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DAVENPORT AWARDED \$13.1M FHWA PROTECT GRANT
City of Davenport receives funding for flood plan projects

DAVENPORT, IOWA (APRIL 5, 2024) – The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has announced \$13.1 million in grant funding awarded to the City of Davenport through the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, Cost-savings Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program for flood mitigation and infrastructure improvements. This new program provides funding to ensure surface transportation resilience to natural hazards including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters.

The funding will support projects derived from the City’s Mississippi River Flood Resiliency Plan, including road raises, street repairs, and traffic safety improvements. When completed, the projects will establish a permanent flood detour route for large-scale flood events, ensure access to Centennial and Arsenal Bridges during periods of major flooding, and improve transportation safety at the intersections of 3rd & 4th Streets at River Drive.

“I’d like to thank FHWA as well as our federal, state, and local partners, who supported this application. In addition, I would like to thank the staff for their work in continuing to pursue and write these grants on behalf of the City of Davenport. The community identified better flood mitigation efforts as a key goal, which resulted in the Flood Resiliency Plan. This \$13.1 million dollar investment advances that plan.” said Davenport’s mayor, Mike Matson.

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About the City of Davenport

Davenport, Iowa, with a population of more than 100,000, is the regional epicenter of the metropolitan Quad Cities, population 400,000, and the third largest city in the State of Iowa. It is a place proud of its unique heritage at the crossroads of America. Davenport is a vibrant and progressive community that has been declared "The Most Livable Small City in America." Covering the entirety of the city from fields to the riverfront, the City of Davenport has a Mayor/Council form of government with a professional City Administrator that implements policies of the elected City Council and oversees day-to-day operations of the City. The City's five frontline departments and library system are accredited.

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