

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: August 9, 2010
	Agenda Item No. 51 Roll Call No. <u>10-1317</u> Communication No. <u>10-488</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Hold hearing on the intent to acquire property for recreational trail purposes and authorize acquisition of the necessary property interests from various property owners for the Des Moines River Regional Trail Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend authorization to acquire property for recreational trail purposes and authorize acquisition of the necessary property interests thereof from various property owners for the Des Moines River Regional Trail Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the acquisition process under eminent domain.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$5,000 estimated acquisition plus closing costs

Funding Source: 2010-11 CIP, Park Improvements – Recreational Trails, PKS045, Page – Park Improvements – 20.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This is a major regional trail that will ultimately connect downtown Des Moines to Carlisle and the Summerset Trail south of Carlisle. The first phase of this project 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 1st, SE 6th, SE 8th, SE 14th and SE 22nd 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.

Two partial fee acquisitions will be needed for the first phase of this project. Relocation assistance will not be required.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 26, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1218](#)

Action: [On](#) intent to acquire property for recreational trail purposes and authorize acquisition of the necessary property interests from various property owners for Des Moines River Regional Trail Project, (8-9-10). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 11, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-044

Action: [Acceptance](#) of \$73,474 Iowa Department of Transportation State Recreational Trail Grant (DOT SRT) for The Des Moines River Trail, Phase 1. ([Council Communication No. 10-015](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 11, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-043](#)

Action: [Acceptance](#) of \$300,000 Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Grant for The Des Moines River Trail, Phase 1. ([Council Communication No. 10-014](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: May 18, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-822](#)

Action: Approving professional services agreement with [AECOM](#), Inc. in conjunction 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 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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