


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	23-015	Meeting:	January 9, 2023
	Agenda Item:	48	Roll Call:	23-0067
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on E. Court Avenue Reconstruction from Des Moines River to E. 7th Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Jasper Construction Services, Inc., Cliff Rhoads, President, \$6,893,459.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the E. Court Avenue Reconstruction from Des Moines River to E. 7th Street and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project provides for full reconstruction of E. Court Avenue from the Des Moines River to east of E. 7th Street, including sidewalk, buffered bike lane, storm sewer, and water main improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$6,893,459 construction contract (\$6,800,000 City Engineer's Estimate).

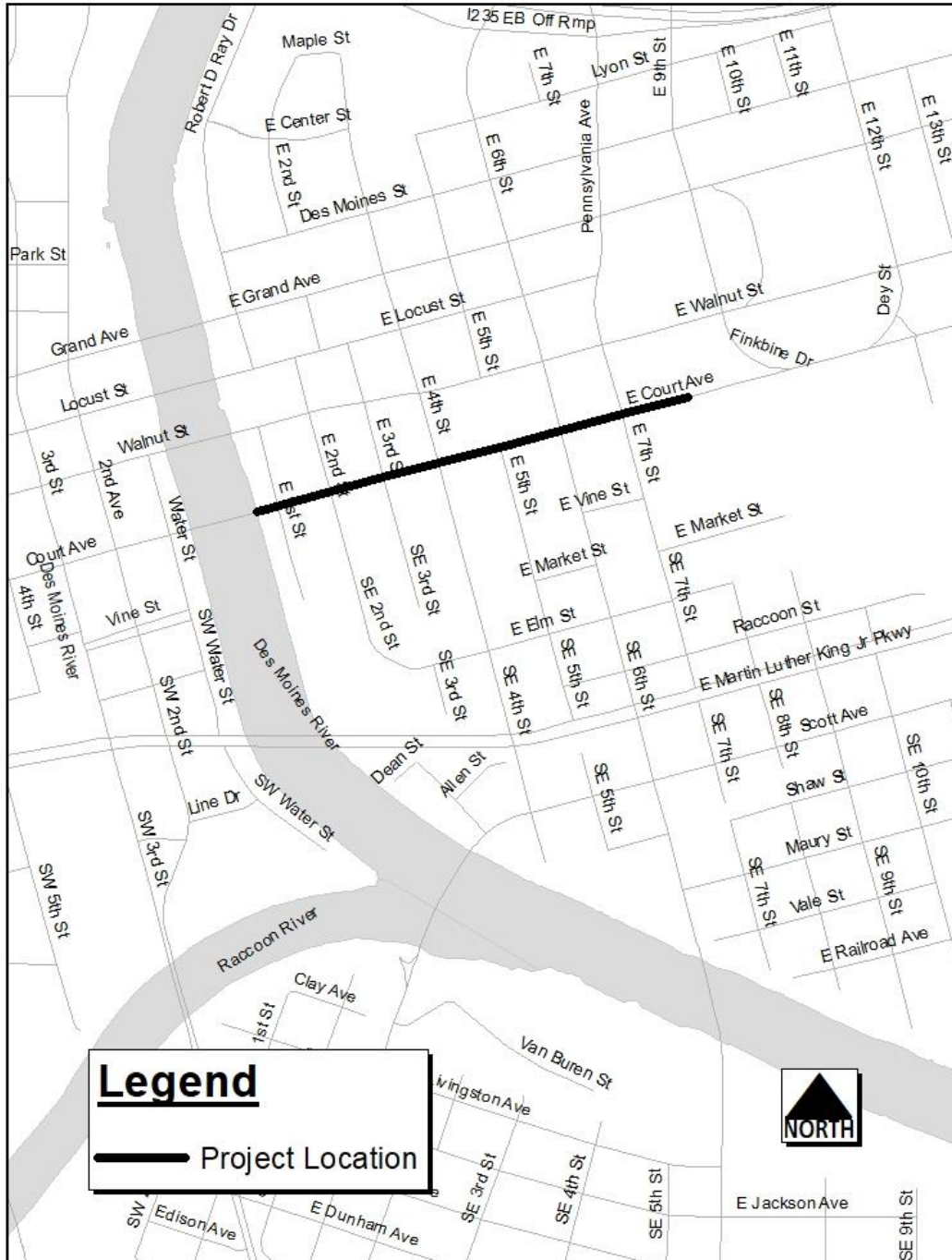
Funding Source: 2022-23 CIP, Page 167, LOSST Street Improvements, ST800, LOSST Monies, Being: \$5,756,932 Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) Funding, and the remaining \$1,136,527 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Water Main.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On November 21, 2022, under Roll Call No. 22-1774, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the E. Court Avenue Reconstruction from Des Moines River to E. 7th Street. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the E. Court Avenue Reconstruction from Des Moines River to E. 7th Street, Activity ID 06-2020-015. The improvement includes the reconstruction of E. Court Avenue with Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) curb and gutter, PCC bike lanes, PCC sidewalk and driveways, Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) paving, modified subbase, removals, storm sewer, subdrain, grading, water main construction, site furnishings, trees, erosion control and restoration, and other incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File No. 645-144/318, located along E. Court Avenue from the Des Moines River to east of E. 7th Street.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Jasper Construction Services, Inc., Newton, IA, - Low Bid
 - Absolute Concrete Construction, Inc. d/b/a Absolute Group,
 - Corell Contractor, Inc., West Des Moines, IA
 - MPS Engineers, P.C. d/b/a Kingston Services, P.C., Des Moines, IA
 - Synergy Contracting, LLC, Altoona, IA
- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on December 13, 2022.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Jasper Construction Services, Inc. (Cliff Rhoads, President, 928 N. 19th Avenue East, Newton, IA, 50208), in the amount of \$6,893,459, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- E. Court Avenue from the Des Moines River to E. 14th Street needs complete pavement reconstruction. There are also existing sidewalk curb ramps along East Court Avenue that need to be improved to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Des Moines Water Works also needs to replace a water main under E. Court Avenue.
- The existing street cross section for E. Court Avenue between the Des Moines River and E. 7th Street includes two (2) eastbound travel lanes, one (1) westbound travel lane, and on-street parking on both sides of the street.
- Multiple mixed-use developments have recently occurred along E. Court Avenue and traffic volumes have declined since the construction of Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway; therefore, the existing street cross section should be improved to meet the current and future needs of the corridor.
- This project will improve the E. Court Avenue cross section to include one (1) travel lane in each direction with buffered bike lanes on both sides of the street. Left turn lanes will be provided on E. Court Avenue between E. 5th Street and E. 7th Street to accommodate anticipated future growth from the Market District. On-street parking will be maintained on both sides of the street between the Des Moines River and E. 5th Street. Sidewalks will also be improved to be consistent with the downtown streetscape cross section with planter areas, to meet ADA requirements, and to add concrete bumpouts at intersections to shorten pedestrian crossing distances and shadow on-street parking.
- A virtual public meeting was held via Zoom on June 9, 2021, to present the initial proposed project concepts.
- Due to the project size, the East Court Avenue will be constructed in two (2) separate phases:
 - Phase 1 – E. Court Avenue from Des Moines River to east of E. 7th Street (Finkbine Drive).
 - Phase 2 – E. Court Avenue from east of E. 7th Street (Finkbine Drive) to E. 14th Street.

- Another virtual public meeting was held via Zoom on November 9, 2022, to present the final concepts and anticipated construction staging for Phase 1.
- Construction of this Phase 1 project is anticipated to begin in spring 2023 and be completed in fall 2024. The roadway will be constructed in a manner to allow for two-way traffic along E. Court Avenue for the duration of the project except for short stints to allow for utility work.
- Phase 2 of this project from east of E. 7th Street to E. 14th Street is currently under design and anticipated to be constructed in 2025 to 2026.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 21, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-1774](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (B) E. Court Avenue Reconstruction from Des Moines River to E. 7th Street: Receiving of bids, (12-13-22) and Setting date of hearing, (1-9-23), Engineer's estimate, \$6,800,000. ([Council Communication No. 22-530](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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