

CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS
City Council Agenda
Special Meeting of the City Council
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Finance Department Conference Room
915 16th Avenue, East Moline, Illinois

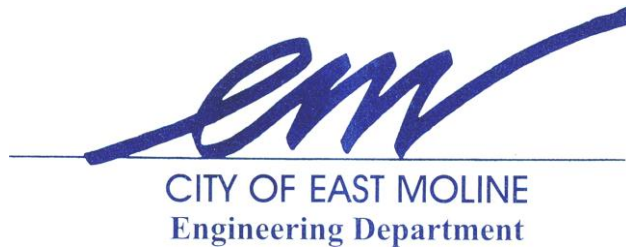
To comply with social distancing requirement and Governor Pritzker's Stay-At-Home order, this meeting will be conducted remotely through electronic means.

Members of the public requesting access to the meeting should contact Doug Maxeiner at dmaxeiner@eastmoline.com or (309) 752-1513 for the access number and code by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 13th.

Anyone wishing to make a public comment at this meeting should contact City Administrator, Doug Maxeiner at dmaxeiner@eastmoline.com or (309) 752-1513 by 5:00 PM (CST) on Wednesday, May 13th to either

- 1) Register their comments that will be shared with the City Council; or*
- 2) Obtain an access code to make their public comment via phone or video at this meeting.*

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. UPDATE ON STREETScape MASTERPLAN EFFORTS AND APPROVAL OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A \$25 MILLION BUILD GRANT APPLICATION**
City Engineer Tim Kammler
- 5. OTHER:**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Freeman & City Council

CC: Doug Maxeiner, City Administrator
Annika Whiting, Finance Director
Arletta Holmes, City Clerk
Lincoln Scott, City Attorney

FROM: Tim Kammler

DATE: May 11, 2020

RE: BUILD Grant Application – Greater Downtown Streetscaping

As you are aware, a team of consultants and city staff has been in the process of developing a comprehensive master plan for the revitalization of East Moline’s greater downtown area. As part of the master-planning process, the design team has conducted public input meetings, community stakeholder meetings, and meetings of a project Steering Committee. These efforts have resulted in a draft master plan based upon direct input from citizens, business owners, and developers.

To provide a funding source for this benchmark project, the design team is in the process of completing an application for a “Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development” (BUILD) grant; maximum funding for a single project is \$25M, and no more than \$100M can be awarded to a single state. The final application packet is due on or before May 18. Prior to this submittal deadline, staff has asked our consultant team (V&K, Smith Group) to provide a presentation of the work to date and summarize key elements of the master plan which the Steering Committee is recommending be included in the BUILD Grant request. A copy of the Steering Committee packet with the various exhibits and design elements is attached for review and consideration.

After the presentation and discussion, the City Council will be asked for a vote of support of the Steering Committee’s recommended elements for East Moline’s BUILD Grant application:

▪ Downtown 15 th Avenue (6 th St – 13 th St)	\$10,110,762
▪ 12 th Avenue (1 st St – 7 th St)	\$7,205,172
▪ Bend Blvd. Streetscaping, Extension to 7 th Street	\$6,000,000
▪ 7 th Street “Connection” (12 th Av – 15 th Av)	<u>\$1,501,305</u>
	\$24,817,239

Based on input from all parties involved, the Steering Committee has concluded that, while East Moline cannot currently afford to construct all of the desired improvements in the master plan, these elements are a priority and should be the focus of this BUILD Grant application.

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City of East Moline Greater Downtown Revitalization Project Cost

Date: 5/11/2020

Project Budget Summary	
Item	Cost
✓ Phase 1 - Bend Blvd(Previous Project)	\$ 10,000,000
✓ Phase 2- Water Main Project 15th Ave from 3rd to 9th (Previous Project)	\$ 1,137,000
✓ Phase 3 - Water Main Project 15th Ave from 9th to 12th (Previous Project)	\$ 550,000
Phase 4 - Downtown 15th Ave (6th Street - 13th Street)	\$ 10,110,762
Phase 5 - Downtown 3 Parks	\$ 3,104,324
Phase 6- 12th Ave (1st - 7th Street)	\$ 7,205,172
Phase 7- Corner Park (7th Street & 12th Avenue)	\$ 4,377,594
Phase 7 - Bend Blvd Streetscaping & Extension (Adjusted cost)	\$ 6,000,000
Phase 8- 7th St (15th Avenue -12th Avenue)	\$ 1,501,305
Phase 9- 7th St Trail (12th Avenue -6th Avenue)	\$ 666,543
Phase 10- Beacon Pkwy	\$ 673,210
Phase 11 - Harvest Way	\$ 516,885
Phase 12 - Wetland Trail & Outlook	\$ 494,581
Phase 13- River Piers	\$ 4,314,800
Phase 14 - 12th Ave Sidewalk	\$ 171,864
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Total Existing & Proposed Project Budget	\$ 50,824,040
Total Proposed Project (Budget Only)	\$ 39,137,040

Highlighted Costs
\$ 24,817,239



May 4, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

**RE: City of East Moline “Greater Downtown Revitalization Project”
BUILD Grant Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the City East Moline, I am writing in support of the Better Utilizing Infrastructure to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grant application for the City of East Moline Greater Downtown Revitalization Project.

The proposed project addresses numerous issues within a blighted downtown district, and the two manufacturer brownfield redevelopment sites (The Quarter and The Bend). The City of East Moline has drastically suffered since the early 80’s due to the major decline in manufacturing. Much of this was a result of manufacturers going overseas and factories closing across the rust belt region in the United States. Recently, the proposed Bend and Rust Belt developments have begun to bring back life to this area. This project will help build on this momentum and revive the greater downtown area as a vibrant business and entertainment district.

This East Moline project will also create a regional, multi-modal oriented destination for business, entertainment, and living that will drive economic and community activity. “Complete streets” implemented through the greater downtown area will provide safe, accessible connections for vehicles, pedestrians, buses, trains, boats, and bicyclists to the established commercial cores, nearby residential neighborhoods, Mississippi River Trail, and the Mississippi River. It will also dramatically enhance the area and create a uniform sense of identity to East Moline’s “Greater Downtown” area with lighting, landscaping, gateway signs, wayfinding signs, parks, and green stormwater infrastructure. We applaud the City’s collaborative efforts aimed at increasing accessibility of improving motorist, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian safety, and connecting regions in the community to help create development, business, and job growth.

We fully endorse their BUILD Grant application and respectfully request that you give the City of East Moline's application fair and full consideration. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Reggie Freeman
Mayor – City of East Moline