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	Agenda Item No.	25
	Roll Call No.	<u>14-1715</u>
	Communication No.	<u>14-519</u>
	Submitted by:	Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., Interim City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing the purchase of 0.79 acres of wetland mitigation credit from the Dallas County, Iowa, Voas Wetland Mitigation Bank (Voas), \$27,650.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the purchase of 0.79 acres of wetland mitigation credit from the Dallas County, Iowa, Voas Wetland Mitigation Bank for E. Payton Avenue Bridge Replacement over Stream.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$27,650

Funding Source: 2014-2015 CIP, Page Bridge-7, East Payton Avenue over Stream, BR044, Gaming Monies

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Wetland mitigation is required for construction of the E. Payton Avenue Bridge Replacement over Stream project. The mitigation requirement is a condition of the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Nationwide Permit No. 14 (Permit No. CEMVR-OD-P-2013-105) in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Purchasing of wetland mitigation credits from the Voas in Dallas County is the preferred method by the Corps to satisfy permit requirements and has also been determined by staff to be a very affordable option, as compared to constructing, maintaining, and performing the required monitoring for on-site wetland mitigation. Voas is located upstream of the City of Des Moines in the Raccoon River watershed and is the only wetland mitigation bank approved by the Corps for the project location. Water quality improvements provided by the wetland mitigation construction will benefit waters of the Raccoon River through the City of Des Moines. The Dallas County Board of Supervisors has approved and reserved the sale of 0.79 acres of wetland mitigation credit to the City of Des Moines and is ready to provide the required credit upon a one-time payment of \$27,650.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: June 9, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0835](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC for additional environmental, final design, and construction administration services for E. Payton Avenue Bridge Replacement over Stream, not to exceed \$38,627. ([Council Communication No. 14-265](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 21, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0595](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for E. Payton Avenue Bridge Replacement over Stream. ([Council Communication No. 14-165](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 22, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-0628](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC for evaluation, design, and construction phase services for the E. Payton Avenue Bridge Replacement over Stream, not to exceed \$169,703. ([Council Communication No. 13-193](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions on construction contracts.

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