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|  <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p> | Date: | September 24, 2012 |
| | Agenda Item No. | 7A |
| | Roll Call No. | <u>12-1486</u> |
| | Communication No. | <u>12-516</u> |
| | Submitted by: | Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer |

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Inter-Urban Trail Bridge Repair - Receiving bids, (10-9-12), and Setting date of hearing, (10-22-12). (Construction Estimate - \$279,090).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council proceed with construction of the 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 will make the required repairs to the Inter-Urban Trail Bridge to insure the continued safe use for trail users. The replacement of the timber bents in the approach span will maintain code load capacity and other items will restore safety features that have suffered damage since the structure was opened.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$279,090 City Engineer's Estimate.

Funding Source: 2012-2013 CIP, Page Park - 16, Recreation Trails, PKS045, G. O. Bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

From 1905 to 1951, the Inter-Urban Bridge was part of a streetcar line that connected downtown Des Moines to Urbandale. Due to the efforts of residents including the Beavertdale Neighborhood Association, the bridge was converted to bicycle and pedestrian use only and was dedicated as a trail bridge in 1998. It connects the Neal Smith Trail on the east side of the Des Moines River to the Inter-Urban Trail and Trestle to Trestle Trail on the west side of the river.

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Inter-Urban Trail Bridge Repair, 11-2012-005. The improvement includes trail bridge timber and steel repairs, replacement of timber bents with steel bents on the approach structure, epoxy grouting of the bridge piers, temporary HMA trail construction including earthwork, sodding, seeding, traffic control activities and incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 547-125/134, located on the Interurban Trail Bridge over the Des Moines River (south of Euclid Avenue), Des Moines, Iowa.

The estimated construction cost is \$279,090. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

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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