


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-324	Meeting:	August 3, 2020
	Agenda Item:	26	Roll Call:	20-1225
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ratification of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) State Recreational Trails (SRT) funding application by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$450,000 towards the Neal Smith Trail Phase II-Rehabilitation project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend ratification of IDOT SRT funding application by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$450,000 towards the Neal Smith Trail Phase II-Rehabilitation project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$450,000 SRT funding revenue if awarded toward an overall pre-design/concept estimate of \$900,000.

Funding Source: Anticipated \$450,000 in SRT funding from IDOT and remaining funding from 2020-2021 CIP, Park Improvements, Multi-Use Trails, Page 13 – Neal Smith Trail Phase II

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The SRT Funding is managed through the IDOT and supports cities with any population in seeking funding with a minimum 25% match for the development and/or acquisition of land for multi-use trails in the state of Iowa.
- The Parks and Recreation Department is applying for a \$450,000 award for the Neal Smith Phase II project. This application requires that the City Council provide certain authorizations and certifications when making the application. This includes a maintenance and operation plan for a minimum of 20 years and a guaranteed match funds of at least 25% for the entire requested sum from the SRT funding program.
- The City is in a position to commit to these requirements. The Parks and Recreation Department operating budget supports the on-going maintenance and operation of this trail section by trail staff dedicated to these important tasks. The Parks and Recreation Department approved CIP budget specifically calls out this project and has funding dedicated in excess of the required 25% match.

- Located north of Euclid Avenue (Highway 6) and Des Moines City limits, the 1-mile stretch of the Neal Smith Trail is one (1) of the last trail sections to be updated in the City to multi-use standards. The entire 26-mile long Neal Smith Trail was originally built in 1982 and designated as the Neal Smith Trail in 1990.
- The section of trail features beautiful mature trees and scenic views of the Des Moines River, but over the trail’s almost 40-year history its condition deteriorated and is now in need of repair.
- The proposed improvements will be very similar to those of the Phase 1 improvements that were completed in 2017: mill and overlay, subbase improvements where needed, widening to the now standard 10-foot width, adding 6-foot mow breaks on both sides of the trail to improve safety and a short section realigned to accommodate current trail standards.

Neal Smith Trail Rehabilitation Project Phase II SECTION C.



Legend

- Neal Smith Trail Rehabilitation Project Phase II
- Trail, Existing
- Realignment Section
- Non-City of Des Moines Jurisdiction
- Future Proposed Neighborhood Connection

City of DES MOINES
 Planning and Research
 Date Produced 06/19/2020

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PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 22, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-0353](#)

Action: [On](#) Neal Smith Trail Rehabilitation – Riverview Park to Euclid Avenue: approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer’s estimate, receive and file bids and designating lowest responsible bidder as OMG Midwest, Inc. d/b/a Des Moines Asphalt & Paving (James Gauger, President), \$463,347.57. (Continued from 2-8-16). ([Council Communication No. 16-089](#)) Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Grant agreement.

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