

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-162

AGENDA:

APRIL 7, 2003

SUBJECT:

GAY LEA WILSON
TRAIL PHASE III-A
LETTING
CONSTRUCTION BID

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM 13B

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

SYNOPSIS —

Approval for bidding construction bid of Gay Lea Wilson Trail Phase III-A (See Map Exhibit I attached to Roll Call).

FISCAL IMPACT —

The estimated construction cost for the Phase III-A project is \$538,000. This amount includes \$18,000 to complete the final paving of a 1,000 foot portion of Segment III-B (see Background below). Segments III-A and III-B are each about one mile in length. Total cost for the entire Phase III trail project has been estimated at \$1,300,000 with \$525,000 available from reimbursable grants awarded to the City from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR, \$225,000) and the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT, \$300,000). The City's contribution from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) will be approximately \$775,000 and is available in the CIP, CP040PKS990000PKS045.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The Gay Lea Wilson Trail is a proposed 37-mile, multi-purpose recreational trail that will connect several governmental jurisdictions in the Des Moines metro area including Pleasant Hill, Altoona, Des Moines, Ankeny, and Polk County. Approximately four miles of the trail is located within the city limits of Des Moines' east side (see Exhibit II attached to Roll Call).

Phase III of the proposed Gay Lea Wilson Trail 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 (see Exhibit III attached to Roll Call). On October 8, 2001, the City Council, by Roll Call No. 01-3011, approved a realignment of this segment of the trail and authorized the Engineering Department's Real Estate Division to begin the necessary acquisition of property for allowing the construction of

Phase III of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail. Construction of the northern one-half of this trail segment, Phase III-B, approximately one mile in length and running from Hubbell Avenue to Aurora Avenue (see Exhibit I attached to the Roll Call), was awarded by Council on August 5, 2002 by Roll Call No. 02-1910 and is nearly complete. Final paving of a 1,000 foot section at the trail's northern terminus was delayed last Fall in favor of completing a previously delayed trail connection from the main trail to the Sargent Park parking lot. Cost to complete the paving is estimated at \$18,000.

The southern one-half of the trail, Phase III-A from Easton Boulevard to Hubbell Avenue, required acquisition or easements from 18 separate land owners, and was expected to take more time to obtain than those from the four separate landowners in the northern portion of the trail (Phase III-B). As a result, staff proceeded to award a contract to begin construction on the northern half of the trail while the remaining properties in Phase III-A were acquired. If a construction bid is authorized at the April 7, 2003 Council meeting, it is anticipated that construction of Phase III-A will be completed by Fall of 2003. This will complete the entire two miles of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail, Phase III.

