



## PI/T COMMITTEE – 02/14/2023 AGENDA ITEM REPORT

<b>Presenter:</b>	Jason Anderson
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, February 14, 2023
<b>Category:</b>	NEW BUSINESS
<b>Type:</b>	ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Project ST-009: W Lyon St. / N 3rd St. Reconstruction Project.
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>This project consists of: reconstruction and utility replacement on West Lyon Street from East College Drive to North 5<sup>th</sup> Street and North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from West Main Street to West Redwood Street. All utilities will be replaced, including watermain, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer on West Lyon and North 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. Other items of work included in this project are pavement removal, aggregate base, concrete surfacing, sidewalks, curb and gutter, streetscaping, and other minor work. Also included with this project will include reconstruction of the Addison Parking Lot adjacent to West Lyon Street and East College Drive. Reconstruction of the parking lot will include pavement removal, grading, aggregate base, and concrete surfacing.</p> <p>This reconstruction project has been discussed at multiple meetings of the PI/T Committee and Downtown Business Association (DBA), with meetings including Bolton &amp; Menk and City staff. Numerous topics have been discussed, including: parking, lane widths, sidewalk and ADA standards, streetscaping, Main/3<sup>rd</sup> traffic signal, dedicated pedestrian signal (HAWK system), and many other more detailed topics.</p> <p>Most recently, the PI/T met on 01/24/2023. At the PI/T meeting on 01/24/2023, no voting action was taken on this item at that time with the intent to meet again upon receipt of final plans from consultant and prior to the 02/14/2023 City Council with anticipated Council action of approving plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids.</p> <p>At their meeting on 01/24/2023, the City Council conducted a public improvement hearing, ordered the improvement, and ordered preparation of plans and specifications. The plans and specifications have been prepared by City staff for the above-referenced project. City staff also met with the DBA on 02/08/2023. Previously, City staff has also held individual meetings with some of the affected business owners regarding the project.</p> <p>Included in this packet are engineering plan sheets related to downtown landscaping for review. Some features of the final streetscape shown on the plans include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each intersection incorporates curb bump outs to reduce the distance across the street for pedestrian street crossings and bring pedestrians closer to the vehicular traffic, making the pedestrian more visible.</li> <li>- Streets are slightly narrowed to increase sidewalk space. This results in a better pedestrian environment for downtown and also improves ADA accessibility by allowing for sidewalk cross slopes to be reduced (making the sidewalk flatter, or less steep).</li> <li>- Parking is adjusted from angle parking on both sides on W. Lyon Street to angle parking on one side, parallel parking on the other. This allows for the street to be narrowed for ADA and it allows for vehicles to have more space on the street than exists today, making the downtown area feel less restricted or less tight when driving.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parking is added on N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between W. Lyon Street and W. Redwood Street by offering angle parking on one side and parallel parking on the other. The addition of parking was made possible due to the U.S. Postal Service moving the drop boxes from the street area to the alley area next to their property.</li> <li>- The one block of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between W. Main Street and W. Lyon Street is converted from a two-way street to a one-way street heading in the direction from Main to Lyon. The traffic signal heads that face N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street will be removed, but the signal will remain in-place to stop traffic for pedestrian crossings of W. Main Street. Treatment of the traffic signal was studied by the City through a contract with Bolton &amp; Menk and MnDOT has approved the Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) that proposes this change. Leaving this signal was a concession and compromise of the City to the DBA because the DBA was not in support of traffic signal removal and installation of an RRFB or HAWK type of pedestrian signal.</li> <li>- Streetscaping (landscaping) was added largely on the one block of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Main Street and W. Lyon Street. The majority property owner on the block has requested these types of improvements and the plan incorporates numerous offerings: landscaping areas with perennial plantings, benches, street lights that accommodate string lighting over the roadway area, possible string lighting, pedestrian plaza area between W. Main Street and the alley, roll-over type of curbing along the plaza for more cohesive usage during downtown events, lighted bollards along the roll-over type of curbing to allow for delineation between the street and sidewalk, street trees, and electrical pedestals throughout the block, including some that are large enough for food truck usage. Landscaping areas are “flush” or level to the sidewalk elevation as requested by the DBA.</li> </ul>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	The engineer’s estimate for the construction portion of the project is \$3,500,000. The total estimated project cost, including 5% allowance for contingencies and 16% for engineering and administrative costs is \$4,263,000. All improvements will be assessed according to the current Special Assessment Policy, including but not limited to participation from Marshall Municipal Utilities, Wastewater Department, Surface Water Management Utility Fund and Ad Valorem. Final approval of the project must include determination of funding sources.
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	No alternative actions recommended.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	that the Committee recommend to City Council to adopt the “Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids” for Project ST-009: W Lyon St. / N 3rd St. Reconstruction Project at their meeting on 02/14/2023.