

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-217	Meeting:	June 29, 2026
	Agenda Item:	10	Roll Call:	26-0721
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with HR Green, Inc. for professional services for the Southwest 9th Street Bridge over Raccoon River Rehabilitation project, not to exceed \$136,565.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of PSA with HR Green, Inc., (5525 Merle Hay Road, Suite 200, Johnston, Iowa, 50131; Jason Poppen, Chief Executive Officer), for a total cost not to exceed \$136,565, based on hourly rates and reimbursable costs, to provide professional services for the Southwest 9th Street Bridge over Raccoon River Rehabilitation project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$136,565

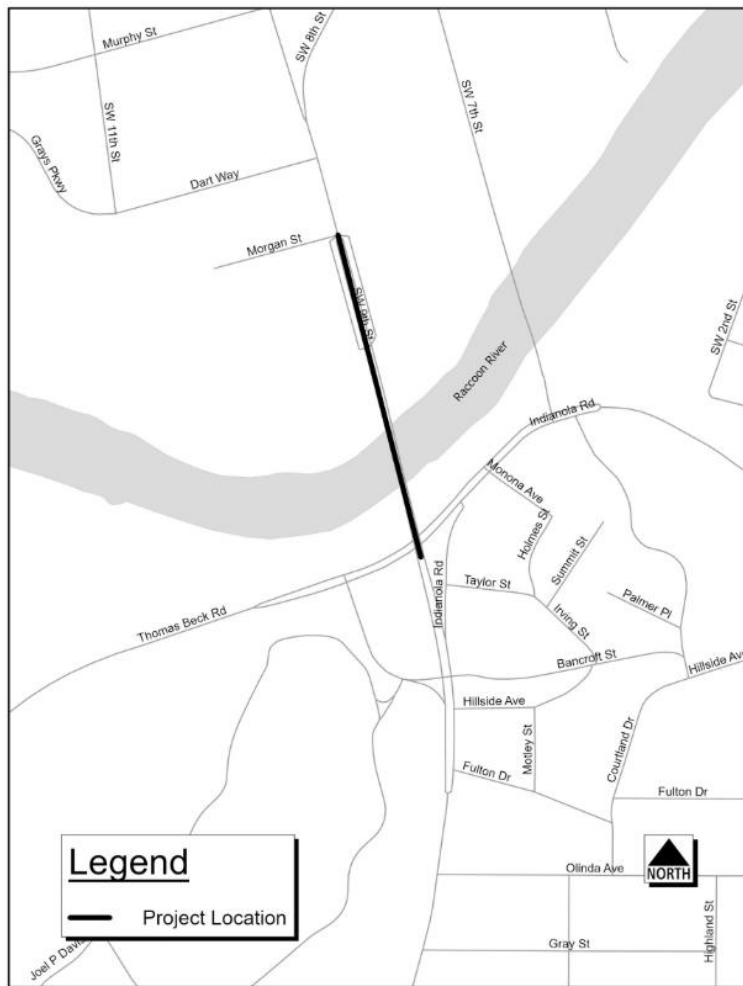
Funding Source: 2026-27 CIP, Page 49, Southwest 9th Street Bridge over Raccoon River, BR065

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Southwest 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 Southwest 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.
- A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued in February 2026 and posted on the City's website for Phase 1 Structure Evaluation services. Seven proposals were received in response to the RFP. The selection committee was comprised of representatives from the

Engineering Department. HR Green, Inc. was selected based on their project team's qualifications, demonstrated knowledge of the project issues, and experience with similar projects.

- Staff has negotiated a PSA with HR Green, Inc. for a total cost not to exceed \$136,565, based on hourly rates and reimbursable costs, to provide Phase 1 services, including the following tasks and services:
 - Project/Contract Management
 - Project Coordination
 - Bridge & Site Evaluation
 - Roadway & Traffic Evaluation
 - Completion of a Structure Evaluation Report that will summarize results and provide recommendations.
- Following successful completion of the Phase 1 services, additional services are anticipated through Supplemental Agreement. Phase 2 services will include Design Phase services, anticipated to be comprised of survey, utility coordination, permitting, preliminary and final design, and bid document production. Phase 3, consisting of Construction Phase services, is anticipated following Phase 2.
- Phase 1 services and the Final Structural Evaluation Report are scheduled to be completed in February 2027. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2029.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 23, 2026

Roll Call Number: [26-0222](#)

Action: [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. ([Council Communication No. 26-061](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: December 9, 2024

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

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STGB) Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2029 applications to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (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:

- City staff anticipate that a Supplemental Agreement will be forthcoming for Phase 2, which will likely include design phase services, and Phase 3 that would include construction phase services.

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