



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

98-377

SYNOPSIS —

AGENDA:
AUGUST 24, 1998

City Council is requested to approve a Recreation Infrastructure grant application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for Phase II construction of the Inter Urban Trail. Phase II is a 3/4 mile trail project from Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway (MLK Pkwy) at Urbandale Avenue, east over the Des Moines River connecting to the John Pat Dorrian Trail.

SUBJECT:
INTER URBAN
TRAIL GRANT
SUBMITTAL

TYPE:
**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

FISCAL IMPACT –

SUBMITTED BY:
DONALD TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

Construction of Phase II is estimated at \$350,000. The maximum allowable grant request is \$100,000. Therefore, the City’ s share will be \$250,000 from the 1998-99 Capital Improvement Program to complete this trail project.

RECOMMENDATION –

Authorize staff to submit a Recreation Infrastructure grant application to the IDNR.

BACKGROUND –

In 1998, the Iowa General Assembly appropriated funds to the IDNR for a program to assist in the renovation, repair, or new construction of public recreation facilities and sites through the Rebuild Iowa’ s Infrastructure Fund. The Recreation Infrastructure grant program provides state financial assistance to cities, counties, organizations, and associations in the State of Iowa for acquisition, repair, renovation, and development of public outdoor recreation complexes. Funding in the amount of \$2.5 million is available from this one-time program and grant applications are due September 1, 1998. Funding for this program will be appropriated to the successful agencies after January 1, 1999.

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 Inter Urban Trail project. This request was written to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to be considered by the Department of Transportation (DOT). Due to an increase in costs based on the Engineer' s cost estimate, and due to a lack of available ISTEA funding, part of the trail project between MLK Pkwy and the John Pat Dorrian Trail was deleted from the original proposed project. However, Council concurred that additional funding would be pursued to complete the entire length of the trail.

The final connection of the proposed Inter Urban Trail project is approximately 3/4 miles in length from MLK Pkwy to the east side of the Des Moines River, which includes restoration of a railroad bridge over the Des Moines River south of Euclid Avenue. Design for Phase II is nearly complete and negotiations for right-of-way acquisitions are in progress. Staff plans to complete acquisition and design by the end of 1998, bid the project toward the end of 1998, and begin construction in 1999, pending adequate funding.