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### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### SUBJECT—

On American Discovery Trail – Riverpoint Segment: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer's estimate, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp. (J.M. Younker, President, Grimes), \$886,814.50.

### SYNOPSIS—

On June 15, 2004, the Iowa Department of Transportation received 3 bids for the Riverpoint Trail. The apparent low bidder was Grimes Asphalt with a bid of \$886,814.50.

**FISCAL IMPACT—**Sources of funding include \$300,000 from two Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) grants, \$345,000 from an Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) grant, \$300,000 from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP), \$60,000 G.O. and \$151,000 TIF Funds from the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), CP040, PKS990000 PKS045 with a \$300,000 transfer of FY2005 TIF Funds from CP040, PKS990000 PKS162, Riverwalk.

### 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 Riverpoint Trail begins near the east end of the pedestrian bridge on Gray's Lake and veers southward to follow the south property line of Gray's Lake Park before entering the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad corridor. The trail passes beneath the SW 7<sup>th</sup> and SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridges on the south bank of the Raccoon River. It will continue along the south bank of the river on City property until reaching the SW 5th Street/Jackson Avenue Bridge. The trail crosses the SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street/Jackson Avenue Bridge and continues northeasterly along the north bank of the Raccoon River and along the south side of Sec Taylor Stadium to the confluence with the Des Moines River. The trail will utilize an at-grade street crossing of Water Street immediately east of Sec Taylor Stadium. At this point, the trail turns northward along the west bank of the Des Moines River and intersects the Principal Riverwalk. This final segment includes utilization of a portion of the Des Moines River Outfall Sewer as the riding surface of the trail.

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. A condemnation date has been set for August 2, 2004.

On June 15, 2004, the IDOT received three bids on this project. The apparent low bidder is Grimes Asphalt with a bid of \$886,814.50. The Engineer's estimate for this project was \$1,056,000.

The project includes five emergency phones and security lighting at the bridges. Add Alternates are not allowed on projects bid through the Iowa Department of Transportation. Further enhancements to the trail will need to be pursued separately.