



REQUEST FOR ACTION

**Contract with American Engineering Testing Inc. for
Professional Material Testing Services for
Reconstruction of Center St E - Project No. J7348**

MEETING DATE:

May 18, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

Public Works

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent Agenda

PRESENTER:

Dillon Dombrowski

Action Requested:

Authorizing a contract with American Engineering Testing (AET) Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$53,298 for professional material testing services associated with the Reconstruction of Center St E - Project No. J7348.

Report Narrative:

The Center St E Reconstruction Project extends from the Zumbro River Bridge to 11th Ave E. The existing pavement and public utilities along this corridor are nearing the end of their service life. This project will replace aging infrastructure through full reconstruction of the two-lane urban concrete roadway, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water main. This project will also address maintenance needs to the bridge crossing the Zumbro River Bridge.

A Request for Proposal was issued to AET and Braun Intertec for material testing services. Following review, the City selected AET based on its bid of \$53,298, while Braun Intertec submitted a bid of \$134,850.

AET's bid of \$53,298 was incorporated into a portion of the 25% Engineering budget approved by the Council at the May 4, 2026, council meeting, awarding the contract to A-1 Excavating LLC for the Reconstruction of Center St E- Project 7348.

This project is scheduled to begin on June 1, 2026, and be substantially complete by November 20, 2026.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Public Safety

Fiscal Responsibility and Sustainability

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

The project aligns with the recently completed Active Transportation Plan. Active transportation includes walking and rolling, biking, other forms of non-motorized transportation, and micro-mobility as part of the broader vision of a well-planned transportation network supporting a variety of walkable, mixed-use, and mixed-income development patterns that improve economic opportunity and the quality of life for residents and visitors. This project will improve our bicycle network connectivity, equity, and safety, which are guiding principles of the City's Active Transportation Plan. This project also supports the City's

Complete Streets Policy to consider all modes of transportation in our community when making infrastructure improvements.

The Council adopted an updated Assessment Policy in 2022, and this project is being prepared in accordance with that policy. Eligible costs to be assessed include all work to reconstruct the street, excluding the utility replacements. A portion (25%) of the street reconstruction costs is shared proportionately amongst the neighboring properties (based on estimated market value), and the remaining street items (75%) are funded with other City sources. Water services that are being replaced will be assessed to the property owner at the rate established in the City Fee Schedule.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

February 27, 2013: Council Meeting - ADA Transition Plan adopted November 2, 2022: Council Meeting - Active Transportation Plan adopted

April 8, 2024: Council Meeting - Contract with Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. for Professional Engineering Design Services for Reconstruction of Center St E - Project No. J7348

September 9, 2024: PBAC Meeting - Presentation of Concepts

September 11, 2024: Public Open House 1

November 18, 2024: Council Meeting - Layout Approval and Support for Utilization of Grant Funds from the State Active Transportation Infrastructure Program for Center St East from Zumbro River Bridge to 11th Ave NE/SE - Project No. J7348

February 12, 2025: Public Open House 2 July 7, 2025: Council Meeting - Contract Amendment with Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. for Professional Engineering Design Services for Reconstruction of Center St E - Project No. J7348

September 8, 2025: Council Meeting - Feasibility Report, Ordering of Project Hearing and Assessment Hearing September 15, 2025: Project Hearing and Assessment Hearing Notice were mailed to the affected property owners

October 4, 2025: Project Hearing and Assessment Hearing posted in Post Bulletin

October 18, 2025: Project Hearing and Assessment Hearing posted in Post Bulletin

November 3, 2025: Council Meeting - Project Hearing and Assessment Hearing

November 17, 2025: Council Meeting - Setting an Assessment Hearing for January 5, 2026

November 24, 2025: Assessment Hearing Notices mailed to the affected property owners

December 8, 2025: Council Meeting - Contract Amendment with Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. for Professional Engineering Design Services for Reconstruction of Center St E, Accepting the Plans and Specifications, and Authorizing Advertisement for Bid - Project No. J7348

December 13, 2025: Assessment Hearing published in Post Bulletin

January 5, 2026: Assessment Hearing, Levied proposed assessments

March 28, 2026: Bid Advertisement Published in Post Bulletin

May 4, 2026: Council Meeting - Contract with A-1 Excavating LLC for the Reconstruction of Center St E - Project No. 7348

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

The total estimated project cost is \$7,445,226.13, including 25% Engineering, Interest, and Contingences (EICs), with an estimated \$574,841.79 being assessed to abutting parcels. The following are the estimated funding sources/amounts for this project, including engineering and contingencies:

Funding Sources Amount

Assessments: \$574,842

Municipal State Aid: \$4,479,450

Water Utility: \$795,957

Sewer Utility: \$663,641

City Reserves (J2200)*: \$17,700

Total Project Funding: \$6,531,590

*For a temporary easement required to construct the project.

Alternative Action(s):

No alternative actions are suggested at this time.

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Attachments:

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[AET Proposal - Professional Material Testing Services - Center St E - Project No. 7348](#)

[Project Location Map - Project No. J7348](#)