



City Council

Agenda Item

Subject: Approval of Resolution No. 25-07 Necessity for Sidewalk Improvements Along 2nd Avenue NE (from N Maple St - 5th St NE) with the 2025 Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project No. 2504

Meeting: City Council - Feb 18 2025

From: Kristen Bobzien, Interim City Manager/Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The proposed resolution of necessity for sidewalk assessment is for the 2025 Neighborhood Street Reconstruction, Project No. 2504, along 2nd Avenue NE (from N Maple St to 5th St NE). The project will be bid and start construction in 2025. This project will include full depth grading with asphalt surfacing, curb and gutter, sidewalk, storm sewer, and water main upgrades.

Currently, a majority of this road has sidewalks. The 2007 Transition Plan for Sidewalk resulted from litigation against the City to formalize how we improve ADA accessibility and pedestrian connectivity throughout town. It prioritized ADA curb ramp compliance with Federal ADA standards, requiring them to be installed or updated in conjunction with certain roadway projects as required by Federal regulations. The 2021 Master Transportation Plan goes further into detail about the missing sidewalk infill throughout the city and prioritizes accomplishing that infill in conjunction with certain roadway projects, also to coincide with the Federal ADA curb ramp requirements being performed.

In compliance with City Ordinances requiring sidewalk for new construction, the adopted the 2007 Transition Plan for Sidewalk Accessibility, and the 2021 Master Transportation Plan, the City finds it necessary to replace sidewalks that do not meet ADA compliance and replace with ADA-compliant curb ramps and sidewalk on both sides of the road to improve accessibility, connectivity, and safety for pedestrians. Landowners adjacent to 2nd Avenue NE (from N Maple St to 5th St NE) will be assessed the costs for the new sidewalk along their property based on linear feet installed, per SDCL § 9-46-2.1.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The funding for the City's portion of this project has been budgeted from account 212.43180.43919.

The total estimated cost for the adjacent landowners is \$27,451.60 based on staff's Engineering cost estimate, per State Statutes, which equates to \$57.40 per linear foot. The City's Sidewalk Cost Participation program reduces the homeowner's responsibility by \$20.00 per linear foot, resulting in the landowners' total estimated cost of **\$37.40 per linear foot**. The final cost to be assessed will be based on the actual as-constructed costs under the awarded bid and may vary from this estimate (as outlined in State Statutes).

OVERSIGHT / PROJECT RESPONSIBILITY:

Justin Petersen, City Engineer

Caitlyn German, Engineering Technician

STAFF RECOMMENDATION / SUGGESTED MOTION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution with the following motion:

I move to approve Resolution No. 25-07, Necessity for Sidewalk Improvements Along 2nd Avenue NE (from N Maple St - 5th St NE) with the 2025 Neighborhood Street Reconstruction project, Project No. 2504.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[25-07 RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS](#)

[2nd Ave - Sidewalks](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-07

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NUMBER 2504

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, South Dakota, as follows:

1. The City council of the City of Watertown hereby declares the following sidewalk improvements to be a necessity with the estimated costs per foot of property abutting upon the improvement as stated for this project:

PROJECT NO. 2504

Construct 5-foot-wide sidewalk with a 4-inch depth concrete surfacing and 2-inch depth gravel base from N Maple St. to 5th Street NE. The estimated cost is \$37.40 per foot of frontage.

2. The general nature of the improvements and materials to be used are above set forth.

3. A description of classes of lots to be assessed is as follows: All assessable lots and tracts of land abutting 2nd Avenue NE from N Maple St. to 5th Street NE excluding the lots that have all Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk, and parts thereof above described.

4. The method of apportionment of benefits is as follows: The cost of the improvements will be assessed against all assessable lots and tracts of land abutting 2nd Avenue NE from N Maple St. to 5th Street NE excluding the lots that have all Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk, being improved based on a benefit basis. The benefit is hereby determined that those properties abutting 2nd Avenue NE from N Maple St. to 5th Street NE, excluding the lots that have all Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk, improved are especially benefited by the improvement according to the length of abutting property.

5. The above described improvements shall be hereafter referred to as sidewalk improvement number 2504, which shall be deemed a description of the improvements to the sidewalk as hereinafter set forth.

6. The details, plans, and specifications for the sidewalk improvement are available at the City of Watertown Finance Office for review during regular office hours M-F 8 AM – 5 PM.

Dated at Watertown, South Dakota, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

The above and foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Alderperson _____, seconded by Alderperson _____, and upon roll call motion carried, whereupon the Mayor declared the same to be duly passed and adopted.

I hereby certify that Resolution 25-07 was published in the Watertown Public Opinion, the official newspaper of said City, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

ATTEST:

CITY OF WATERTOWN

Kristen Bobzien
Finance Officer

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Mayor

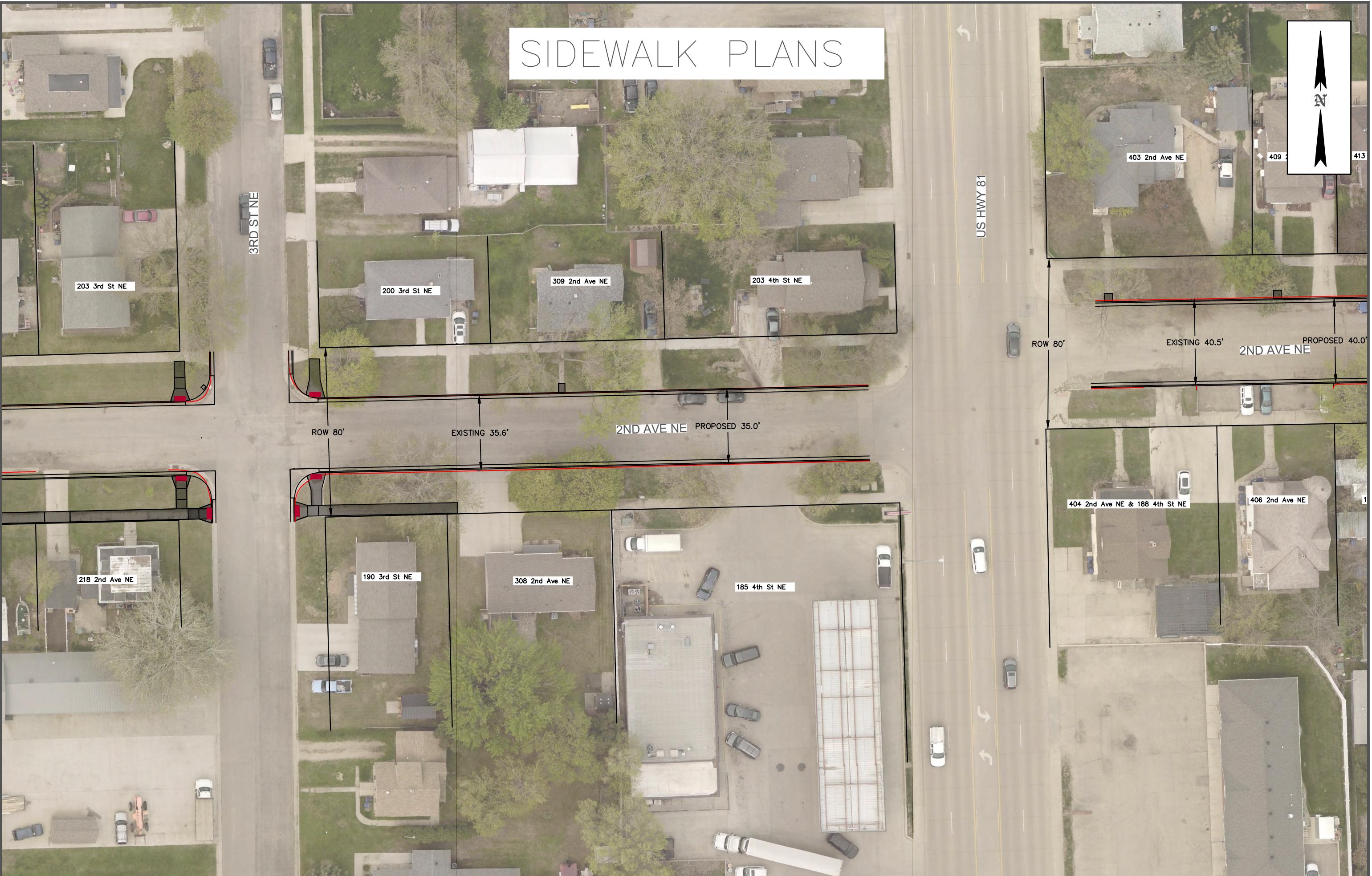
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