



## CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, March 8, 2022
<b>Category:</b>	NEW BUSINESS
<b>Type:</b>	ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Project ST-009: W. Lyon Street/N. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Reconstruction Project - Consider Acceptance of Proposal for Consultant Services.
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>The above-referenced project is currently identified for 2023 in the City Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The project limits include:          W. Lyon Street (E. College Drive to N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street)          N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (W. Main Street to W. Redwood Street).</p> <p>The proposed project includes the complete reconstruction of the street, curb, sidewalk, driveways, watermain, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer collection system. The street pavement and utilities are in poor condition and City staff believes a reconstruction is necessary.</p> <p>Brad Meulebroeck has expressed interest in possible changes to the function of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between W. Main Street and W. Lyon Street. After discussion with staff, his request would include Council considering of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remove the signal light at the intersection of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (City) and W. Main Street (MnDOT). This signal is currently owned and operated by MnDOT and any changes would need to be approved by MnDOT Traffic.</li> <li>- In lieu of traffic signal, the addition of an enhanced pedestrian crossing at the intersection of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and W. Main Street, including a pedestrian refuge island and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) signage. As this installation would be in MnDOT Right-of-Way, this installation would need to be approved by MnDOT Traffic.</li> <li>- Reconfiguration of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from the existing two-way travel into a one-way street moving from Main Street to Lyon Street.</li> <li>- Narrowing of N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to accommodate several additional features including but not limited to: landscaping, string lighting, artwork, and sitting areas.</li> </ul> <p>Staff has also considered the possibility of including some aesthetic and/or landscaping/hardscaping upgrades to the remaining blocks of the downtown project. Some of these upgrades may or may not include planter boxes, vegetative strips along the curb and at corners, and tree planting.</p> <p>With the scheduled timeline of construction in 2023, staff would like the Council to provide authorization to continue forward with the aid of an engineering consultant. Aesthetic features would likely require the services of a landscape architect to assist with the scoping and design of included features.</p>

	<p>At the Public Improvement/Transportation Committee meeting on January 25, 2022, there was a consensus from the Committee for staff to have further discussion with the Downtown Business Association (DBA).</p> <p>At the City Council meeting on February 8, 2022, Council authorized staff to request for proposals for consultant services for downtown aesthetic improvements. Consultant assistance with aesthetic options will be critical if the downtown business community or City Council want these types of enhancements. City staff would plan to work with the Downtown Business Association and Chamber to help us manage input.</p> <p>City staff met with the DBA at their March 2, 2022 meeting to discuss the project and the current status of the project and the possibility of securing a consulting engineer if Council approves.</p> <p>Three proposals were received on March 3, 2022. Proposals will be reviewed at the Public Improvement/Transportation Committee meeting on March 8, 2022, by the Committee, and a proposal review group consisting of two City staff members, the PI/T Committee, and Brad Gruhot, the Chamber President. A recommendation will be brought forward to the City Council meeting on Tuesday evening.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	All costs would be billed against the 2023 construction project.
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	No alternative actions recommended.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	that the Council accept the proposal of the firm per the recommendation of the Public Improvement/Transportation Committee.