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	Agenda Item No. 38 Roll Call No. <u>16-0778</u> Communication No. <u>16-246</u> Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the implementation of the first phase of the 6th Avenue Trail Connection Project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the MOU with the MPO for the first phase of the 6th Avenue Trail Connection Project. The purpose of the MOU is to establish a cooperative agreement between the City and the MPO to fund, design and implement the first phase of the 6th Avenue Trail Connection Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$43,000 for Phase 1 engineering, hard costs and contingency.

Funding Source: 2016-2017 CIP, Page Parks - 7, Multi-Use Trail, PK045, Various Funding, Being: \$9,165 in MPO Grant Funds, and the remaining \$33,835, G.O. Bonds, PK045.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In November 2015, the MPO made available the Complete Streets Tactical Starts Grant Program.
- The 6th Avenue Corridor approached the Parks and Recreation Department to submit an application to pave and provide signage for an existing, well-used gravel/dirt connection from 6th Avenue to the Neal Smith Trail.
- Our application was successful and now requires an MOU with the MPO to secure the grant funding by outlining the roles and responsibilities of both the City and the MPO.
- The MOU has been reviewed, revised and is now acceptable to both the MPO and the City.
- Engineering has prepared basic documentation to show the extent of work and developed a preliminary cost opinion. The diagrammatic plan below shows Phase 1 and the future Phase 2 (estimated at \$40,000). The MPO has agreed to the proposed phasing.
- Phase 2 is dependent upon available funding, including additional grants.
- Phase 1 will be completed by November 2017, which includes review and approval of the design by the Corps of Engineers.
- Since 2008, the 6th Avenue Corridor has been working towards streetscape improvements along 6th Avenue, from Hickman Road to Interstate 235. The Trail Connection Project is a separate effort, but will complement the streetscape project.

Preliminary Project Plan



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions for engineering and construction contracts to implement the project.

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