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|  <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p> | Date: | October 8, 2018 |
| | Agenda Item No. 44 Roll Call No. <u>18-1711</u> Communication No. <u>18-496</u> Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer | |

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Trestle to Trestle Trail Repair East of Beaver Avenue. Reject all bids on Trestle to Trestle Trail Repair East of Beaver Avenue and to close the Hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and engineer’s estimate.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council reject all bids because there were only two (2) bids received and the apparent low bid exceeded the estimate by 54.6%. This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Trestle to Trestle Trail Repair East of Beaver Avenue and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project provides for the repair of the Trestle to Trestle Trail.

FISCAL IMPACT:

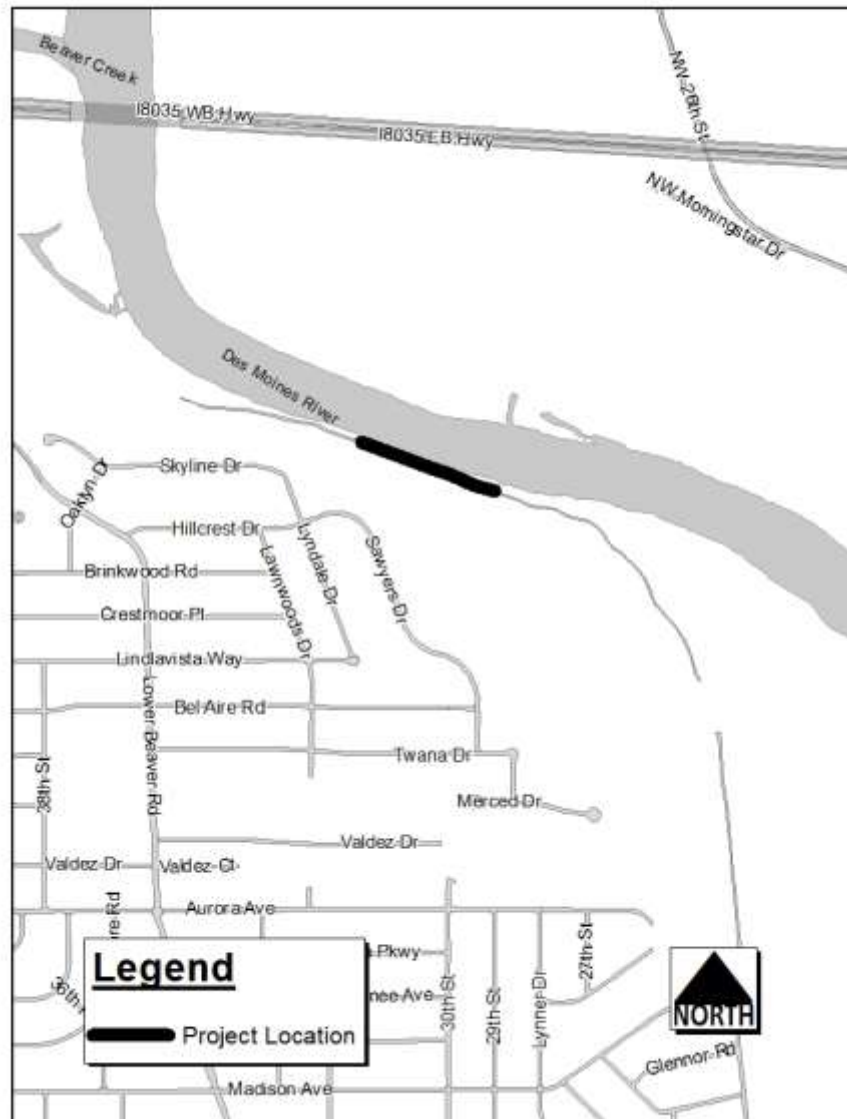
Amount: N/A

Funding Source: 2018-2019 CIP, Page Parks – 8, Multi-Use Trails, PK045, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On September 10, 2018, under Roll Call No. 18-1479, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Trestle to Trestle Trail Repair East of Beaver Avenue. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Trestle to Trestle Trail Repair East of Beaver Avenue, 04-2019-006. The improvement includes the repair of the Trestle to Trestle Trail, including Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), subdrains, sheet piling, Class E revetment, and 18-inch storm sewer pipe; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 574-111/113, located along the Des Moines River south of Lower Beaver Road, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, IA
 - Jensen Construction Company, Des Moines, IA

- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on September 25, 2018.
- Only two (2) bids were submitted. The apparent low bid was submitted by Peterson Contractors, Inc, Cordell Peterson, President, 104 Blackhawk Street, Reinbeck, Iowa, 50669, in the amount of \$618,342 which was 54.6% over the project estimate of \$400,000. The higher than estimated bids were primarily due to the mobilization bid item. Except for the mobilization bid item, the submitted unit prices from the two (2) bidders were comparable to the estimated prices. Bidding this type of work at a time when contractors are trying to finish other obligated work for the year can influence bids. Contractors feedback indicated they missed the opportunity to bid on this project due to current workload, and misinterpreting the project elements. Contractors who missed bidding expressed interest in the project as winter work. Therefore, rebidding the project during the winter months would likely lead to a more favorable bidding climate. The City Engineer recommends rebidding the project soon for winter construction.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 10, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-1479](#)

Action: [Ordering](#) construction of Trestle to Trestle Trail, Repair East of Beaver Avenue: Receiving of bids, (9-25-18), Setting date of hearing, (10-8-18). Engineer's estimate, \$400,000. ([Council Communication No. 18-450](#)) Moved by Gray to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Ordering construction, setting date of hearing, and receiving of bids later in the future.

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