



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 6

Roll Call No. 08-

Communication No. 08-477

Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer & Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director**

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for Waveland Trail - Phase 1.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement No. 08-STPE-130 for Federal Surface Transportation Program- Transportation Enhancement Funds for Waveland Trail- Phase 1. The IDOT has approved this project for funding, up to a maximum of \$150,000. The City's portion of the project, consisting of the design, inspection, and construction costs, is estimated to be \$375,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$525,000

Funding Source: Various funding sources as follows:

- \$150,000 Federal Surface Transportation Program- Transportation Enhancement Funds
- \$375,000 2008-09 CIP, Page Park-22, Recreation Trails, PKS045, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Waveland Trail is slated to be one of the next trails constructed in the City of Des Moines. This multi-phased trail will connect many of Des Moines' west-side neighborhoods to the Central Iowa Trail System. Genus Landscape Architecture was retained to conduct a public input process with the surrounding neighborhood to select a preferred route for Phase I of the Waveland Trail. This process consisted of three public input meetings:

Introduction of Trail Concept on October 3, 2007,
Presentation of Trail Route Alternatives on October 23, 2007
Presentation of Recommended Trail Route on November 29, 2007

The Waveland Trail - Phase I route approved by the City Council starts at the Walnut Creek Trail east of 63rd Street and north of Grand Avenue. It follows a northeasterly route along the east side of what is commonly known as Gulf/Cummins Creek along the publicly owned greenway to Pleasant Drive, where it passes under the bridge, which is slated for replacement by the City in 2009. The bridge will be designed with the trail in mind and will allow adequate clearance for the trail to pass beneath.

On the north side of the bridge, the route enters onto private property at 5833 Pleasant Drive, continuing easterly on a route parallel to Interstate 235 (I-235) along the north edge of this property to the 56th Street and I-235 interchange. This recommended trail route minimizes the amount of private property needed for the trail. In addition, the proposed alignment on the east side of the creek eliminates the need to construct a bridge across the creek and allows for minimal additional disturbance to the environment as the greenway between Pleasant Drive and the end of Ronwood Drive is maintained as manicured grass.

The agreement with the IDOT provides for a maximum of \$150,000 of Federal Surface Transportation Program- Transportation Enhancement funding for the construction of this project. It is anticipated that the Waveland Trail- Phase I project will be constructed during the summer of 2009.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 24, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-531

Action: Waveland Trail Phase I recommended trail route. (Council Communication No. 08-156)
Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Meyer.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: February 26, 2008

Roll Call Number: Parks and Recreation Board

Action: Approval of Recommended Route and Public Input Report

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal actions for award of the construction contract for the work.

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