bridge Program (HBP) agreement for the SW 9th Street Bridge over Raccoon River Rehabilitation project.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of HBP agreement number 1-25-HBP-U-045 between the City of Des Moines and the IDOT for the SW 9th Street Bridge over Raccoon River Rehabilitation project. This project will include repairs to the bridge deck, pier caps and columns, abutments, concrete beam and diaphragms as well as placement of a new deck overlay. This project will also make improvements to the sidewalk along the west side of the bridge that ends mid-bridge and utilizes a staircase.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Estimated \$8,000,000

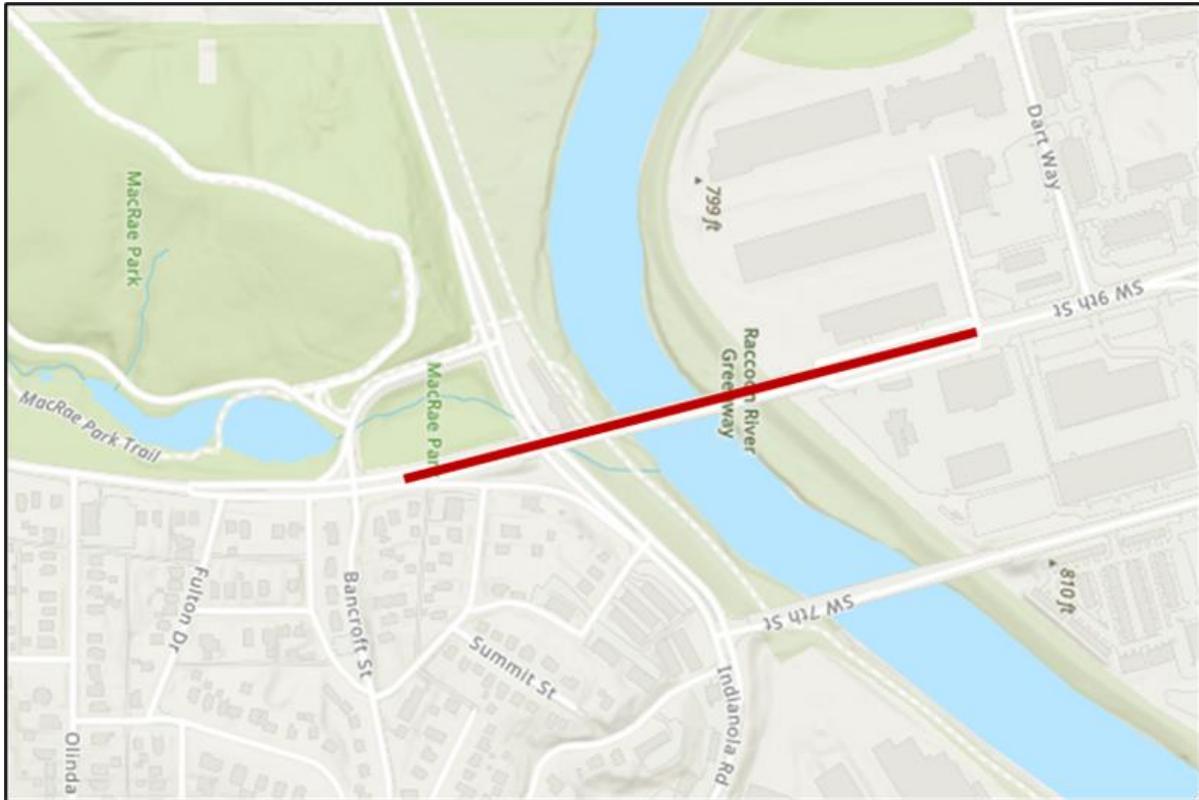
### Funding Source:

- \$1,500,000 – City Highway Bridge Program (HBP) Funding
- \$3,400,000 – Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Funding
- \$3,100,000 – 2026-2027 CIP, Page 53, SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Over Raccoon River, BR065

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Bridge Formula Program (BFP) makes Federal funds available for the replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, protection, and construction of highway bridges, and the STBG Program makes Federal funds available for replacement and rehabilitation of highway bridges.
- Cities and counties in Iowa are provided with dedicated funding for bridges through Federal-aid and State Bridge Programs. The purpose of these programs is to reduce the number of bridges rated as “Poor” (formerly known as Structurally Deficient (SD) and Functionally Obsolete (FO) bridges) on the local jurisdiction roadway systems. These bridge programs are administered by the IDOT Local Systems Bureau and are developed in consultation with city and county officials through their representative organizations.

- During the month of November each year, the IDOT Local Systems Bureau selects bridges from the Proposed City Bridge Candidate List based on their condition ranking and available funding. To be eligible for either HBP or State bridge funding, a bridge must be classified as “Poor” and have an Average Daily Traffic (ADT), as determined by the IDOT, greater than or equal to 25. Cities must submit eligible bridges to the IDOT by October 1st of each year to be included on the annual City Bridge Candidate List.
- Cities are limited to one (1) bridge per city per fiscal year. The total HBP limit per bridge is set at \$1,500,000, and funding is available for construction only.
- On December 10, 2025, the IDOT notified the City that the SW 9th Street Bridge over the Raccoon River qualified for the \$1,500,000 in HBP funding.
- The SW 9th Street bridge is one (1) of only three (3) bridges crossing the Raccoon River in Des Moines, connecting the south side of Des Moines to the downtown area. The condition of the bridge continues to exhibit signs of continued distress and deterioration as identified in the biennial bridge inspection.
- The SW 9th Street Bridge over the Raccoon River Rehabilitation project will include repairs to the bridge deck, pier caps and columns, abutments, concrete beam and diaphragms as well as placement of a new deck overlay. Additionally, in conjunction with the structural repairs, the bridge will be reviewed to determine if the deck geometry can be altered to accommodate a protected sidewalk along the west side of the bridge. This protected sidewalk would be extended along the north approach roadway to connect to existing sidewalk near Morgan Street. Currently, the sidewalk along the west side of the bridge ends mid-bridge and utilizes a staircase.
- On December 9, 2024, by Roll Call 24-1619, the City authorized the submittal of Federal STBG Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2029 applications to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). \$3,400,000 in Federal funding was approved for the SW 9th Street Bridge over the Raccoon River Rehabilitation project.
- This project will be let by the IDOT and is planned for construction starting Fall 2027.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: December 9, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1619](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of Federal STGB Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2029 applications to the Des Moines Area MPO. ([Council Communication No. 24-484](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

- Anticipated future actions related to this project include ordering construction, 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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