


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	22-417	Meeting:	September 12, 2022
	Agenda Item:	19	Roll Call:	22-1399
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with the necessary property interests for the E. Court Avenue Improvements – Des Moines River to E. 14th Street Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the E. Court Avenue Improvements – Des Moines River to E. 14th Street Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the property acquisition process for this project under eminent domain. Sign relocation will be required for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

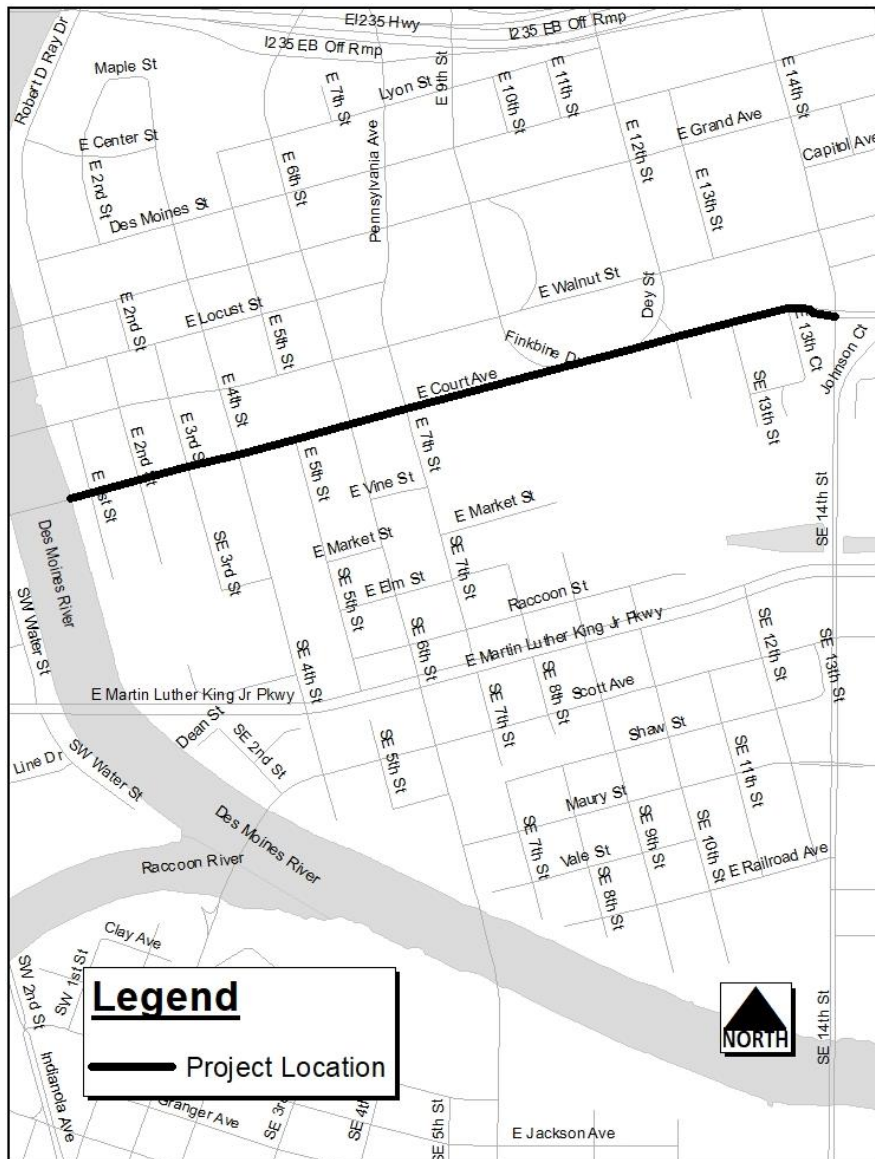
Amount: To be determined after final design is completed.

Funding Source: 2022-23 CIP, Page 167, LOSST Street Improvements, ST800, LOSST Monies

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This project includes the complete reconstruction of E. Court Avenue from the Court Avenue Bridge over Des Moines River to E. 14th Street, and includes:
 - Water Street to E. 7th Street: The existing three (3) lane cross-section (one {1} westbound lane, two {2} eastbound lanes) will be reduced to one (1) lane of travel in each direction and buffered bike lanes. The speed limit between Water Street and E. 7th Street will be reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph.
 - E. 7th Street to Dey Street: The three (3) lane cross-section will be reduced to one (1) lane of travel in either direction with buffered bike lanes.
 - Dey Street to E. 14th Street: A three (3) lane cross-section with a two (2) way center turn-lane and buffered bike lanes will be provided.
 - The speed limit from E. 7th Street to E. 14th Street will be reduced from 35 mph to 30 mph.
 - Realignment of Dey Street and Finkbine Drive at the intersections with E. Court Avenue to be closer to 90-degree intersections.

- Drainage improvements will be made along E. Court Avenue as well as in the vicinity surrounding E. 13th Street and Court Avenue.
- A virtual public meeting was held on June 9, 2021, to present the proposed project. Individual meetings were also held with representatives from the State of Iowa to review the proposed project.
- This project was approved by the Traffic Safety Committee on July 13, 2021.
- This project will be constructed in two (2) phases:
 - Construction on Phase 1 of the project, from the Des Moines River to Finkbine Drive, is anticipated to start in spring 2023 with completion in fall 2023.
 - Construction of Phase 2, from Finkbine Drive to E. 14th Street, is anticipated to begin in spring 2024 with completion in fall 2024.
- At this time, the property interests needed for this project consist of 18 temporary construction easements from 18 separate property owners. Relocation assistance will be required for one (1) sign.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 9, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1195](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Shive-Hattery, Inc. for design services for the E. Court Avenue Improvement Project – Des Moines River to E. 14th Street, not to exceed \$384,100. ([Council Communication No. 21-354](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Transportation Safety Committee

Date: July 13, 2021

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion was made by Scott Bents to approve the concept plan for the E. Court Avenue Reconstruction Project; seconded by Luis Montoya. Motion passed 5:0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

For more information on this and other agenda items, please call the City Clerk's Office at 515-283-4209 or visit the Clerk's Office on the first floor of City Hall, 400 Robert D Ray Drive. Council agendas are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office on Thursday afternoon preceding Monday's Council meeting. Citizens can also request to receive meeting notices and agendas by email by calling the Clerk's Office or sending their request via email to cityclerk@dmgov.org.