



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date:	January 9, 2012
Agenda Item No.	6
Roll Call No.	<u>12-0015</u>
Communication No.	<u>12-010</u>
Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Des Moines River Regional Trail - Phase 1 - Receiving bids, (1-18-12), and Setting date of hearing, (2-13-12). (Construction Estimate - \$1,800,000).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council proceed with construction of this improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project 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. The first phase is 2.5 miles long starting at the Scott Street Bridge and following the south side of the Des Moines River to the James W. Cownie Baseball Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,800,000 (City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: Funding Source: 2011-2012 CIP, Page Parks-17, Recreation Trails, PKS045, being: \$426,526 maximum in Federal funds from Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) for 80% eligible const. costs only under IDOT Project No. STP-A-1945(773)--86-77; \$73,474 in Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) State Recreational Trails funding, Agreement 2010-SRT-004; \$300,000 Iowa DNR REAP Grant, Agreement 08-R4-QV; \$150,000 Sehgal Family Foundation; \$25,000 Polk County Community Development Grant award; \$6,400 from 162 private individual and business pledges; \$5,000 William C. Knapp Charitable Foundation; \$2,000 Iowa Foundation for Education, Environment and the Arts; and the remaining \$811,600 from Parks-17, Recreation Trails, PKS045, G.O. Bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Des Moines River Regional Trail - Phase 1, 11-2009-012. The improvement includes construction of a 5 inch and 6 inch HMA Recreational Trail, including construction survey, removals, clearing, grubbing, earthwork, modified subbase, revetment, erosion control, reinforcing steel, structural concrete, storm sewer, retaining wall, sidewalk, driveway, PCC curb, street patches, safety closures, traffic control, painted pavement markings, railroad trestle rehabilitation, pedestrian hand rail, chain link fence and gate, under deck lighting, signs, bollards, benches, and restoration; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 536-001/193 on the Des Moines River Regional Trail - Phase 1, running south of and adjacent to the Des Moines River from

SE 1st Street to SE 22nd Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.

The overall trail will create an important link both for the south side of Des Moines and Carlisle and to the greater Central Iowa Trail system of over 550 miles. The first phase is 2.5 miles long starting at the Scott Street Bridge (Meredith Trail at the confluence of the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers, near Principal Park) and following the south side of the Des Moines River to the James W. Cownie Baseball Park. Street connections into the adjacent neighborhoods will be constructed at SE 1st, SE 6th, SE 8th, SE 14th, and SE 22nd Streets to facilitate use of the trail by recreational riders as well as bicycle commuters from Des Moines' south side. To date, \$295,417.20 has been expended for design contract payments, right-of-way acquisition and wetland mitigation.

The construction of this trail will include the following elements and amenities:

- 10-foot wide asphalt trail;
- Emergency lighting under bridges;
- Signage, E911 markers and way-finding elements;
- Benches and resting points; and Scenic overlooks of downtown Des Moines and the Des Moines River.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 27, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1160](#)

Action: [IDOT](#) Agreement for construction of the Des Moines River Regional Trail – Phase 1. ([Council Communication No. 11-411](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 27, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1074](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Des Moines River Regional Trail – Phase 1 Professional Services Agreement with AECOM, Inc. to provide additional design services, not to exceed \$56,100. ([Council Communication No. 11-409](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 12, 2010

<http://www.dmgov.org/Government/CityCouncil/Communications//07-680.pdf>

Roll Call Number: [10-531](#)

Action: [Submission](#) of \$750,750 grant application to River Enhancement Community Attraction and Tourism (RECAT) Program for development of Des Moines River Trail, Phase 1. ([Council Communication No. 10-179](#)) Moved by Coleman 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: [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:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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