


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-142	Meeting:	March 27, 2023
	Agenda Item:	7B	Roll Call:	23-372
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Guthrie Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Guthrie Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation over the UPRR 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. Relocation assistance will not be required for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Property acquisition costs to be determined after design is completed.

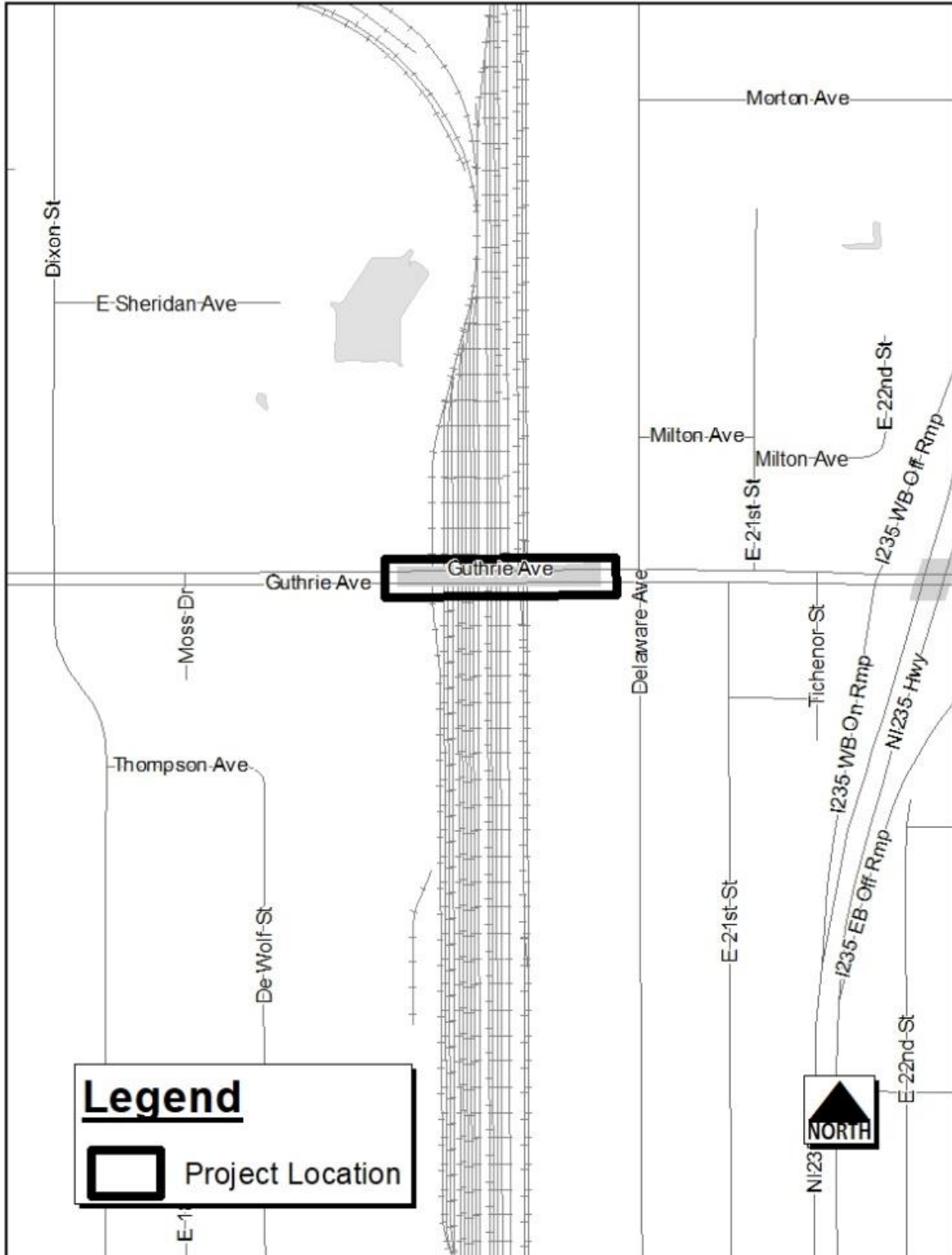
Funding Source: Various funding being:

- \$2,000,000 – Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Federal-aid funds
- \$4,300,000 – 2022-23 CIP, Page 27, Guthrie Avenue Bridge over UPRR, BR058

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Guthrie Avenue bridge over the UPRR was constructed in 1978. In 2015, this bridge was listed as a high priority repair and a targeted joint replacement and strengthening project was completed, however a more extensive rehabilitation project was postponed. The 2019 Bridge Inspection Report continues to list the condition of the bridge as “Fair/Poor” with chloride contaminated concrete of the deck and sidewalks, and the concrete barrier rails nearing the end of useful life.
- The project provides for the rehabilitation of the Guthrie Avenue bridge over the UPRR. Work included in this project is anticipated to consist of deck repairs, deck overlay, and barrier rail replacement. The estimated project cost is \$6,300,000.
- Work on the bridge also includes removing the center median barrier railing and reconfiguring the bridge cross-section to add a 10-foot-wide trail section along the south side of the bridge. Additional roadway reconstruction will take place, including traffic signal and intersection improvements at Delaware Avenue.

- Construction of the Guthrie Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation project is anticipated to begin in 2024 and be completed in 2025.
- Approximately three (3) temporary construction easements are needed from three (3) property owners to complete the construction of this project. Relocation assistance will not be required.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 19, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1089](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement for the Guthrie Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation over the UPRR. ([Council Communication No. 21-325](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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