

## Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM \_\_\_\_\_

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

**01-579**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

NOVEMBER 19, 2001

**SUBJECT:**

IDOT AGREEMENT  
FOR A MULTI-USE  
TRAIL ALONG  
WALNUT CREEK  
FROM CENTER  
STREET TO 63rd  
STREET

An agreement has been proposed between the City of Des Moines and the Iowa Department of Transportation for a multi-use trail along Walnut Creek from Center Street to 63rd Street. The length of trail construction will be approximately 0.6 miles and will include a bridge crossing at Center Street in Windsor Heights. Windsor Heights will pay the cost of the bridge estimated at \$119,600, and West Des Moines will pay the cost of the trail estimated at \$342,600 for a total project cost of \$462,200.

The construction costs are eligible for reimbursement by Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) Enhancement Funds of (80 percent of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$192,200). All other costs for the project will be reimbursed to the City of Des Moines by the Cities of West Des Moines and Windsor Heights.

**TYPE:**

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

The City of Des Moines will have no costs associated with this section of the trail.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

DONALD M. TRIPP  
PARK &  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

The City of Des Moines has agreed to be the lead agency in the development of three phases of the Walnut Creek Trail. Phases I-B and II lie within the corporate limits of Des Moines. The trail segments run from the 63rd Street Bridge over Walnut Creek to the bridge at North Valley Drive. Phase I-A is the trail segment from Center Street in Windsor Heights to the bridge over Walnut Creek at 63rd Street. To obtain the lowest possible bid and retain one

contractor for all three segments of the trail, IDOT recommended that one City be designated as the sponsoring agency for the construction phase of the trail development. Having the longest segment of trail, Des Moines previously approved a Chapter 28E Intergovernmental Agreement with West Des Moines and Windsor Heights to administrate this project.

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) provides for Federal funds to be used for traffic enhancement projects. The portion of the eligible project costs paid by Federal STP Enhancement Funds shall be limited to a maximum of either 80 percent of eligible costs or \$192,200 whichever is less. The \$192,200 is the amount stipulated in the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations current Traffic Improvement Program (TIP) and approved in the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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