

ITEM #: 16
 DATE: 01-23-24
 DEPT: Public Works

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2023/24 CAMPUSTOWN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS (WELCH AVENUE AND CHAMBERLAIN PLACE)

BACKGROUND:

This project includes construction of sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water main improvements in the 200-block of Welch Avenue. Once underground improvements are completed, current roadway reconstruction techniques will be utilized to replace the paving and restore structural integrity, serviceability, and rideability. This project will also include multi-modal improvements in the form of transitioning the dedicated bike lanes from the 100-block to on street shared roadway along Welch Avenue from Chamberlain St to Knapp St. In addition to these improvements, an inclusive crosswalk at Chamberlain St and Welch Ave is also part of the project. Pavement improvements for Chamberlain Place (the narrow street behind Pizza Pit) will also be part of the construction contract.

Staff sent letters to all adjacent residents/businesses and met with several property owners to obtain input regarding staging, construction timing, and special access needs. Comments were received and incorporated into the project design.

MSA of Ankeny, Iowa and City staff have completed plans and specifications for this project with a base bid and an add alternate for utilizing thermoplastic markings for the inclusive crossing.

Program Budget:

Funding Source	Available Revenue	Estimated Expenses
2023/24 Campustown Public Imp. (G.O. Bonds)	\$ 1,200,000	
2023/24 Water Utility Fund	\$ 400,000	
2023/24 Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 125,000	
Construction (Base Bid)		\$ 1,319,131
Construction (Alternate 1)		\$ 10,000
Engineering Administration		\$ 266,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,725,000	\$ 1,595,131

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the 2023/24 Campustown Public Improvements – (Welch Avenue and Chamberlain Place) project and establish February 21, 2024, as the date of letting and February 27, 2024, as the date of report of bids.

2. Direct staff to revise the project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approving these plans and specification will result in lower street maintenance costs, improve area drainage, and provide a better neighborhood aesthetic. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Project Map.pdf](#)