


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-132	Meeting:	April 6, 2026
	Agenda Item:	5B	Roll Call:	26-0421
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AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Southwest 9th Street Rehabilitation from Watrous Avenue to Wolcott Avenue and from Park Avenue to Creston Avenue - Receiving bids, (4-21-26), and setting date of hearing, (5-4-26). (Construction Estimate - \$1,700,000).

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 improve the existing pavement condition of Southwest 9th Street from Watrous Avenue to Wolcott Avenue and from Park Avenue to Creston Avenue by rehabilitating and resurfacing the deteriorated pavement to extend the useful service life of the street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,700,000 City Engineer's Estimate

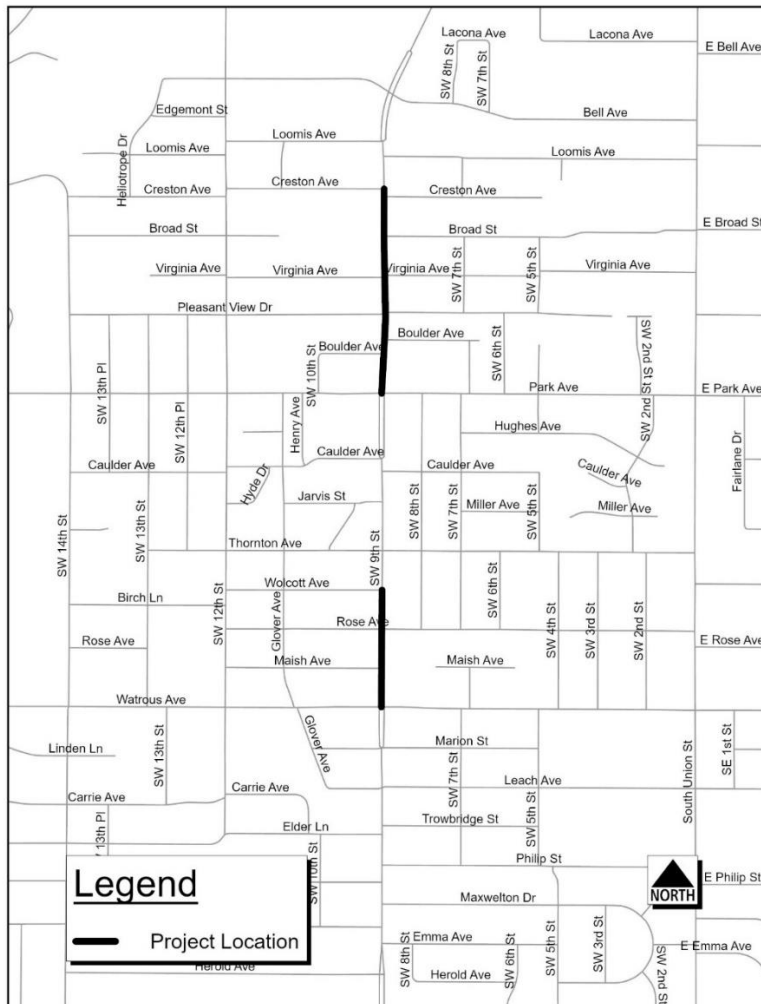
Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 162, LOSST Street Improvements, ST800, LOSST Monies

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Southwest 9th Street Rehabilitation from Watrous Avenue to Wolcott Avenue and from Park Avenue to Creston Avenue, Activity ID 06-2025-012. The improvement includes street rehabilitation by milling the existing roadway, resurfacing with Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA), crack and seat Portland Cement Concrete (PCC), full PCC pavement patching, pavement markings, and other incidental items, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 681-117/155 located on Southwest 9th Street from Watrous Avenue to Wolcott Avenue and from Park Avenue to Creston Avenue.
- The estimated construction cost is \$1,700,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines city Engineer's Office.
- Construction work on Southwest 9th Street from Watrous Avenue to Wolcott Avenue will include milling off the top three (3) inches of asphalt, crack and seat of concrete base (cracking the concrete pavement base into smaller pieces and seating them into the

subgrade to reduce or delay reflective cracking in the pavement), and overlaying with three (3) inches of new hot-mix asphalt pavement.

- Construction work on Southwest 9th Street from Park Avenue to Creston Avenue will include milling off the top three (3) inches of asphalt, patching the concrete pavement base, and overlaying with three (3) inches of new hot-mix asphalt pavement.
- Construction will also include removal of approximately 100 feet of the existing medians along the left turn lanes to create positive offset left turn lanes providing better visibility for left turning traffic to see around opposing left turning vehicles on Southwest 9th Street in the north and south legs of the intersection with Park Avenue and in the north leg of the intersection with Watrous Avenue. The left turn median on Southwest 9th Street in the south leg of the intersection with Watrous Avenue will be reduced in length at another time as part of a future pavement rehabilitation project.
- There will be lane closures on Southwest 9th Street during construction lasting several months, however one (1) lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction during construction.
- This project is anticipated to begin in spring 2026 and be completed in fall 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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