COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CITY OF DES MOINES CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	Number:	**26-082**	Meeting:	**March 9, 2026**
	Agenda Item:	**6d**	Roll Call:	**26-0287**
	Submitted by:	**Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer**		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Skywalk Exterior Improvements Phase 1 - Receiving bids, (3-24-26), and Setting date of hearing, (4-20-26). (Construction Estimate - $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 will repair exterior finishes, waterproof existing joints and glazing seals, replace lighting to improve safety of adjacent street level pedestrians, and clean the exterior of 12 skywalks to restore them to improve their appearance along Grand Avenue downtown.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: $700,000 City Engineer's Estimate

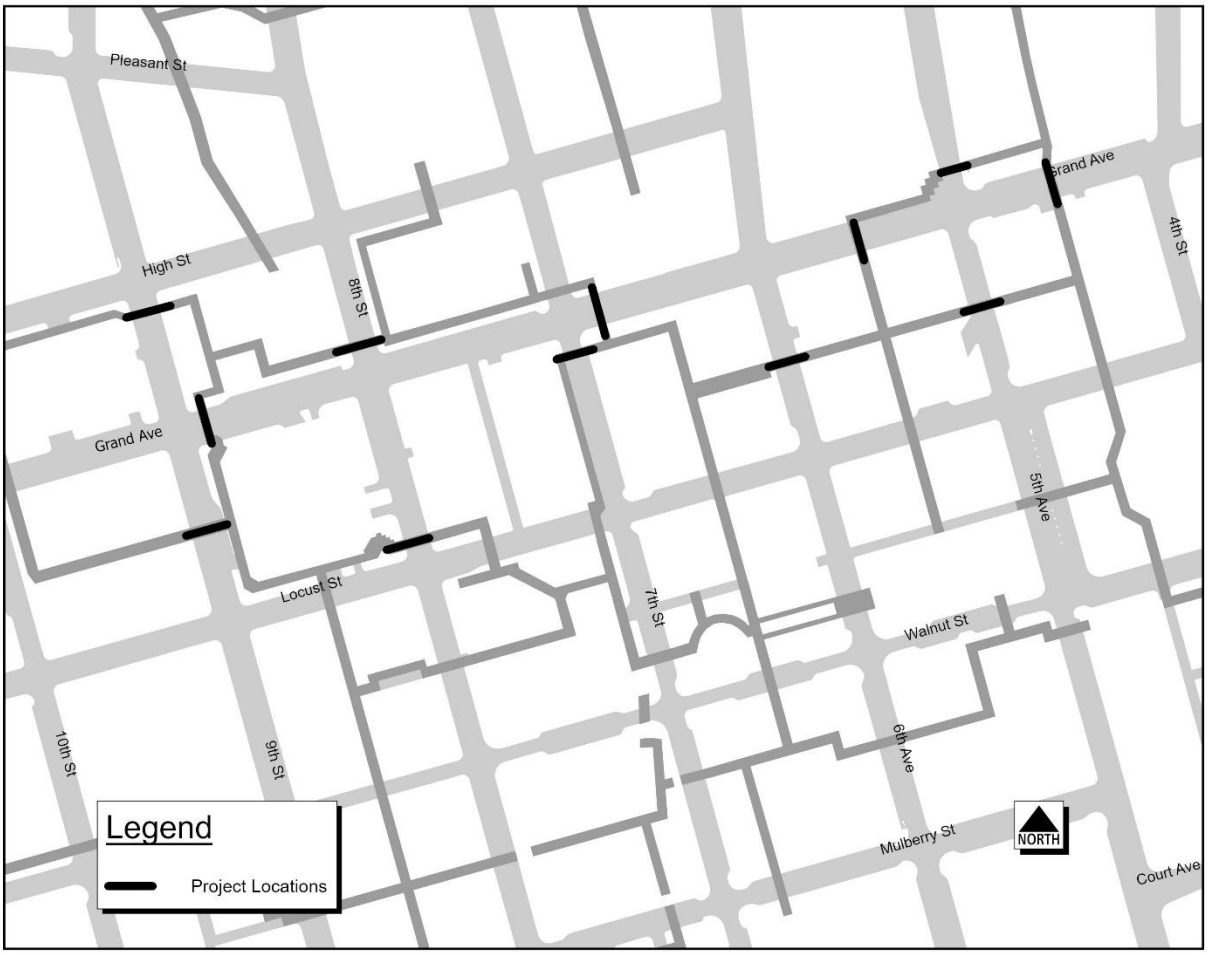
Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 169, Skywalk System, SW094

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Skywalk Exterior Improvements Phase 1, Activity ID 10-2024-007. This project will repair and restore 12 skywalk exterior finishes, install new water proofing systems, replace window gasketing and seals, thorough cleaning of all skywalk exteriors on Grand Avenue and the immediately adjacent streets, replace existing recessed lighting with new light-emitting diode (LED) lighting, and replace all missing aluminum and steel trim, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 679-247/261, on skywalks located along Grand Avenue and immediate adjacent streets, and other locations directed by the City Engineer.

- The estimated construction cost is $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 fall of 2026.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

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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