

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-154

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

Approval and execution of lease agreement with Union Pacific Railway Company for recreational trail purposes.

APRIL 17, 2000

FISCAL IMPACT -

SUBJECT:

Fund Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Bike Trails-\$175.00-Funds available.

LEASE AGREEMENT
WITH UNION
PACIFIC RAILWAY
FOR
RECREATIONAL
TRAILS

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

TYPE:

BACKGROUND -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

The Park and Recreation Department maintains a comprehensive system of recreational trails throughout the city of Des Moines. On January 19, 1976, by Roll Call No. 268, the City Council authorized the execution of the Riverfront Acquisition and Development Project Agreement with the Iowa Conservation Commission for the development of a recreational trail along the Riverfront.

SUBMITTED BY:

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PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

As a part of the maintenance and development of the recreational trail, it is necessary to enter into agreements with the Railroads to maintain access through railroad property. On June 4, 1979, by Roll Call No. 2606, the City Council authorized the execution of a license agreement with Chicago Northwestern Railway Company for maintenance of a right-of-way in the vicinity of SE 4th, SE 5th, and Shaw Streets for the John Pat Dorrian Trail. Since the inception of that agreement, Chicago Northwestern Railway Company has merged with Union Pacific Railway Company.

Approval and execution of the current lease agreement with the Union Pacific Railway is necessary for continued use and maintenance of the Riverfront Recreational Trail.

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