

PRESS RELEASE



Millions Invested in Hubbell Avenue Safety Improvements E. 42nd Street and Hubbell Avenue to Reopen Monday, Dec. 3

For Immediate Release:

CONTACT:

Shekinah Young
Chief Communications Officer
Public Information Office
(515) 283-4057
smyoung@dmgov.org

DES MOINES, IOWA – Thursday, November 29, 2018 – The City of Des Moines continues to focus on safety improvements along the Hubbell Avenue Corridor. The most recent improvement, at East 42nd Street and Hubbell Avenue is set to reopen to traffic on Monday, December 3.

"This roadway has been a longtime concern of mine which is why I made it a top priority to address safety concerns on Hubbell Avenue," said Ward 2 Council Member Linda Westergaard. "I'm very proud of the work we've been able to accomplish with the residents and city staff to address their concerns and improve safety on Des Moines' eastside."

The city completed the following safety improvements to reduce the number and severity of crashes at the East 42nd Street intersection:

- Addition of left turn lanes on Hubbell Avenue and northbound East 42nd Street.
- Installation of traffic signals with pedestrian signals and pushbuttons.

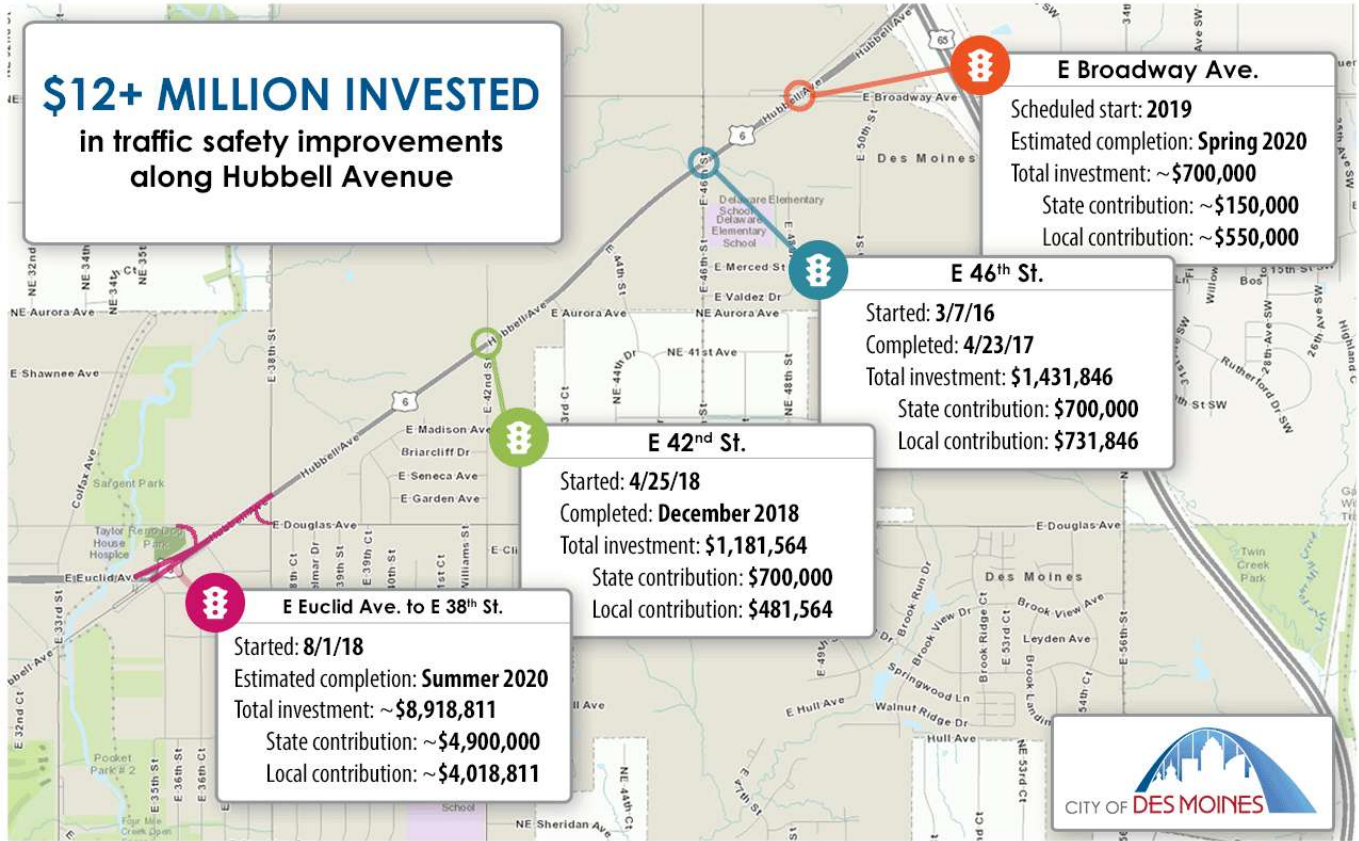
This project, with help from the Iowa Department of Transportation, was awarded \$700,000 in state funding, including:

- \$500,000 in Iowa Department of Transportation Safety Improvement funds.
- \$200,000 in Iowa Department of Transportation Urban State Traffic Engineering Program.

Funding also included \$150,000 from the sale of property previously acquired with federal funding. The total construction cost of the intersection improvements was approximately \$1.2 million.

Additional improvements to Hubbell Avenue Corridor include:

- \$1.4 million invested in East 46th Street and Hubbell Avenue Intersection Improvements, completed in April 2017.
- \$8.9 million estimated investment in Hubbell Avenue Reconstruction from East Euclid Avenue to East 38th Street, projected for completion in the summer of 2020.
- \$700,000 estimated investment in East Broadway Avenue and Hubbell Avenue Intersection Improvements, projected to start construction in 2019.



For more information, contact the City of Des Moines Public Information Office at (515) 283-4057.

About the City of Des Moines

The City of Des Moines: Iowa's capital city and local government servicing more than 217,000 residents, 51+ neighborhoods, over 4000 acres of parkland and 81 miles of trails. The City of Des Moines stands to be a financially strong city with exceptional city services, fostering an involved community in a customer friendly atmosphere. Visit <http://www.dmgov.org/>, Facebook <http://facebook.com/DesMoinesGov> and Twitter [@DesMoinesGov](https://twitter.com/DesMoinesGov) for more information.