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Date March 9, 2026

**ORDERING CONSTRUCTION OF
GUTHRIE AVENUE BRIDGE REHABILITATION OVER THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
AND FIXING A DATE FOR RECEIVING OF BIDS ON MARCH 17, 2026
AND PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 6, 2026
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE IS \$6,316,803.75**

WHEREAS, this Council deems it advisable and necessary to construct the below referenced public improvement, all in accordance with the plans and specifications, and has caused to be prepared plans, specifications, and form of contract, together with estimate of cost, which are now on file in the City Engineer's Office, 4th Floor, T.M. Franklin Cownie City Administration Building, 1200 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, for public inspection for the construction of said public improvements, and said plans, specifications and form of contract are deemed suitable for the making of said public improvement, for which the State of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the City of Des Moines have an agreement, previously approved by this Council, under which the IDOT has agreed to advertise, receive, open and tabulate sealed bids, and

WHEREAS, before said plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost of the public improvement may be approved, and contract for the construction of the public improvement entered into, it is necessary to hold a public hearing.

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:

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 trail section along the south side of the bridge. The necessary bridge work to accommodate the trail 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

be and the same are hereby approved and accepted. The estimated construction cost for said public improvement is \$6,316,803.75. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.



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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 Iowa Department of Transportation, for the construction of said public improvements, and the taking of bids in the manner required by law. Proposals received will be opened and tabulated by the Iowa Department of Transportation on March 17, 2026, after which the bids together with a report and recommendation of the Engineer, will be presented to City Council at its April 6, 2026 meeting for action thereon.

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 April 6, 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. 26-081)

Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss

FORM APPROVED:

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

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

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

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

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Table with 5 columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include BOESEN, SIMONSON, VOSS, BARRON, WESTERGAARD, MANDELBAUM, GATTO, and TOTAL.

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.

Mayor signature: Connie Breen

City Clerk signature: Laura Baumgartner