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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 25 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>10-</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>10-014</u> <b>Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Director of Park and Recreation</b>	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving acceptance of a \$300,000 Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant for the Des Moines River Trail, Phase I.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend acceptance of a \$300,000 Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant for the Des Moines River Trail, Phase I.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$1,200,000 estimated total project cost

- \$300,000 REAP Grant
- \$ 73,474 State Recreational Trails Grant
- \$426,526 Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (anticipated)
- \$400,000 G.O. Bonds (proposed to be issued in June 2010)

Funding Source: 2009-2010 CIP, G.O. Bonds from Recreational Trails, CP040PKS990000, PKS 045, page 22.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

This is the first phase of a major regional trail that will ultimately connect downtown Des Moines to Carlisle and the Summerset Trail south of Carlisle. This phase is 2.5 miles stretching from the Meredith Trail at the Scott Street Bridge and following the south side of the Des Moines River to the James W. Cownie Soccer and Baseball Parks. Street connections into adjacent neighborhoods at SE 1<sup>st</sup>, SE 6<sup>th</sup>, SE 8<sup>th</sup>, SE 14<sup>th</sup>, and SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets facilitate use of the trail by bicycle commuters from Des Moines south side, as well as recreational riders.

This will be a 10-foot wide asphalt recreational trail. Amenities on this trail will include lighting under bridges, mile markers, way-finding elements, trail signage and furniture, and river overlooks.

On May 18, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-822, a contract to design this trail was awarded to AECOM for \$202,000. Design is expected to be completed by the summer of 2010. Bidding will follow, with construction likely to begin in spring of 2011.

The REAP grant provides \$300,000 to be put toward development costs and stipulates that all work must be completed by December 31, 2011. This trail project was also awarded a \$74,474 Department of Transportation State Recreational Trails Grant.

The Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program project evaluation committee has recommended award of a \$426,526 grant for this trail project and the Iowa DOT Commission is expected to take action on the recommendation at their regularly scheduled meeting on January 12, 2010.

This project advances the following City goals:

- *Pride in Community Assets:* The City will set the standard for constructing and maintaining attractive buildings, parks, and infrastructure that represent our world-class city and generate civic pride.
- *Sustainable Green Community:* Des Moines will be a leader in setting policies and practicing service delivery innovations that promote environmental sustainability. Des Moines will offer safe, reliable, and convenient transportation alternatives that reduce reliance on automobiles and parking facilities.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: May 18, 2009

Roll Call No.: 09-822

Action: Approving professional services agreement with AECOM, INC for professional services in connection with the Des Moines River Regional Trail – Phase 1 Not to Exceed \$202,000. (Council Communication No. 09-330). Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion carried 6-0. Absent: Cownie.

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

#### **ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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