



**Council  
Communication**  
Office of the City Manager

**Date**

June 5, 2006

**Agenda Item No.** 49  
**Roll Call No.** 06-  
**Communication No.** 06-345  
**Submitted by:** Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.  
City Engineer

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Hearing on Bill Riley Trail HMA Overlay: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp., J M Yonker, President, 12021 NW 54th Avenue, Grimes, IA, 50111 in the amount of \$240,331.67.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend the City Council hold a public hearing to allow for public input on the Bill Riley Trail HMA Overlay and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This trail should be widened to meet current trail design standards and accommodate increased usage. The asphalt trail surface requires scheduled maintenance and should be overlaid to extend its useful life.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$240,331.67 (Construction Contract)

Funding Source: 2006-2007 CIP, Page Park-21, Recreation Trails, PKS045, Various Funding, Being: Federal Recreational Trails Program funds from the Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21) for 80% of the cost of eligible contract items only with \$100,000 Maximum, with the remaining \$140,500 in FY2006 G. O. Bonds

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The 1.7-mile Bill Riley Trail in Greenwood/Ashworth Park and Water Works Park is the oldest and one of the most popular trails in the City of Des Moines. This section maintains a width of 8 feet for approximately 1.1 miles of the total length of the trail with the remainder of the trail being 10 feet in width. The portion of the trail that is 8 feet in width is also the oldest portion of the trail with the original construction in 1973. The trail has been patched many times and the asphalt trail surface requires scheduled maintenance and should be overlaid to extend the useful life of the trail. Existing usage rates along the trail cannot be supported by an 8-foot wide trail and with the connection of the Walnut Creek Trail to the Bill Riley, higher usage rates are expected.

Previous upgrades and enhancements to the trail have included the repair and enhancement of storm water facilities along the trail. In the fall of 2004, a project was completed to divert overland storm water flows into existing culverts under the trail. Also, several culverts were widened and enhanced to prevent storm water from leaving debris along the trail as part of the project.

On May 8, 2006, under Roll Call No. 06-875, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Bill Riley Trail HMA Overlay. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Bill Riley Trail HMA Overlay, 11-2004-003. The improvement includes construction of 2-foot wide HMA trail widening, 2-inch thick HMA trail overlay, storm sewer, trail markings, trail signs, and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 461-047/083, on the Bill Riley Trail from Ashworth Pool to 6805 LF southeasterly.

Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp., Grimes, IA  
Des Moines Asphalt & Paving Co., Des Moines, IA

The bids, in accordance with a previously approved Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement, were received and opened by the IDOT on May 16, 2006.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsible, responsive bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp., in the amount of \$240,331.67. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available as stated above.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: May 8, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-875

Action: Ordering Construction of the following: Bill Riley Trail HMA Overlay – Receiving of bids, (5-16-06), and Setting date of hearing, (6-5-06). (Construction Estimate - \$206,766). (Council Communication No. 06-250).

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

Date: NA

Roll Call Action: NA

Action: NA

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.