

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

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-543
DECEMBER 16, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
BEAVERDALE TRAIL GRANT SUBMITTAL	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD M. TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

City Council is requested to authorize staff to submit a grant application to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Beaverdale Trail Project. Additional funding is necessary to complete the Beaverdale Trail which includes renovation and restoration of a railroad bridge over the Des Moines River south of Euclid Avenue, as well as a trail connection from ML King Jr. Parkway to the Saylorville Trail. Matching funds in the amount of \$150,000 will be required from the City of Des Moines and will be dispersed over two fiscal years. If successful with the grant application, funding would be available to complete the Beaverdale Trail project by 1998.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The final section of the proposed Beaverdale Trail project is approximately 3/4 mile in length from ML King, Jr. Parkway to the east side of the Des Moines River. Cost of construction is estimated at \$350,000. According to the grant application, the City is requesting a grant in the amount of \$200,000, or 57 percent of the total cost. The City will be responsible to match 43 percent, or \$150,000 over two fiscal years. One hundred forty-eight thousand dollars (\$148,000) is available in the adopted 1996-97/2001-02 CIP for Beaverdale Bike Trail and other bike trails. Any remaining City matching funds required will be included in the proposed 1997-98/2002-2003 CIP.

RECOMMENDATION —

Adopt and proceed with submitting a grant application to the IDOT.

BACKGROUND —

On September 23, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-3347, the City Council approved a modification to an Inter-modal Surface & Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) grant for the Beaverdale Trail Project. This request was written to the Metropolitan Planning Organization to be considered by the IDOT. Due to an increase, costs based on the Engineer's cost estimate, and due to a lack of available ISTEA funding, a portion of the trail project between the ML King, Jr. Parkway and the Saylorville Trail was deleted from the project. However, Council concurred that additional funding would be pursued to complete the entire project. The time is right to further consider and request additional grant funding for completion of the Beaverdale Trail Project.