

## **City of Independence - Strategic Planning Project Information Sheet**

**Project Title:** 1<sup>st</sup> Street West Full Reconstruction

**Department:** Streets Dept / Administration

**Contact Person:** Brad Esch – Streets Director and Matthew Schmitz – City Manager

**Estimated Total Cost:** Currently projected to cost \$19,000,000

The project will have to be phased during construction.

**Project Timeline:** Calendar Year 2027 – Construction timeline is TBD

### **Project Description:**

This project involves the complete reconstruction of 1<sup>st</sup> Street West from the Bridge to the western City Limits to address deteriorating pavement conditions, improve multimodal safety, and upgrade stormwater management infrastructure. The scope of work includes the full removal of the existing roadway and sub-base, which will be replaced with a new Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) street with integrated curb and gutter. To enhance safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists, continue the 10-foot-wide, ADA-compliant multi-use trail, complemented by a 5-foot-wide, ADA-compliant concrete sidewalk. Furthermore, the project will feature the installation of a modern storm sewer system, including necessary intakes and piping, to manage surface water runoff effectively. Finally, a new street lighting system will be installed along the corridor to improve visibility and safety for all users during nighttime hours.

### **Project Justification / Community Benefit:**

The existing infrastructure on 1<sup>st</sup> Street West has reached the end of its functional life. The current pavement is in poor condition, and the lack of dedicated, continuous, and safe facilities for pedestrians and cyclists presents a safety concern. This comprehensive reconstruction project will create a safer, more accessible, and more durable transportation corridor that meets the current and future needs of the community.

### **Key Dependencies or Potential Roadblocks:**

The biggest issue will be funding, applying for grants, etc.