


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-515	Meeting:	December 6, 2021
	Agenda Item:	7G	Roll Call:	21-1791
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Pennsylvania Avenue Reconstruction from North of E. University Avenue to E. Washington Avenue - Receiving bids, (12-21-21), and Setting date of hearing, (1-24-22). Construction Estimate - \$1,560,000.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project provides for full reconstruction of Pennsylvania Avenue roadway pavement from north of E. University Avenue to E. Washington Avenue. This project also includes construction of a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail along Pennsylvania Avenue from E. University Avenue to E. Washington Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT:

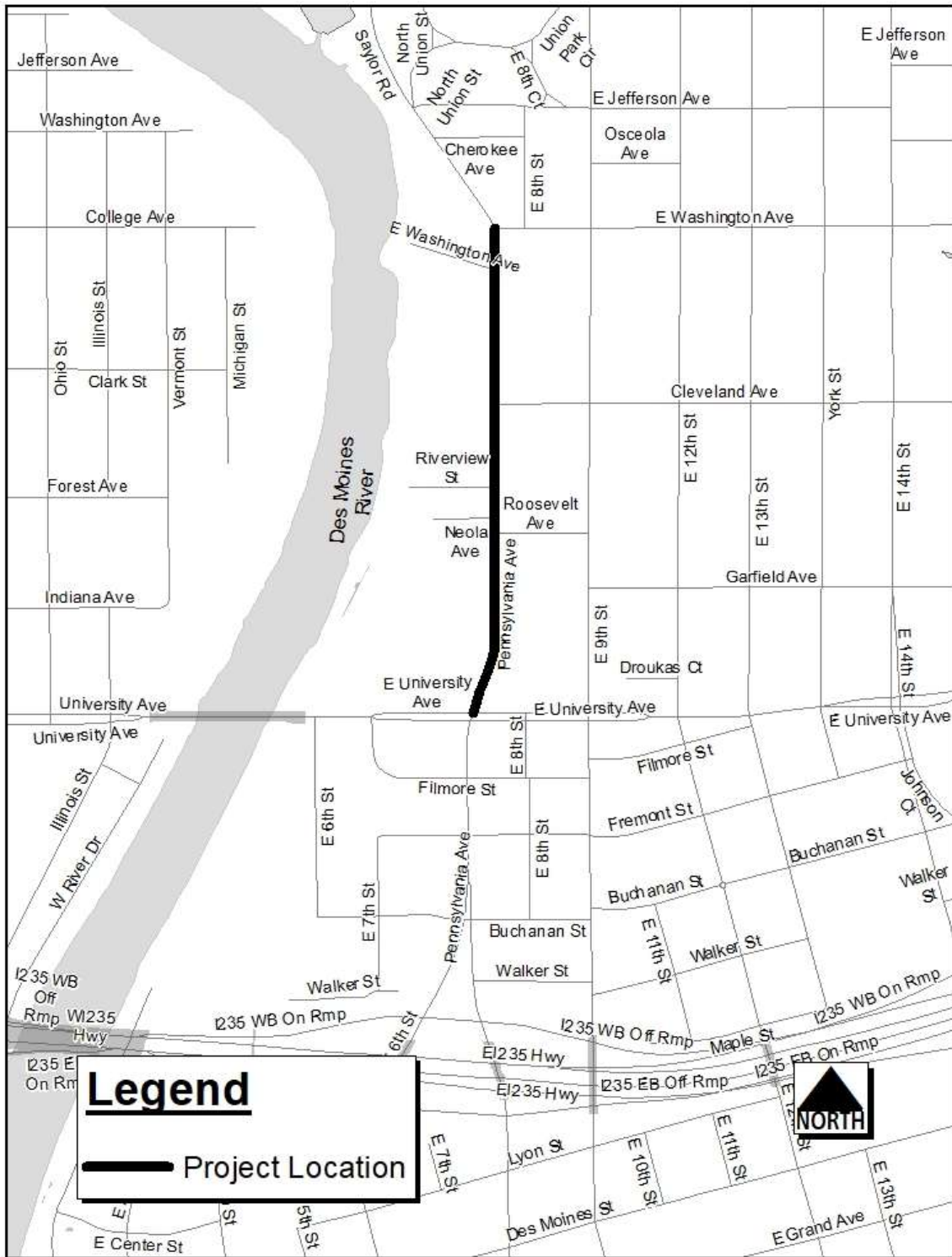
Amount: \$1,560,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2021-2022 CIP, Page 143, LOSST Street Improvements, ST800, LOSST Monies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Pennsylvania Avenue Reconstruction from North of E. University Avenue to E. Washington Avenue, Activity ID 06-2019-022. The improvement includes Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) curb and gutter, 8.5-inch Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) paving, cement treated subbase, PCC trail, PCC sidewalks, PCC driveways, earthwork and grading, pavement markings, water services, erosion control, restoration, and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File No. 636-211/273, located along Pennsylvania Avenue from north of E. University Avenue to E. Washington Avenue.
- The estimated construction cost is \$1,560,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.

- Pennsylvania Avenue between E. University Avenue and E. Washington Avenue needs pavement reconstruction due to its pavement condition.
- Pennsylvania Avenue is identified as a core bike network facility in the Transportation Master Plan, MoveDSM, and the pavement reconstruction project provides the opportunity to add a multi-use trail along the west side of Pennsylvania Avenue between E. University Avenue and E. Washington Avenue.
- The City held a public meeting via Zoom on August 25, 2021 to present the project and obtain public feedback.
- City staff had originally also included in the project the construction of a multi-use trail along Pennsylvania Avenue from E. Washington Avenue north to Birdland Marina.
- On November 15, 2021, by Roll Call Number 21-1708, City Council continued Ordering Construction of the project until the December 6, 2021 City Council Meeting, to allow additional time to discuss the project with residents along the proposed multi-use trail north of E. Washington Avenue.
- Based on discussions with the area residents and due to concerns with the proposed multi-use trail being eight (8) feet in width (instead of the desired 10-foot width) and the desire to consider narrowing Pennsylvania Avenue north of E. Washington Avenue in the future for traffic calming purposes and to provide room for a wider multi-use trail, the proposed multi-use trail north of E. Washington Avenue was removed from this project.
- Due to the removal of the multi-use trail work north of E. Washington Avenue, the construction estimate for this project has been reduced to \$1,560,000.
- City staff will request funding in future Capital Improvement Program years for improving Pennsylvania Avenue north of E. Washington Avenue and adding a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail between E. Washington Avenue and Birdland Marina.
- Detours will be provided for Pennsylvania Avenue and the Neal Smith Trail for the duration of the project and access accommodations will be provided to impacted residents and business owners.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to begin in spring 2022 and be completed in late spring 2023.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 15, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1708](#)

Action: [Ordering](#) construction of the following:

- (B) [Pennsylvania](#) Avenue Reconstruction from North of E University Avenue to E Washington Avenue: Receiving of bids (12-7-21), Setting date of hearing (1-10-22), Engineer's estimate, \$1,650,000. ([Council Communication No. 21-496](#)) Moved by Westergaard to continue to the December 6th Council meeting. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Transportation Safety Committee

Date: September 14, 2021

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion by Tom DeSio to approve the concept for the Pennsylvania Avenue Reconstruction Project between E University Avenue and E Washington Avenue; seconded by Meg Schneider. Motion passed 6:0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also, partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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