



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, February 8, 2022
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Project ST-009: W. Lyon Street/N. 3 rd Street Reconstruction Project - Consider authorization to request for proposals for Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) and Project ST-009 consultant services.
Background Information:	<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. 5th Street) N. 3rd 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 making changes to the function of N. 3rd 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"> - Remove the signal light at the intersection of N. 3rd 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. - In lieu of traffic signal, the addition of an enhanced pedestrian crossing at the intersection of N. 3rd 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. - Reconfiguration of N. 3rd Street from the existing two-way travel into a one-way street moving from Main Street to Lyon Street. - Narrowing of N. 3rd Street to accommodate several additional features including but not limited to: landscaping, string lighting, artwork, and sitting areas. <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. Any proposed changes to W. Main Street/3rd intersection will require an Intersection</p>

	<p>Control Evaluation (ICE) report and coordination with the MnDOT District 8 office. 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 and request a letter of support. City staff intends to take this step in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The purpose for this item coming to Council now is to receive full Council consideration for staff's process moving forward. If Council is agreeable to exploring the option of removing the traffic signal at Main/3rd Street, City staff believes that we need to begin this process as soon as possible. Staff is hopeful that changes could be made in 2023 if Council desired, but we are not entirely certain of MnDOT's timeframe for review, approval, and cost participation.</p> <p>Further, hiring a firm to help 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>
Fiscal Impact:	Staff does not have costs for landscaping efforts or ICE report for this project. All costs would be billed against the 2023 construction project. Once proposals are received, staff will be required to bring them back for Council consideration.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.
Recommendation:	that the Council authorize staff to request for proposals for ICE report at Main/3 rd and consultant services for downtown aesthetic improvements.