



CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

November 6, 2023

Resolution setting a public hearing on November 21, 2023 on project manual and estimate of cost for the construction of the American Legion Road/First Avenue Landscaping Project, directing City Clerk to publish notice of said hearing, and directing the City Engineer to place said project manual on file for public inspection.

Prepared By:	Justin Harland, Sr. Engineer
Reviewed By:	Jason Havel, City Engineer Ron Knoche, Public Works Director Geoff Fruin, City Manager
Fiscal Impact:	\$205,000.00 available in the American Legion/First Avenue Landscaping Project account #P3989
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
Commission Recommendations:	N/A
Attachments:	Resolution

Executive Summary:

This project generally includes installing plantings within the roundabout at the intersection of American Legion Road and Scott Boulevard, installing plantings within the roundabout at the intersection of First Avenue and Scott Boulevard, and installing street trees along American Legion Road from Scott Boulevard to Taft Avenue.

Background / Analysis:

The First Avenue and Scott Boulevard roundabout, American Legion Road and Scott Boulevard roundabout, and American Legion Road from Scott Boulevard to Taft Avenue have recently been reconstructed. Natural aesthetics such as plantings and street trees were purposefully left out of those projects, as the City has historically had more satisfactory results with landscaping projects which were awarded to prime contractors with landscaping experience. Trees and plantings within the roundabout are meant to provide a sight line barrier to oncoming traffic, while street trees enhance the natural corridor aesthetics and provide additional environmental benefits.

Project Timeline:

Hold Public Hearing and Approve Project Manual: November 21, 2023
Bid Letting Date: December 13, 2023
Contract Award Council Meeting Date: January 2, 2024
Construction Dates: April – June 2024