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	Agenda Item No. 8 Roll Call No. <u>17-0088</u> Communication No. <u>17-042</u> Submitted by: Scott E. Sanders, City Manager and Pamela S. Cooksey, City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving contribution to the Greater Des Moines Water Trails and Greenways Phase I Engineering Study.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of support and financial contribution of \$47,788 to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Water Trails Engineering Study to develop preliminary designs and establish cost estimates for the recommended projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$47,788

Funding Source: Proposed 2017-18 Operating Budget, Engineering Department Management Services EG001070

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- August 22, 2016, MPO staff presented an overview of the draft Water Trails and Greenways Plan at the City Council Workshop.
- November 17, 2016, the MPO Board unanimously voted to approve the Greater Des Moines Water Trails and Greenways Plan.
- The Water Trails Engineering Study will help establish cost estimates for the proposed projects. The study will provide communities with a more detailed assessment and understanding of on-site needs for recommended improvements. The study will assess the feasibility of the recommendations in the Greater Des Moines and Water Trails Plan relating to the downtown area recommendations, including mitigation of dams and considerations of safe on-water recreation, economic development, environmental restoration, historical preservation and required pool levels.
- The MPO estimates the Water Trails Engineering Study will cost approximately \$500,000. A total of \$90,000 has been raised from the Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, Polk County Conservation and Greater Des Moines Partnership with an additional \$205,000 in challenge grant money from the Leadership Circle of the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation.

The challenge grant is a challenge to local jurisdictions to help fund the remaining \$205,000. The MPO has developed a formula to split the cost based on percent of the region's population, miles of river and number of projects. The calculated contribution for Des Moines is \$47,788.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Review and consideration of recommended projects, future contribution to project development.

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