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Date June 29, 2026

**ORDERING CONSTRUCTION OF  
SKYWALK EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1  
AND FIXING A DATE FOR RECEIVING OF BIDS ON JULY 14, 2026  
AND PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 3, 2026;  
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE IS \$700,000**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA: That the attached communication recommending construction of the following public improvement and the method of financing; and also including the recommendation of the Des Moines City Engineer, as the Engineer, submitting plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of cost for the construction of the following public improvement:

Skywalk Exterior Improvements Phase 1, Activity ID 102024007

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, Des Moines, Iowa

be and the same are hereby approved and accepted. The estimated construction cost for said public improvement 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 and will be available as of June 30, 2026, through the City's electronic bid submission system at <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/27010/home>.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Council hereby determines that it is necessary and advisable to construct said public improvement in the manner set forth in the plans, specifications, and form of contract documents submitted by the Engineer; and that payment for the cost of said public improvement shall be paid from the funding source identified below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That proposals will be received by the City of Des Moines through the City's electronic bid submission system at <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/27010/home>, starting June 30, 2026, until 11:00 a.m. on July 14, 2026, for the construction of said public improvement, and the taking of bids electronically in the manner allowed by law. Proposals received will be opened and bid results will be made public at <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/27010/home> following the bidding deadline and after the proposals have been verified for accuracy, unless otherwise specified, after which the bids together with a bid tabulation and recommendation of the Engineer will be presented to the City Council at its August 3, 2026 meeting for action thereon.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a public hearing on said plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost for said public improvement be held in the City Council Chambers, 1st Floor, T.M. Franklin Cownie City Administration Building, 1200 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa, at 5:00 p.m. on August 3, 2026, at which time this Council will consider any objections offered thereto or to the making of said public improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That an appropriate Notice to Bidders for said public improvement be posted, and Notice of Public Hearing for said public improvement be published in the Des Moines Register, all as provided and directed by Chapter 26 and/or 314, Code of Iowa.

(Council Communication No. 26-218 )

Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt Second by SIMONSON and direct the City Manager to update the bid to include an add alternate for the skywalk bridge across 5th Avenue between Grand Avenue and Locust Street.

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: 2026-27 CIP, Page 166, Skywalk System, SW094

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

Cornie Cownie

Mayor

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk