

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-190	Meeting:	June 8, 2026
	Agenda Item:	8	Roll Call:	26-0649
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Change Order No. 9 with Jasper Construction Services, Inc. for additional work on E. Court Avenue Reconstruction from Des Moines River to E. 7th Street, in the amount of \$156,220.06.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Change Order No. 9 in an amount not to exceed \$156,220.06 with Jasper Construction Services, Inc., 928 N. 19th Avenue East, Newton, Iowa, 50208; Cliff Rhoads, President, for additional work on East Court Avenue Reconstruction from Des Moines River to East 7th Street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$156,220.06

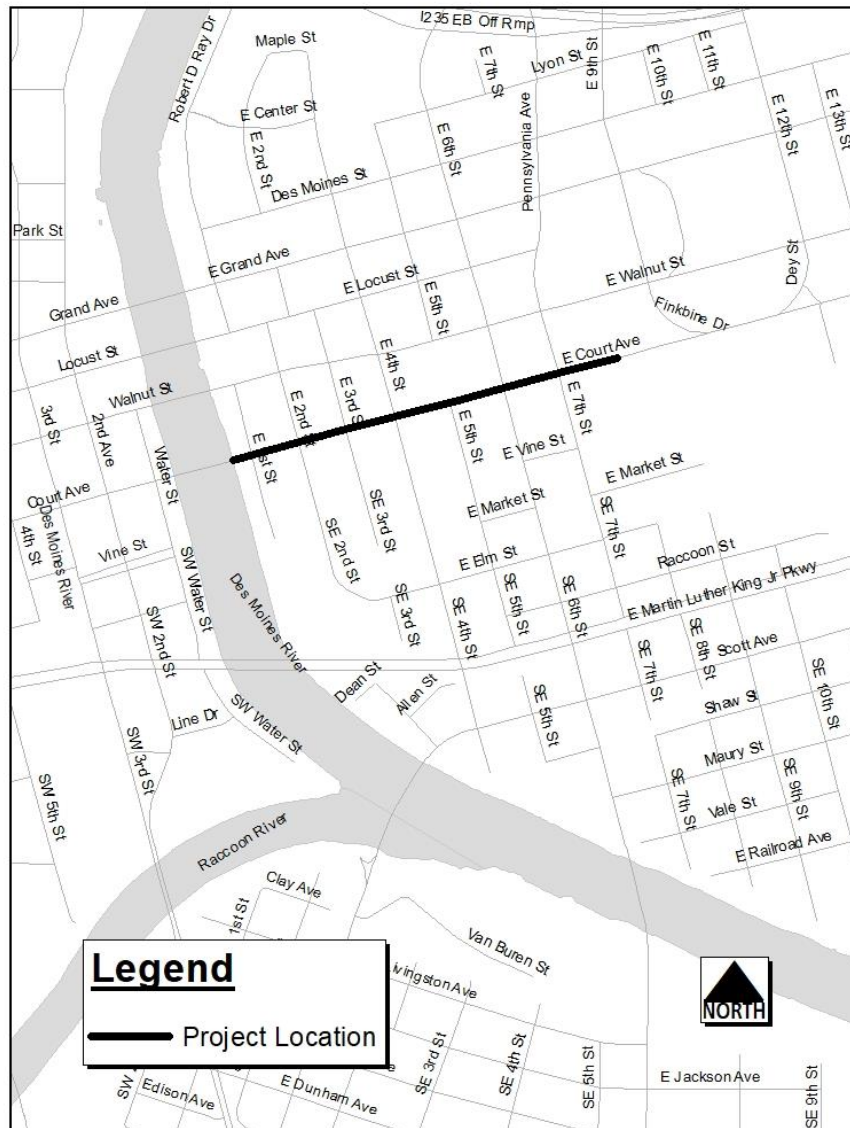
Funding Source: 2026-27 CIP, Page 162, LOSST Street Improvements, ST800

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On January 9, 2023, under Roll Call No. 23-0067, the City Council approved plans and specifications for the East Court Avenue Reconstruction from Des Moines River to East 7th Street project and designated the lowest responsible bidder as Jasper Construction Services, Inc. for \$6,893,459.
- Change Order No. 1 for \$96,778.30, approved by the City Engineer on April 25, 2023, added the removal of buried concrete pavement within watermain and storm sewer trenches, the removal of 10 light poles, and removal of abandoned railroad tracks on East 1st Street. These changes did not alter the completion date of the project.
- Change Order No. 2 for \$99,103.22, approved by the City Engineer on August 22, 2023, added a portable dynamic message sign (PDMS) board, removed light pole footings, custom storm intake, new sign, and adjustment of existing signs, replaced traffic signal handhole and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB), added traffic signal footing excavation and PCC, removed trolley track ties and Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) underlayment, removed a large volume of PCC at East 4th Street, and installed dark gray colored concrete sidewalk. These changes did not alter the completion date of the project.

- Change Order No. 3 for \$94,939.41, approved by the City Engineer on October 5, 2023, added Hull Avenue emergency railroad void filling, extra depth walls for storm intake, cast-in-place top for storm manhole, storm sewer intakes, Class 10 imported borrow, flaggers, and temporary PCC pavement. These changes did not alter the completion date of the project.
- Change Order No. 4 for \$96,508.50, approved by the City Engineer on November 10, 2023, added and modified East 4th Street and East 6th Street signal detection loops and quadrupole, pavement scarification and temporary Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) mill and overlay, and irrigation system replacement. These changes did not alter the completion date of the project.
- Change Order No. 5 for \$99,543.41, approved by the City Engineer on December 15, 2023, added watermain repair, extra depth cast-in-place storm manhole, winter season traffic control, additional PCC concrete material, PCC retaining wall, and temporary pavement markings. Change Order No. 5 also adjusted PCC temporary pavement quantity for utility pipe crossings, temporary paving beneath future bump outs for traffic access along corridor, and a water main break. These changes did not alter the completion date of the project.
- On May 6, 2024, under Roll Call Number 24-643, the City Council approved Change Order No. 6 for an amount of \$133,549.45 to add trenchless boring and casing for water main installation beneath the East 6th Street and East Court Avenue intersection. The City was requested to accelerate the implementation of its reconstruction of East 4th Street in the Market District, from Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway to Court Avenue, so that it would be completed by the end of 2025. This acceleration resulted in East 4th Street needing to be closed at the same time as when this East Court Avenue project would be under construction. Businesses expressed concern about maintaining acceptable access to properties in the Market District and, as a result, it was decided to not allow the closing of the East 6th and Court Avenue Intersection in the timeframe originally planned in the East Court Avenue project staging. Subsequently, Des Moines Water Works expressed concern about leaving dead-end water mains in this area without a connection between them at East 6th Street, as there would be the potential for freezing issues and bacteria growth without a consistent flow of water. Due to the potential for health and safety concerns, the East Court Avenue project added 84 feet of trenchless, bored steel casing pipe underneath East 6th Street, installed the water main through the casing, and reconnected the water mains. The change order included potholing of utilities and sanitary sewer, additional shoring, and additional time and delayed progress due to working around a brick sanitary sewer. These changes modified the project completion date to May 31, 2025.
- Change Order No. 7 for \$87,935.84, approved by the City Engineer on June 6, 2024, added manholes, brick manhole structure modifications, and surveying at the East 7th Street intersection. It also adjusted PCC temporary pavement quantity to accommodate future bump outs and temporary access to businesses.
- Change Order No. 8 for \$71,615.75, approved by the City Engineer on August 28, 2024, added storm sewer intakes, landscaping removals and imported topsoil backfill, additional excavation and backfill, temporary traffic control and detour signage, cycle track ramps, bike loop, and traffic signal box replacement. It also adjusted PCC temporary pavement quantity resulting from adjustments for intersection tie-in connections including East 6th Street for winter access, as well as providing public access in other areas.

- Change Order No. 9 will adjust quantities to match as-built quantities, as well as add demolition and recap of traffic signal pole foundation, landscaping rock and grading, replacement of storm sewer intake structure, traffic signal handhole modifications, additional surveying, and traffic control measures (including traffic control on the Des Moines River Bridge throughout 2024 and the winter season of 2024-2025), additional mobilization, planter bed weeding and spraying, pavement markings, and cost increases for items constructed in 2025 that were pushed back from the original 2024 schedule due to the City's request to postpone reconstruction of the East 6th and East Court intersection to accommodate the Market District roadway reconstruction. The project schedule extension was due to the accelerated construction along East 4th Street at the request of the Market District Development team, which prevented the East Court Avenue contractor from closing the East 6th Street and East Court Avenue intersection as identified in the original project staging. The project completion date was modified to December 15, 2025 due to a delay with coordinated items involving the East 4th Street Reconstruction at the intersection of East 4th Street and E. Court Avenue.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 6, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0643](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Change Order No. 6 with Jasper Construction Services, Inc. for additional work on East Court Avenue Reconstruction from Des Moines River to East 7th Street, \$133,549.45. ([Council Communication No. 24-189](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- Anticipated actions include final acceptance of work.

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