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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2022/23 BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROGRAM (S. 4TH PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER IOWAY CREEK)

BACKGROUND:

This project includes constructing a prefabricated pedestrian bridge over Ioway Creek along the southeast side of the existing bridge on S. 4th Street, and constructing a shared use path from the north side of the pedestrian bridge to the intersection of S. 4th Street & University Blvd, as shown in the attached map. This shared use path will provide connectivity from University Blvd across Ioway Creek along the south side of S. 4th Street.

Shared use-path construction is anticipated for the summer of 2026. Due to significant lead times for the pedestrian bridge, it is estimated the bridge and path connections to the bridge will be installed in spring 2027. Staff has coordinated extensively with Iowa State University and adjacent properties regarding the construction activities for this project, and will provide additional coordination as construction progresses.

On February 18, 2026, bids for the project were received as follows:

Bidder	Bid Amount
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$1,603,006.40
Boulder Contracting, LLC	\$1,577,234.95
United Contractors, Inc.	\$1,730,166.50
Cramer & Associates, Inc.	\$1,960,989.50
Herberger Construction Company Inc.	\$1,984,239.30
Peterson Contractors, Inc.	\$2,166,147.14

The table below shows estimated expenses and revenues for this project:

Expenses	Amount	Revenues	Amount
Design	\$95,000.00		
Construction (this action)	\$1,577,234.95		
Contract Administration	\$50,000.00		
		FY 22/23 Bridge Rehab G.O. Bonds	\$700,000
		Iowa State University Funding (estimated)	\$80,200
		Skunk River Trail Redirected Local Option Funding	\$800,000
		FY 23/24 Bridge Rehab Road Use Tax	\$300,000
Totals	\$1,722,234.95		\$1,880,200

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the report of bids, approve final plans and specifications, and award a contract to Boulder Contracting, LLC of Grundy Center, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,577,234.95.
2. Award the contract to one of the other bidders.
3. Do not approve this project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project will complete a significant bicycle and pedestrian connection for all users of the area, including large special events. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Map.pdf](#)