

FIRST AVENUE NORTH ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT UPDATE

DECEMBER 15, 2017

Project Meeting Recap

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on December 12! We had a great turn out, with approximately 40 stakeholders, two council members, and the engineering consultant.

The meeting was held to introduce a preliminary plan for 1st Avenue and obtain initial feedback from residents and business owners to help direct the design process. A variety of concerns and questions were expressed, which the design team will be evaluating in the upcoming weeks.

What to Expect in 2018

The design team will be working with 1st Ave. residents and business owners to develop the project design in further detail. To respect everyone's time and increase efficiency, the City will meet with property owners in smaller, location-based groups to discuss the project design in their area. We will hold these meetings in January-March. The preliminary groups are as follows:

- A.** South Residential Area
- B.** Old Towne – Business Districts
- C.** Railroad – Grain Elevators
- D.** North Businesses (Cox, Duerson, Majestic, Altoona Auto)

After working with these small groups, we will get the whole group back together for another full group meeting. We expect that to occur in April of 2018.

Because of our 2018 commitment to the railroad, a heavy emphasis of our time will be placed on that segment as we will need to get the plans finalized to bid to be able to start on June 2nd.

Attached are the project maps and cross-sections that were presented at Tuesday's meeting.

Current Project Budget

2018

\$2,500,000	Railroad Crossing
\$1,000,000	North Utility Relocation
\$200,000	North Water Relocation
\$500,000	Exit 143 Improvements

2019

\$5,000,000	North Corridor Widening
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2020

\$2,500,000	South Corridor Widening
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Current Progress

- A.** The City and the Civil Engineer met with IA Interstate Railroad Engineers on November 20 to discuss the coordination of the planned rail crossing upgrade and our Altoona's roadway project.
- B.** City and the Civil Engineer met with the Iowa DOT on November 20 to discuss traffic signals and lane widening on the east bound Exit 143 off ramp. The Iowa DOT has pledged approximately \$200,000 toward improvements at that intersection.
- C.** The Engineer has completed a preliminary evaluation of a concept to build an overpass over the railroad. We will share this at the December 12 meeting.

Project Meeting

- When:** December 12, 2017
- Where:** Altoona City Hall
407 8th Street SE
- Time:** 5:00PM-6:00PM (North of Railroad)
6:00PM-7:00PM (South of Railroad)

Because this is such a large project, we will split the meeting into two halves to respect everyone's time and busy schedules. The first hour from 5:00PM to 6:00PM will focus on the area north of the railroad, and the second hour from 6:00PM to 7:00PM will focus on the area south of the railroad.

What to Expect in 2018

- A.** City and railroad will be completing a joint project to rebuild the three railroad crossings in the summer of 2018. We anticipate that First Avenue will be closed between 1st Street East (Old Towne) and 2nd Street NW (R & D Plumbing) from June 1 to August 15, 2018.
- B.** A second project to add a traffic signal and expand the off ramp lanes at Exit 143 is planned for the 2018 construction season.
- C.** In 2018 we plan to start relocating the overhead and underground utilities in the north half of the project. This will get us ready for roadway improvements, which will take place in the north half in 2019.

Quick Facts

Preliminary Project CIP Budget
\$7,250,000

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Project Timeline
Three Phases 2018-2020

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We will be creating an email mailing list for this project at the December 12 meeting. Please share your email address when you arrive so we can distribute project updates out to project stakeholders more efficiently.

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OCTOBER 20, 2017

Project Overview

The City is starting a multi-year construction project to widen 1st Avenue from 8th Street South to 9th Street North. The project is currently in the preliminary design & planning stages, guided by the following objectives:

- A. Create more through-traffic capacity to meet the demand of peak commute times**
- B.** Evaluate Exit 143 east bound off-ramp intersection for capacity improvements
- C.** Rebuild three rail crossings with Iowa Interstate Railroad in 2018
- D.** Improve areas that have inadequate drainage
- E.** Relocate as much overhead electric to buried electric as feasible to improve corridor aesthetics
- F.** Apply access management principles to driveways to reduce conflict points
- G.** Eliminate sidewalk gaps along the corridor
- H.** Incorporate street scape concepts through the Old Town corridor
- I.** Relocate existing on-street parking to become offsite parking in the Old Town corridor

What to Expect in the Coming Months

The engineer will be collecting survey data this fall to support the project design. There will be traffic counters at intersections to document current traffic patterns. Underground utility lines will be flagged, and survey crews will be seen throughout the neighborhood.

Once preliminary concepts are established, the City will host a neighborhood open house to share our ideas and gather feedback. We expect this to occur in early December.



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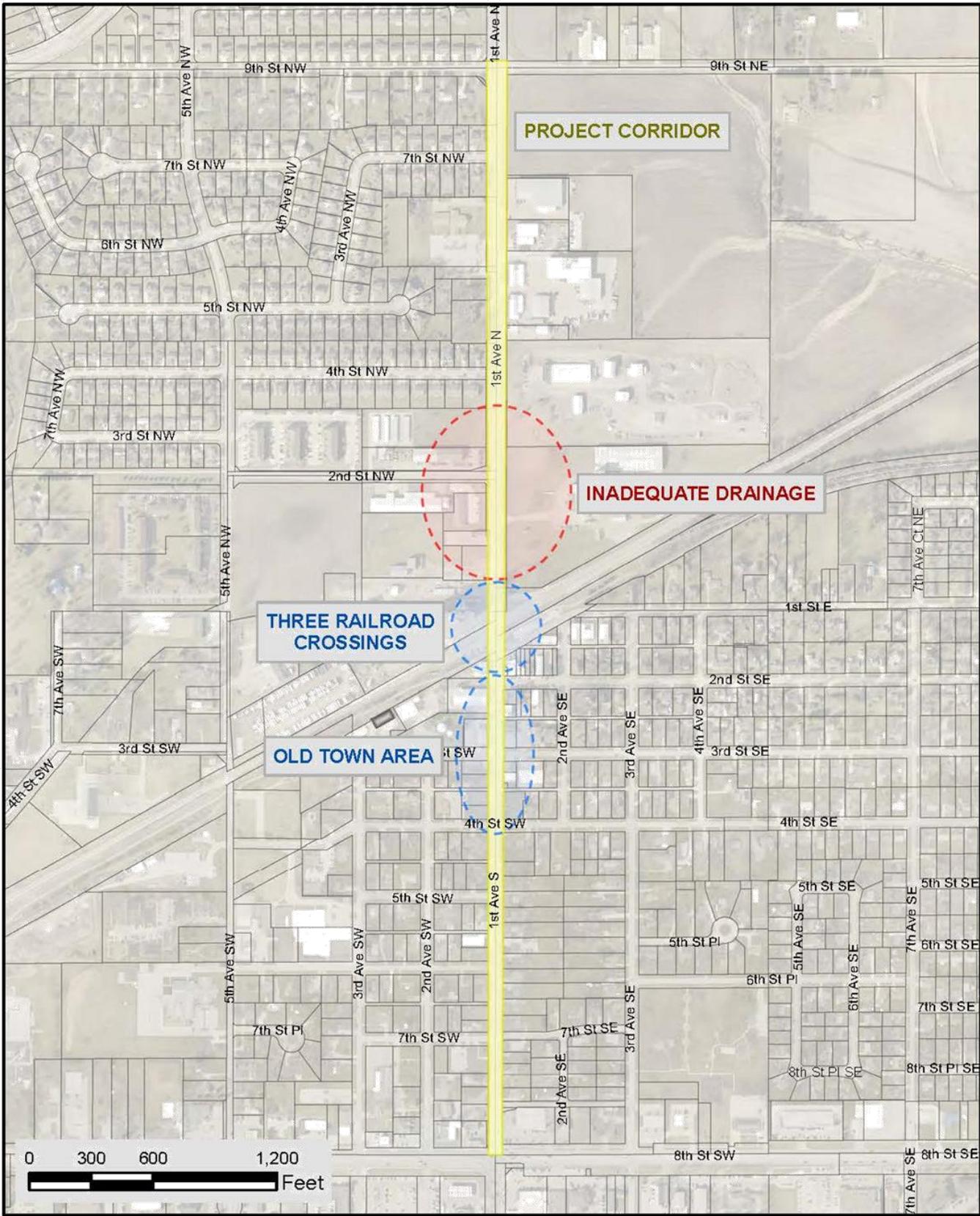
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Traffic Counter near the Railroad



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