

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 98-095
MARCH 23, 1998 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR BEAVERDALE
RECREATION TRAIL PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS**

SUBMITTED BY:

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SYNOPSIS –

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) has proposed an agreement between the City and IDOT for the Beaverdale Recreation Trail Phase 2. This trail would run from Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, near Urbandale Avenue, east across the Des Moines River via an existing bridge, to the Saylorville Recreational Trail.

FISCAL IMPACT –

IDOT has proposed that the City provide design and inspection services and necessary right-of-way acquisition for this project, with cost reimbursement by IDOT, limited to an estimated amount of \$192,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$450,000; however, the City is awaiting response on a grant application to the State of Iowa Department of Transportation State Recreational Trails Fund for \$193,000 which, if approved, the City's portion of the total project cost is estimated to be \$65,000.

Funds for this project are provided in the Bike Trails project, page 207, in the 1998-99 Capital Improvements Budget.

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval of this agreement with IDOT.

BACKGROUND –

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) provided for federal

funds to be used for traffic enhancement projects. The portion of the eligible project costs paid by Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) Enhancement funds are limited to a maximum of either 80 percent of eligible costs or the amount stipulated in the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's current Traffic Improvement Program (TIP) and approved in the current State-wide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), whichever is less.

The Beavertdale Recreation Trail Phase 2 project has been a high priority of the Beavertdale neighborhood for some time. This project will involve construction of a new recreation trail from the Saylorville Bike Trail on the east side of the Des Moines River westerly on the railroad bridge over the Des Moines River, now owned by the City, extending westerly on the abandoned Inter Urban Rail Line to Urbandale Avenue at Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway.