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CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:	ITEM _____
	OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA
01-266	SYNOPSIS -
AGENDA: MAY 21, 2001	Approve the receipt of a Federal Recreational Trails Grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) in the amount of \$300,000 for construction in Des Moines, Iowa, of Phase I-B of the Walnut Creek Trail system.
SUBJECT: IDOT GRANT RECEIPT	FISCAL IMPACT - Total estimated cost of the trail construction project is \$500,000 with \$300,000 from the IDOT grant and \$200,000 from the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
TYPE: <u>RESOLUTION</u> ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	RECOMMENDATION - Approval.
SUBMITTED BY: DONALD M. TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR	BACKGROUND - Walnut Creek Trail is one of the top priority trail projects in the City of Des Moines. This trail project warrants special attention because it has been designated as part of the American Discovery Trail (ADT), a national trail system which connects the east and west coasts of the United States through the heart of Des Moines. This trail directly connects Des Moines' trail system with the Clive Greenbelt/Windsor Heights Trail, and West Des Moines' Jordan Creek Trail. When completed, the Walnut Creek Trail will be a direct link to downtown Des Moines for not only the western neighborhoods, but its bordering cities as well. Phase I-B of the Walnut Creek Trail begins at the 63rd Street bridge and runs along Walnut Creek to the bridge at Grand Avenue. Costs for this segment of trail are particularly high because it will bridge Walnut Creek once, require the acquisition of right-of-way from the Norfolk & Southern Railroad near Grand Avenue, and force

construction of two bicycle/pedestrian bridge underpasses. In addition to the grant noted above, funds have been provided within the Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 and FY2002 budgets to pay for these expenses. Planning for this trail was coordinated through a joint planning agreement with West Des Moines and Windsor Heights adopted by Council Resolution 98-913 on March 23, 1998.
