



CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

March 21, 2023

Resolution approving project manual and estimate of cost for the construction of the Mercer Park Aquatic Center & Scanlon Gym Exterior Accessibility and Lighting Improvements Project, establishing amount of bid security to accompany each bid, directing City Clerk to post notice to bidders, and fixing time and place for receipt of bids.

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Fiscal Impact:	\$305,000 available in the Recreation Center Improvements account #R4351
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
Commission Recommendations:	N/A
Attachments:	Resolution

Executive Summary:

This project involves exterior accessibility and lighting improvements along the main entrance of the Mercer Park Aquatic Center and Scanlon Gym.

Background / Analysis:

The original pavement and exterior lighting at the entrance of Mercer Park Aquatic Center and Scanlon Gym was installed in 1988 and are near the end of their useful lifecycles.

Additionally, there are deficiencies within the parking and drop-off areas and accessible routes that need to be brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

This project will include signage and the replacement of a limited amount of existing driveway, parking, sidewalk and entrance pavement to bring the parking and accessible routes into compliance with the ADA. Several of the exterior lights no longer work. They cannot be repaired because the ballasts for the original 1999 metal-halide exterior lighting fixtures are no longer available. The fixtures will be replaced with energy efficient LED lighting.

Due to potential uncertainty in the bidding environment, staff is recommending that additional necessary, but not critical, improvements to the parking area and perimeter sidewalk be bid as alternates. Add alternate one includes the sidewalk to the south of the site neighboring the parking lot and add alternate two includes all the sidewalk around the north and west portion

of the site. This will allow the maximum number of improvements to be included with the project within the existing project budget.

Project Timeline:

Bid Letting – April 12, 2023

Award Date – April 18, 2023

Construction – May to September 2023