

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA**  
**Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:00 pm**  
**Eldridge Community Center – 400 S 16<sup>th</sup> Ave**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Proposal/Presentation from Metronet
4. Old Business
  - A. Discussion on options for South 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Fellner's Addition) projects with costs
  - B. Discussion on process for approving future bench donations for locations outside of City Parks
  - C. Discussion on scheduling upcoming joint board meetings
  - D. Consideration to hold the May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Meetings at Eldridge City Hall
5. Adjournment

April 30, 2025

Mayor Frank King  
Councilmembers Collins, Dockery, Blackwell, Campbell and Iossi  
City of Eldridge  
305 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Eldridge, IA

Dear Mayor King and Eldridge City Councilmembers:

Metronet is poised to make a multimillion-dollar investment in the City of Eldridge's digital infrastructure. I am writing today to solicit your support for this project, as we need your government's permission to install fiber-optic cable in the city's right of way.

For those who are not familiar with our company, Metronet is known as the fastest internet service provider in the nation, an assessment by PCMag that we have won for the past two years in a row. Our award-winning 100% fiber network has been serving the Quad Cities for years, delivering multigigabit internet connections to the citizens and businesses of Davenport, Bettendorf, Moline, East Moline and Rock Island. We also serve Ames, Des Moines, Iowa City and more than 30 other Iowa communities.

Now, we're hoping to extend our Quad Cities network north to Eldridge, giving its citizens and businesses a new competitive choice for their internet connectivity. But to do that, we need the City's permission to install our fiber-optic cable on telephone poles and underground in the city's right of way. We're asking for that permission today.

We think that the city should support our request for three reasons. First, Metronet has proven itself to be a strong telecommunications partner for Iowa and the Quad Cities region. As one illustration of this, the Quad Cities Business Journal recently wrote an article that named Metronet the fastest and most reliable ISP in Iowa.

Second, Metronet leads the fiber-to-the-home industry in terms of its respectful construction practices. Having built and operated networks in more than 300 communities over the last 20 years, Metronet knows how to partner with cities to ensure that network construction runs smoothly. And third, giving the citizens and businesses of Eldridge a new choice of internet provider will ensure that competition keeps internet prices down and speeds up.

To help with your decision, we can provide references from other cities in which we have invested. We're also happy to discuss additional ways in which we can support the City of Eldridge.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to serve your city.

Respectfully,



Ben Ruzick

enc: Metronet references

## Metronet References for the City of Eldridge, Iowa

Below are links to testimonial videos from city leaders that we created after installation with them. These give a little insight into how some of the leaders felt after we had built their towns:

<https://youtu.be/wuMdv0Is0R4> - Why Become a Gigabit City

<https://youtu.be/Lq8VXiYqLd8> - First Impressions

<https://youtu.be/iX3Mlb9RwYo> - Take the Call

Below is a list of references from other towns in the region that Metronet has worked with and who have advised in the past they would be willing to speak with other leaders. Please feel free to contact any one of them:

### **Evansdale, IA**

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### **Elburn, IL**

John Nevenhoven - Village Administrator

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### **Sugar Grove, IL**

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### **Le Roy, IL**

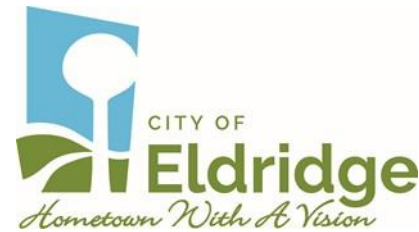
Dave Jenkins - City Administrator

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# City of Eldridge

## MEMORANDUM



To: Mayor and Council  
From: Nevada Lemke, City Administrator  
Re: S 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project Options  
Date: April 29, 2025

Mayor and City Council:

Attached to this memo is an updated project sheet for the Fellners Addition. The pricing has been updated by the City engineer for all three streets of the Fellners Addition that were being looked at as part of the proposed CIP (S 25<sup>th</sup> Ave, S 26<sup>th</sup> Ave, E Lomar St).

For the asphalt option, the costing includes a 4.5' wide PCC curb and gutter and 22' wide asphalt section (5" of HMA) for a total roadway width of 31'.

The PCC option would be replacing with our city standard 7" PCC pavement with curb.

Subdrain is included for every option. There is also a small amount of storm sewer included on each street to help with drainage. The pricing for the PCC options decreased a little bit based on some more recent pricing that Shive Hattery has been seeing. The asphalt option went up as previous pricing was for only 4" of HMA pavement and it is now recommended that we go no less than 5" (6" would be preferred). Additionally, the curb and gutter section was widened from 3' to 4.5' width.

As for life expectancy, these streets only see around 500 vehicles per day with the only anticipated heavy vehicle traffic being garbage trucks and snowplows in the winter. Assuming decent soil conditions and a good subbase and drainage installed we should expect the following life expectancy:

- The PCC pavement option should last between 25-35 years before major repairs should be needed. There will be regular maintenance such as crack sealing and minor patching prior to that timeline, but based on the minor traffic volume these streets see, a PCC pavement section should perform well with minimal maintenance.
- The asphalt pavement option should have a life expectancy of approximately 20 years. Performing a mill and overlay in 10-15 years would help extend the lifespan of the asphalt section for another 10-15 years.
- The main factor that will affect the performance of either pavement option is the drainage conditions. Currently, only S 25<sup>th</sup> Ave has storm intakes. If we install some additional storm sewer on these streets it would improve the life expectancy of either pavement section.

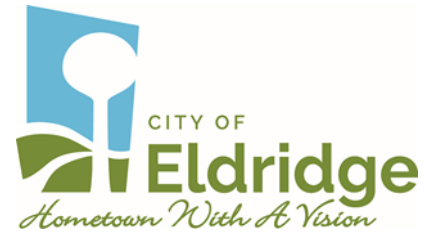
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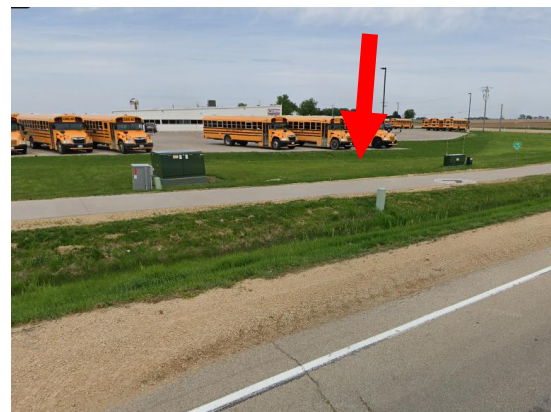
# City of Eldridge MEMORANDIUM



To: Nevada Lemke, City Administrator  
From: Tony Rupe, Public Works Director  
Re: East LeClaire Rd Trail Benches  
Date: 04/21/2025

The City has been contacted by a family requesting to donate a memorial bench to the city. At the 3/24/25 City Council meeting, the council approved accepting this donated bench to replace the damaged bench in front of the City Shop on East LeClaire Rd.

We have been asked about placing this bench along the East LeClaire Rd trail, where there are currently no benches or garbage cans. I looked at the trail today and found two spots that I believe future benches could go. The first potential location would be just east of N 16<sup>th</sup> Ave across from Farm Bureau. The second potential location would be near the NS Schools Bus Barn. How should we proceed, if we need to, with getting approval to install benches at these locations? And if the locations are approved, would we need approval to install the concrete pads and the garbage cans so they look the same as the rest of the LeClaire Rd trail resting areas?

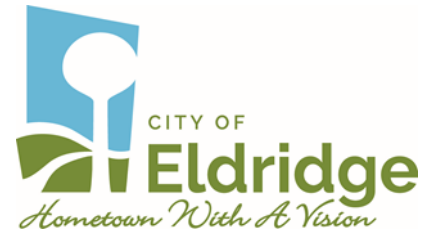


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