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	Agenda Item No. 25 Roll Call No. <u>10-1036</u> Communication No. <u>10-398</u> Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization for the City Manager to sign a letter of commitment to contribute \$50,000 toward the costs associated with repair work on the Trestle to Trestle Trail.

SYNOPSIS:

This action authorizes the City Manager to sign a letter of commitment indicating that the City will contribute \$50,000 to Polk County for the repair of the Trestle to Trestle Trail.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Total cost estimates are still being finalized by Polk County, and expected to be between \$200,000 and \$300,000. \$50,000 - City contribution. \$50,000 - Polk County Conservation Board. Remaining amount - Polk County Public Works.

Funding Source: \$50,000, 2009-2010 CIP, G.O. Bonds from Recreational Trails, CP040, PKS990000, PKS 140, page 22.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines, City of Johnston and Polk County entered into a 28E Agreement for construction of the Trestle to Trestle Trail in January 2007. The City’s engineering department reviewed Polk County’s plans for the original trail construction. Polk County then constructed the trail, but the City has ownership of all trail improvements except for the improvements within the City limits of Johnston. The portion of the trail in question is under the City of Des Moines' ownership.

After the trail opened in late 2007, the trail began to fail along the Des Moines River. This problem was exacerbated by the flooding in 2008. Polk County has patched this area, but it continues to crack and slide toward the river.

Polk County engineers have been working to design a permanent solution to this ongoing problem and requested that the City contribute toward the construction costs. The City’s engineering staff has reviewed the proposed plan and concurs with the preliminary design to fix the problem on the trail, which involves using sheet piling to stabilize the river bank.

The City will contribute \$50,000 toward the cost of the repair, and the City's engineering staff will review the final design prior to construction. Polk County Conservation Board has committed an additional \$50,000 and Polk County Public Works will fund the remainder of the project.

The repair work is expected to begin late this summer and be completed in less than one month.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 27, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-169

Action: Approval of a 28E agreement between the Cities of Des Moines and Johnston, Polk County and Polk County Conservation Board for the Construction and Maintenance of the Trestle to Trestle Multi-use Recreational Trail. ([Council Communication No. 07-043](#)) Moved by Coleman to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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