CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2023-141 Construction Agreement between City of Joplin and D&E Plumbing and Heating Inc. for the Connecticut Avenue Widening Project from 32nd Street to I-44

MEETING DATE
August 21, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works-Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2023-141; Agreement; Location Map; Bid Summary

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works: Daniel Johnson; Finance Director: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager: Tony Robyn; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with D&E Plumbing and Heating Inc. in the amount of Three Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine and 50/100 dollars ($3,776,349.50) for construction of the Connecticut Avenue Widening Project.

BACKGROUND
In August 2014 the voters passed the Renewal of the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Program for an additional 10 years. One of the projects was the widening of Connecticut Avenue from 32nd Street to 44th Street. In 2018 the Connecticut overpass over I-44 was completed by MoDOT, and in 2021 the Connecticut widening from the I-44 bridge to 44th Street was completed. In late 2016 the City entered into an agreement with Bartlett and West to provide design services for this project, and in January 2021 the City entered into an agreement with Allgeier Martin and Associates to provide right of way negotiation services and appraisal services. The project consists of full depth reconstruction and widening of Connecticut Avenue to a 5-lane roadway with curb and gutter, including a dual-use 10-foot-wide sidewalk/bike trail on the west side of the roadway and a 6-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of the roadway. This project also includes two stormwater improvement projects that were included in the Parks and Stormwater sales tax program, which will be funded with Parks and Stormwater sales tax funds. In accordance with the City of Joplin's procurement policies, a request for bid proposal for the widening of Connecticut Avenue was advertised in the Joplin Globe on July 8th, 2023, and bids were received by the City on August 10th, 2023. Four bids were received, with D&E Plumbing and Heating Inc. selected as the lowest responsive bidder. The low bid was below the engineer's estimate. The Notice to Proceed will be issued once signed contract documents have been received and executed, and the project is to be completed by August 31, 2024.

FUNDING SOURCE
Capital Improvement Sales Tax and Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2023-141, Construction Agreement between City of Joplin and D&E Plumbing and Heating Inc. for the Connecticut Avenue Widening Project in the amount of Three Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine and 50/100 dollars ($3,776,349.50) on an emergency basis, in that said ordinance provides for public improvements and is considered to be an emergency per section 2.12(6) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Furthermore, approval of this council bill will allow the contractor to enter into agreements for material orders sooner, to lessen the chance for delays to the project due to supply chain issues.