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SUBJECT—

Resolution Ordering Construction of American Discovery Trail – Riverpoint Segment; and Fixing a Date for Receiving of Bids on June 15, 2004 and a Public Hearing on July 12, 2004; Engineer's Estimate \$1,056,000.00

SYNOPSIS—

Approve the final plans for the Riverpoint Trail and because of requirements of grants received from the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT), allow the project to be bid by the IDOT on June 15, 2004. The City Council will hold a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and engineer's estimate on July 12, 2004. Once bids are received, approval will be sought from the City Council to award the bid recommended by the IDOT and begin construction of the trail.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Construction costs for this trail have been estimated by the City Engineering Department to be \$1,056,000. This amount only includes construction costs, not right-of-way acquisition or engineering fees. The available budget for this trail, including construction, right-of-way acquisition, and engineering fees, is \$1,380,000. Sources of funding include \$300,000 from two Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) grants, \$345,000 from an IDOT grant, \$300,000 from the IDNR REAP Program, and \$435,000 from the City's Capital Improvement Program

(CIP), CP040PKS990000PKS045 with a \$300,000 transfer of FY 2005 TIF Funds from CP040, PKS990000 PKS 162, Riverwalk. Because the cost for acquiring a portion of the right-of-way from the Union Pacific Railroad is still being negotiated, additional funding beyond that which is available may be necessary.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The 1.9-mile Riverpoint segment of the American Discovery Trail (ADT) will be a 12 foot wide asphalt recreational trail that will connect the Kruidenier Trail at Gray's Lake with the Principal Riverwalk in downtown Des Moines. The ADT, a national trail project, runs from coast to coast across America.

The alignment of the Riverpoint Trail will begin near the east end of the pedestrian bridge on Gray's Lake and veer southward to follow the south property line of Gray's Lake Park for a distance of 1200 feet before entering the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad corridor. It will follow that corridor in a northeasterly direction for about 2800 feet until it passes beneath the SW 7th Street Bridge on the south bank of the Raccoon River. It will continue along the south bank of the river for 1400 feet on City property containing flood control structures until reaching the SW 5th Street/Jackson Avenue Bridge. The trail will cross this 400-foot bridge and then continue northeasterly along the north bank of the Raccoon River and along the south side of Sec Taylor Stadium for 2000 feet to the confluence with the Des Moines River. The trail will utilize an at-grade street crossing Water Street immediately east of Sec Taylor Stadium. At this point, the trail turns northward along the west bank of the Des Moines River for a distance of about 2100 feet where it will intersect the Principal Riverwalk. This final segment includes utilization of a significant portion of the Des Moines River Outfall Sewer as the riding surface of the trail (please see a map of the approved trail alignment attached to the Fact Sheet).

This trail has received all the necessary historical and environmental approvals to proceed forward with construction. Final negotiation for acquisition of right-of-way from the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) is not complete. Temporary Right of Entry has been obtained from the UPRR to allow construction of the trail to proceed, until the necessary property is acquired by negotiated agreement or condemnation. It is scheduled to be bid by the IDOT on June 15, 2004, and will come to the City Council for approval at its first meeting in July.