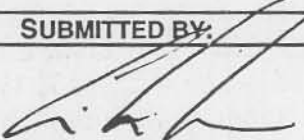


**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-032
JANUARY 22, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	PREPARED BY:	SUBMITTED BY:
FOUR MILE CREEK RECREATION TRAIL (PART B) 28E AGREEMENT WITH PLEASANT HILL	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JOHN P. BRYAN MANAGER'S OFFICE	 ERIC A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER

SYNOPSIS —

Last fall, the Cities of Des Moines and Pleasant Hill submitted a joint application to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for \$160,000 in Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act (ISTEA) funds to build Part B of the Four Mile Creek Recreational Trail. The cities have been advised by IDOT that the grant will be fully funded, requiring a \$20,000 match from each community. This phase of the project will be constructed in 1996-97.

The DOT has indicated that they would prefer to deal with one lead agency rather than two cities. Pleasant Hill, which is the lead agency on Part A, has agreed to continue to serve in that capacity. They have requested that a new 28E Agreement be executed with Des Moines to assure commitment of the \$20,000 matching contribution before entering into the grant agreement with IDOT. Pleasant Hill will execute the 28E Agreement with Des Moines on February 5, 1996, and sign the ISTEA grant agreement with IDOT on the same evening.

Council should note that Part B of Phase I is approximately 95 percent within the City of Pleasant Hill. The City of Des Moines is contributing half the cost to this segment of the project because the original agreement called for the cost of Phase I to be split equally between the two communities. Pleasant Hill has, in fact, paid for a larger portion of the Part A trail than is located within their corporate boundary. The Part B segment will provide substantial benefit to Des Moines residents in that it terminates back in the City of Des Moines at Scott Street for Des Moines residents to get on the system and then bike north to Easton Boulevard (see attached map). When Phase III is completed, residents will be able to bicycle all the way north past the Des Moines City limits and into Polk County.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Execution of the 28E Agreement will require the reservation of \$20,000 in Recreation Trail funds in the Capital Improvement Budget, page 151, for FY1997. Since this segment of the trail is wholly within Pleasant Hill, there is no operating budget cost to the City of Des Moines.

RECOMMENDATION —

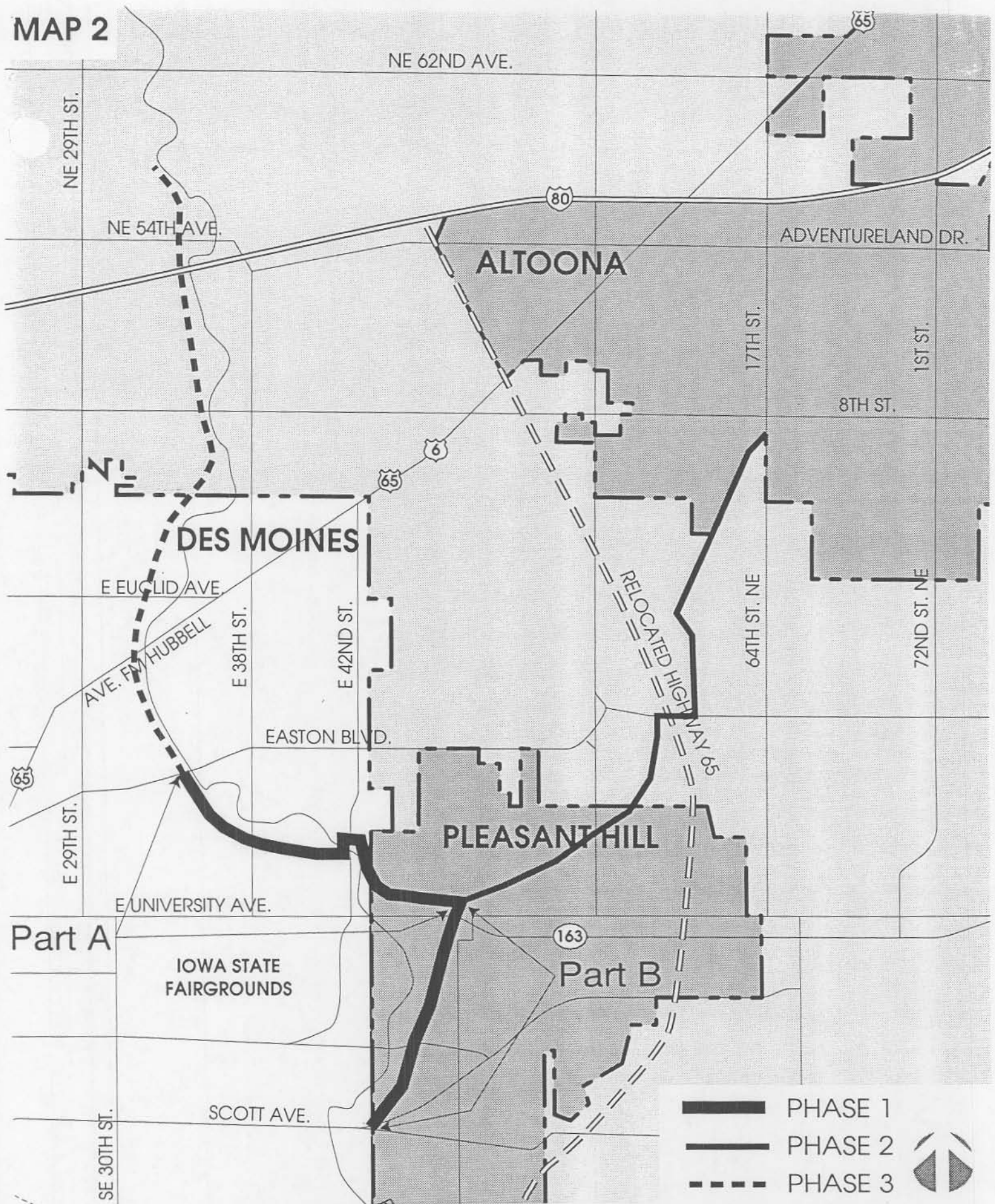
Approval of the Phase B, Part I, local share funding.

BACKGROUND —

It required five years for the City, through long negotiations and meetings with the Four Mile Creek Greenway Committee and Pleasant Hill, to submit a grant application to the IDOT for Phase I, Part A, of the Four Mile Creek Recreation Trail. The grant provided \$265,000 in IDOT Trails money with each city required to provide \$50,000 as the match. The grant agreement for this portion of the project was signed on November 7, 1994 with Pleasant Hill designated as the lead agency. An application for ISTEAs money was submitted and awarded in August 1994 with the grant agreement finally being sent in March 1995 for Part B of the project.

Phase II of this project between Pleasant Hill and Altoona has been awarded \$450,000 in IDOT Trails money and \$200,000 in REAP money in 1995. Phase III of the project between Easton Boulevard and Malley's Park in Polk County is still under consideration for \$700,000 in State ISTEAs funds. This project has strong neighborhood support, and has been awarded the State funding because of the quality and importance of the project.

MAP 2



FOUR MILE CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL