



# CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

September 5, 2023

Resolution awarding contract and authorizing the Mayor to sign and the City Clerk to attest a contract for construction of the North First Avenue Improvements Project.

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 Fiscal Impact: \$389,778.55 available in the Annual Pavement  
 Rehabilitation Account #S3824  
 Staff Recommendation: Approval  
 Commission Recommendations: N/A  
 Attachments: [Detour Map](#)  
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## Executive Summary:

The North First Avenue Improvements Project includes complete roadway pavement reconstruction of North First Avenue between Stuart Court and Hickory Trail, sidewalk, curb ramp improvements, and minor storm sewer improvements. The engineer's estimated cost of construction was \$475,000.

Eight (8) bids were submitted prior to the August 22, 2023 deadline:

Bidder Name	City	Bid
Engineer's Estimate		\$475,000.00
Streb Construction	Iowa City	\$389,778.55
Rathje Construction	Marion	\$394,991.45
Dave Schmitt Construction	Cedar Rapids	\$395,382.70
Boomerang Corp	Anamosa	\$437,267.50
All American Concrete	West Liberty	\$440,735.50
Midwest Concrete	Peosta	\$515,832.00
Tshiggfrie Excavating	Dubuque	\$558,357.00
Peterson Contractors	Reinbeck	Non-Responsive

Public Works and Engineering recommend awarding the project to Streb Construction Co., Inc. of Iowa City, Iowa in the amount of \$389,778.55.

**Background / Analysis:**

North First Avenue has deteriorated beyond the point of rehabilitation between Stuart Court and Hickory Trail and complete reconstruction is necessary in this area to improve pavement conditions. Roadway width and alignment will not be changed with this project.

In order to complete construction this fall, First Avenue will be closed to through traffic in phases within the project limits. It is also anticipated that Rochester Avenue, between Rita Lyn Court and First Avenue, will be closed for the duration of the project due to the ongoing Rochester Avenue reconstruction. On August 15th, Engineering staff met with Regina and Iowa Central School Bus staff to discuss the impacts of having both closures occur simultaneously.

During the meeting, it was determined that temporary modifications will be made to Regina's western exit to maintain parking lot access off of Rochester during the closure. Temporary modifications will also be made to Regina's entrance off of First Avenue to provide easier parking lot access to northbound traffic. Coordination with Regina will continue throughout the project in order to address any new issues, if they arise.

The North First Avenue Improvements Project is scheduled for this fall so that work is completed prior to the Rochester Avenue and First Ave intersection reconstruction in 2024, as well as construction on the Court Street Reconstruction Project, which is scheduled for 2025-26.

**Project Timeline:**

Construction – September 2023 to October 2023