



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-413

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

AGENDA:

AUGUST 5, 2002

SYNOPSIS -

Approval for letting construction bid on Gay Lea Wilson Trail Phase III-B.

SUBJECT:

GAY LEA WILSON
TRAIL PHASE III-B -
LETTING
CONSTRUCTION
BID

FISCAL IMPACT -

Segment III-B of the Phase III trail project is about one mile of the total two mile length of trail. The engineering estimate for this segment is \$380,500 which is about one-third of the total project cost due to a few physical obstacles and cooperative private land acquisitions. Total cost for the entire Phase III trail project is estimated at \$1,100,000 with \$550,000 available from reimbursable grants awarded to the City from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR, \$250,000) and the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT, \$300,000). Approximately \$550,000 is available in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), CP040PKS990000PKS045, for the entire trail.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK &
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

The proposed Gay Lea Wilson Trail, Phase III, runs for about two miles along portions of both the east and west sides of Four Mile Creek from Easton Boulevard to the City's northern boundary at Aurora Avenue.

A public meeting, including Gray's Woods neighborhood and residents within a four to five block perimeter of the trail, was held on October 31, 2000. Several meetings have been held with residents adjoining the trail throughout this planning process.

On October 8, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-3011, the City Council at its regular monthly meeting approved a realignment of this segment of the trail and authorized the City's Right-of-Way Division to begin the necessary acquisition of property for allowing the construction of Phase III of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail.

Acquisition of the northern one-half of this trail segment, Phase III-B, approximately one mile in length running from Hubbell Boulevard to Aurora Avenue, has been completed and approved by the City Council. Because the southern one-half of the trail, Phase III-A from Easton Avenue to Hubbell Boulevard, requires acquisition from 18 different landowners, it is expected to take more time to obtain than the four separate landowners in the northern portion of the trail. Staff, therefore, recommends proceeding now to award a contract to begin construction in late Summer/early Fall on the northern half of the trail.

Once the remaining properties have been acquired on the southern portion of the trail, Phase III-A, a separate construction bid will be let. It is anticipated that acquisition of Phase III-A will be completed by Fall of 2002 with construction beginning in the Spring of 2003.
