

PRESS RELEASE



To: Media
From: City of Fairfield
Date: 2/16/21
Re: Crow Creek Bridge Funding

The City of Fairfield recently took ownership of the Burlington Avenue bridge over Crow Creek. Until late 2020, Jefferson County was considered the official owner. This change was done to better position the community for grant funding. Last week, the Iowa Department of Transportation notified the City of the award of a grant for 100% of the construction cost to replace the bridge, up to \$1 million.

The bridge, which was constructed in 1954 and now includes a trail under pass, is nearing its life expectancy and is showing visible signs of deterioration. This indicated to the City and the County the bridge would score well in the City Bridge program through the Iowa DOT. An application was submitted in October 2020 after the transfer of ownership was completed.

The estimated project cost is \$1.3 Million. Jefferson County will be contributing \$150,000 to the project from funds they received when they took ownership of the bridge from the Iowa Department of Transportation. The City will fund the remaining. The project will include lengthening and slightly raising the bridge to meet current design standards and to better accommodate the trail. Construction will occur in Spring 2022 at the earliest. City Council is expected to act on accepting of the funds at their Council meeting on February 22.

The attached picture courtesy of Stephen Pedrick.

