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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>5A</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>14-0592</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>14-167</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer, and Ben Page, Park and Recreation Director</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Ordering construction of the following: S.W. 14th Quiet Street - Receiving bids, (5-6-14), and Setting date of hearing, (5-19-14). Construction Estimate - \$169,000.

**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 for developing a portion of Druid Hill Drive, Casady Drive, S.W. 14th Street, West Street, S.W. 10th Street, and Rittenhouse Street into a quiet street to slow vehicle traffic while facilitating safe and convenient bicycle travel. This will be accomplished by constructing medians, a raised crosswalk at Wright Elementary school, speed feedback signs, and pavement markings. A raised median with a pedestrian refuge will also be constructed at the Blank Park Zoo entrance on S.W. 9th Street at Rittenhouse Street.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$169,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: Funding Source: 2014-2015 CIP, Page Park – 9, Multi-Use Trails, PK045, Being: \$126,750 in Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) State Recreational Trails funding (75%) eligible construction costs, which is the remaining amount of the \$439,920 per Agreement 2012-RT-007; with the remaining \$42,250 in 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 S.W. 14th Quiet Street, 06-2014-001. The improvement includes construction of medians, pavement widening, HMA raised crosswalk, sidewalks, speed feedback signs, pavement markings, and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 557-148/189, along S.W. 14th Street from Casady Drive to West Street and on S.W. 9th Street at Rittenhouse Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

The estimated construction cost is \$169,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.

The Southwest 14th Quiet Street project has been through an extensive public input process. On June 13, 2011, by Roll Call Number No. 11-1046, the City Council adopted the Bicycle and Trail Master Plan as an element of the 2020 Community Character Plan. The Bicycle and Trail Master Plan, which also went through an extensive public input process, identified the quiet street as one of three (3) priority projects that could make a major positive impact on the ability to safely bicycle in the City.

On June 18 and 19, 2012, the City hosted public open houses to begin the design process for the S.W. 14th Quiet Street project. The first open house described the parameters of the project and presented the purpose and tools for creating a quiet street. Approximately 80 attendees, the majority of whom live in the affected Watrous South and Gray's Lake Neighborhoods, attended this first meeting and had the opportunity to discuss questions and issues one-on-one with staff and consultants.

After gaining residents' input, the consultants, Alta Planning + Design, prepared several options for traffic-calming elements along the corridor and presented them at the second open house held the following day. The approximate 40 residents who attended this second meeting gathered into small groups around corridor maps, discussed the proposed options, and provided feedback.

In the months following the open houses, Parks staff worked with small groups from both of the neighborhood associations and other City departments to finalize the elements. After the conceptual plan was developed, it went through the following steps of public review:

- On September 10, 2013, the concept was presented to the Traffic Safety Committee for informational purposes, with no action to be taken.
- On November 25, 2013, City staff held a public meeting to present the conceptual plan to a group of approximately 60 residents of the neighborhoods and interested parties.
- On December 9, 2013, the Des Moines and Polk County Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee reviewed the conceptual plan and unanimously recommended approval.
- On December 16, 2013, the Park and Recreation Board reviewed the conceptual plan and a majority (12-2) voted to recommend to City Council that it approve the plan.
- On January 27, 2014, the City Council reviewed and approved the conceptual plan.



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

Date: January 27, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0179](#)

Action: [Approving](#) the conceptual plan for the Southwest 14th Quiet Street ([Council Communication No. 14-031](#)) Moved by Voss to approve. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Hensley.

Date: May 7, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-0675](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for Gray's Lake Neighborhood Connecting Trail and SW 14th Quiet Street. ([Council Communication No. 12-214](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 9, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-0520](#)

Action: [Establishing](#) fair market value of multiple properties for the Gray's Lake Neighborhood Connecting Trail Project. ([Council Communication No. 12-154](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 24, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-0113](#)

Action: [Proposed](#) alignment of the Gray's Lake Neighborhood Connecting Trail and addition of such trail to the City of Des Moines Multi-use Recreational Trails Master Plan Map. ([Council Communication No. 11-043](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Plan and Zoning Commission

Date: June 2, 2011

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Recommending that the 2020 Community Character Plan be amended to include the Bicycle and Trail Master Plan as an element. Moved by Greg Jones. Motion carried 11-0.

Board: Park and Recreation Board

Date: December 16, 2013

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Recommend approval of the conceptual plan for the Southwest 14th Quiet Street.

Board: Park and Recreation Board

Date: May 24, 2011

Resolution Number: 11-060

Action: Recommending that the Bicycle and Trail Master Plan be adopted as an element of the 2020 Community Character Plan. Moved by Modersohn. Motion carried.

Board: Park and Recreation Board

Date: December 28, 2010

Resolution Number: 10-106

Action: Recommending approval of the addition of the Gray's Lake Neighborhood Connecting Trail to the City of Des Moines multi-use trails master plan map. Moved by Gelb to approve. Motion Carried 12-0.

**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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