



**Roll Call Number**

26-0465

**Agenda Item Number**

44

**Date** April 6, 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS,  
FORM OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE ON  
GUTHRIE AVENUE BRIDGE REHABILITATION OVER THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD;  
RECEIVE AND FILE BIDS; AND DESIGNATION OF LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE  
BIDDER AS JASPER CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., CLIFF RHOADS, PRESIDENT, \$6,124,564.01**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2026, under Roll Call No. 26-0286, plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost were filed with the City Clerk, for the construction of the following public improvement:

Guthrie Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation over the Union Pacific Railroad, Activity ID 122020001  
IDOT Project No. STP-U-1945(859)--SG-77

The improvement includes structural repairs and reconfiguring the bridge cross-section to accommodate a 10-foot-wide multi-use sidepath along the south side of the bridge. The necessary bridge work to accommodate the sidepath includes containment and coordination for working over railroad right-of-way, removal of bridge barrier rails, removal and replacement of bridge expansion joints, steel bearing repairs, bridge painting of bearings and beams, removing and replacing deck sections, reinforcing steel and structural concrete, and construction of new sidewalks, railings and fences. The reconfigured bridge cross-section will require the approach roadway pavement to be removed and reconstructed, including new concrete pavement, new traffic signalization at Delaware Avenue, new sidewalks, traffic control and traffic staging, temporary traffic signals, temporary pavement, pavement markings, and erosion control, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 678-225/373, located on Guthrie Avenue over the Union Pacific Railroad, west of Delaware Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, notice of the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost was published as required by law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said notice, those interested in said proposed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost, both for and against, have been given opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and have presented their views to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA: That upon due consideration of the facts, and any and all statements of interested persons, any objections to the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost for said public improvement are overruled and the hearing is closed, and that said plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That sealed bids for said public improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

- Jasper Construction Services, Inc., Newton, IA - Low Bid
- Cramer and Associates, Inc., Grimes, IA



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which in accordance with a previously approved Iowa DOT Agreement, were received and opened by the Iowa DOT on March 17, 2026. The attached tabulation of bids by the Iowa DOT for said public improvement be and is hereby accepted, received, and filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Des Moines City Engineer, as the Engineer, has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said public improvement was submitted by Jasper Construction Services, Inc., Cliff Rhoads, President, 928 N 19th Avenue East, Newton, IA, 50208 in the amount of \$6,124,564.01, and said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Engineer is hereby directed to secure execution by the lowest responsible, responsive Bidder and its surety of the contract documents in the form heretofore approved by this Council; that the Engineer is directed to thereafter present said contract documents to this Council for approval and authorization for the Engineer to sign; and that no contract shall be deemed to exist between the City of Des Moines and said Bidder until said contract has been executed by the Bidder, and shall have been approved by this Council and executed by the Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the necessary closure of all public grounds, streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, culverts, overpasses, underpasses, grade crossing separations and approaches, public ways, squares, and commons for the Project.

(Council Communication No. 26-130 )

Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Second by SIMONSON

FORM APPROVED:

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

/s/ Glenna K. Frank  
Glenna K. Frank  
Deputy City Attorney

/s/Nickolas J. Schaul  
Nickolas J. Schaul  
Director of Finance

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Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 48, Guthrie Ave Bridge over Union Pacific RR, BR058, including \$2,000,000 in Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding under Iowa DOT Agreement No. 1-22-STPU-042

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
BARRON	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
GATTO	✓			
TOTAL	7			

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED  
Connie Boesen Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk