

**May 22, 2014**

**To: Mayor Bemrich and City Council**  
**From: David Fierke, City Manager**  
**Subject: Cross-town Connector Project  
Downtown Realignment & Revitalization  
Phase II Project – 4<sup>th</sup> St. to 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
Set Public Hearing and Bid Date**



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**ACTION: For vote Tuesday, May 27, 2014**

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**Brief History**

On March 22, 2010, Council awarded a contract with Snyder & Associates for the Downtown Realignment Traffic Impact Study. On August 9, 2010 Council approved Amendment #1 with Snyder & Associates for the preparation of the TIGER II grant application (paid from TIF funds.) On November 22, 2010 Amendment #2 was approved by Council for the preparation and submittal of the concept statement for the Iowa Department of Transportation.

On May 9, 2011, Council approved an Amendment with Snyder to complete preliminary design services for the Cross-town Connector Phase 1 project between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Street for an approved fee of \$292,000.

On November 28, 2011, Council approved an agreement with Snyder & Associates for the preliminary design of Cross-town Connector Phase II project between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street for an approved fee of \$237,100. Then on March 24, 2014 Council approved an amendment to complete the final design, bidding services and construction administration services for the Phase II project in the amount of \$207,300. This amendment also includes the design and plans for the traffic signal removals in the downtown area as proposed in the Downtown Realignment Traffic Impact Study.

**Analysis of Issue**

A bid letting date needs to be set to receive bids for this project. A public hearing needs to be set to approve the plans and specifications, form of contract, estimate of costs. The Engineer's Estimate of Cost for this project is \$3,430,000.

**Budget Impact**

The construction of this project will be paid from the Cross-town Connector construction fund. Revenue for this fund comes from several different funding sources including IDOT RISE, 3R, U-STEP, and I-JOBS revenue, GO Bonds, LOST, TIF revenue, and SSMID revenue.

### **Strategic Plan Impact**

Policy D.4.2: Advanced planning for all infrastructure facilities shall be supported and routinely updated. Facilities benefited by advanced planning shall include, at minimum, schools, health care, residential areas, roads, water, sewer, storm water management, parks, recreation, and greenways.

Policy D.4.1: Recognizing that infrastructure has a powerful influence on growth and development, the availability of infrastructure (along with other factors) should determine where development will occur in the city, rather than the other way around.

Policy D.4.7: Adequate utilities infrastructure (water supply, sewage collection and treatment capacity, storm water management, etc.) must be in place before the new development it serves may be occupied.

### **Impact on Existing Plans**

This project was included in the 2011-2016 Capital Improvement Plan adopted by the Council. It is consistent with the Cross-town Connector Improvements Project – Impact Study and Implementation Plan.

### **Committee Review / Recommendation**

NA

### **Staff Conclusions / Recommendations**

It is our recommendation to set a bid letting date of June 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. and a public hearing date of June 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Alternatives**

None recommended.

### **Implementation and Accountability**

The Engineering Department and Snyder & Associates will be responsible for overseeing this project.

Signed

Approved



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Chad W. Schaeffer, P.E.  
City Engineer

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David R. Fierke  
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TO PROVIDE FOR A NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE CROSS-TOWN CONNECTOR PHASE 2, AND THE TAKING OF BIDS THEREFORE.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Dodge, Iowa, has determined that it is necessary and desirable that a Public Improvement be constructed as described in the proposed Plans and Specifications and form of Contract prepared by Snyder & Associates, Inc. which proposed Plans, Specifications, form of Contract, and Engineer's Estimate are on file with the City Clerk, and which Public Improvement may be hereafter referred to as the Cross-Town Connector Phase 2 and is sometimes hereinafter in this Resolution referred to as the "Project"; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to advertise for sealed bids for the Project, and to fix a time and place of Public Hearing on the proposed Plans, Specifications, form of Contract, and estimated cost for the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Fort Dodge, Iowa, as follows:

**Section I.** That sealed bids will be received by the City Council of the City of Fort Dodge, Webster County, Iowa, at the office of the City Clerk, until 3:00 PM on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 20 14, and opened commencing at 3:00 PM on the same day.

**Section II.** That on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 20 14, at 6:00 PM at City Hall in the said City, a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed Plans, Specifications, form of Contract, and estimated cost for the Project, and also as the time for Council consideration of bids received in connection therewith.

**Section III.** That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give Notice of the aforementioned Public Hearing and taking of bids by publication of such Notice in The Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

**Section IV.** That all provisions set out in the foregoing form of Notice are hereby recognized and prescribed by this Council and that all Resolutions or Orders or Parts thereof, to the extent the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

AYE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAY: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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MATT BEMRICH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JEFF NEMMERS, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**CITY OF FORT DODGE**  
**CROSS TOWN CONNECTOR – PHASE 2**

Time and Place for Filing Sealed Proposals. Sealed bids for the work comprising the improvements as stated below must be filed before 3:00 p.m., June 18, 2014 in the office of the City Clerk, Municipal Building, 819 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

Time and Place Sealed Proposals Will be Opened and Considered. Sealed proposals will be opened and bids tabulated at 3:00 p.m., June 18, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, for consideration by the Fort Dodge City Council at its meeting on June 23, 2014. The City of Fort Dodge reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Time for Commencement and Completion of Work.

Site 1 – Site Utilities (Sanitary sewer and water main - Entire Corridor)

The Notice to Proceed will be issued on or about June 30, 2014. The Contractor shall complete the project within **sixty-five (65) working days**. Should the Contractor fail to complete the work in this timeframe, liquidated damages of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** per working day will be assessed for work not completed within the designated Contract term(s).

Site 2 – Reconstruction Area (S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street through S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street)

The Contractor can work on the Sites 1 and 2 concurrently. The Contractor can choose to when to commence work on Site 2 but shall start no later than August 18, 2014. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, between South 7<sup>th</sup> and South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, shall be open to traffic after the completion of this work, including the South 7th Street intersection. The Contractor shall complete the project within **fifty-five (55) working days**. Should the Contractor fail to complete the work in this timeframe, liquidated damages of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** per working day will be assessed for work not completed within the designated Contract term(s).

Site 3 – Realignment Area (S. 4th Street through S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street)

The work under the contract shall be completed within **seventy-five (75) working days**. The Notice to Proceed is anticipated to be issued on August 29, 2014. The approximate start date for the realignment area is dependent on the acquisition of Parcel 6, Harvest Baptist Church, Inc. If it appears that the site will not be available by date of the Notice to Proceed, then the Engineer will inform the Contractor of the delay, and if possible the estimated duration of the delay. The Contractor then has the option to commence construction on the realignment area portion of the project in areas that are unaffected by the right-of-way acquisition after the Notice to Proceed is issued. Working days will be charged once construction begins. Should the Contractor fail to complete the work in this timeframe, liquidated damages of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** per working day will be assessed for work not completed within the designated Contract term(s).

Bid Security. Each bidder shall accompany its bid with bid security as security that the successful bidder will enter into a contract for the work bid upon and will furnish after the award of contract a corporate surety bond, in form acceptable to the City, for the faithful performance of the contract, in an amount equal to one hundred percent of the amount of the contract. The bidder's security shall be in the amount fixed in the Instruction to Bidders and shall be in the form of a cashier's check, a certified check,

or a bank money order drawn on a FDIC insured bank in Iowa or on a FDIC insured bank chartered under the laws of the United States; or a certified share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States; or a bid bond on the form provided in the contract documents with corporate surety satisfactory to the Jurisdiction. The bid shall contain no condition except as provided in the specifications.

Contract Documents. The contract documents are on file with the City Engineer and may be examined at the Municipal Building, 819 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, IA. Hard copies of the project documents may be obtained from Snyder & Associates, Inc. 2727 SW Snyder Blvd, Ankeny, Iowa 50023 for a refundable deposit of \$40. Electronic contract documents are available by clicking on the “Bids” tab at [www.snyder-associates.com](http://www.snyder-associates.com) and choosing the Cross Town Connector – Phase 2 on the left. Downloads are free, but require the user to register for a free membership. Project information, engineer’s cost opinion, plan holder information, and electronic documents are available at no cost at this website.

Iowa Preference. By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes.

Sales Tax Exemption. A sales tax exemption certificate will be available for all materials purchased for incorporation in the project.

Public Hearing on Proposed Contract Documents and Estimated Costs for Improvements. A public hearing will be held by the City of Fort Dodge on the proposed contract documents (plans, specifications and form of contract) and estimated cost for the improvements at its meeting at 6:00 p.m., June 23, 2014 in said Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 819 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, IA.

General Nature of Public Improvement. The work includes all materials, equipment, transportation and labor necessary to complete the improvements. The proposed project includes clearing and grubbing, roadway and sidewalk removal, roadway and sidewalk replacement along with construction of a roundabout at the intersection of South 6<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South. Construction includes traffic signal installation, removal and lighting installation. Also included with this project is storm sewer, water main, and sanitary sewer construction, landscaping, colored concrete work, along with any miscellaneous associated work.

This Notice is given by authority of the City of Fort Dodge.

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Jeff Nemmers