


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-283	Meeting:	June 28, 2021
	Agenda Item:	41	Roll Call:	21-0992
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) State Recreation Trails (SRT) Program funding application by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$400,000 towards the Riverview Connection Trail.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the IDOT SRT Program funding application by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$400,000 towards the Riverview Connection Trail.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$650,000

Funding Source: Anticipated \$400,000 in SRT funding and remaining \$250,000 GO Bonds to be Issued - 2022-23 CIP, PK045 Multi-Use Trails, page 64.

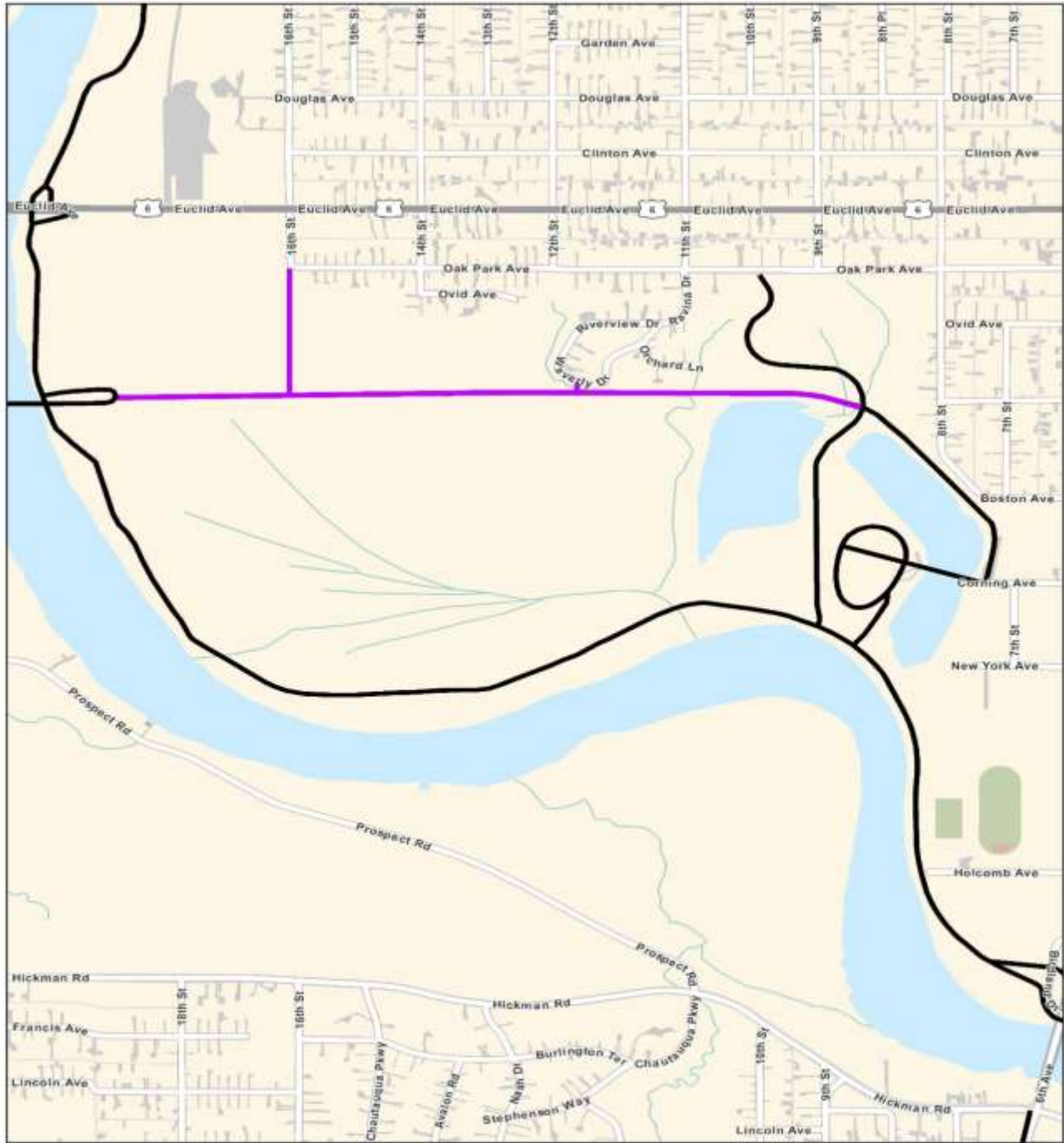
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The SRT Program funding is managed through the IDOT and supports cities with any population in seeking funding with a minimum 25% match needed from 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 \$400,000 award for the Riverview Connection Trail. 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 for the entire requested sum from the SRT Program funding program and the project must be completed by two (2) years after awarded.



- 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 to add to the project's aid in funding a 38.1% match in CIP funds for the grant funding application.
- Located northwest of Riverview Park and the Inter-Urban Pedestrian Bridge, the 1-mile stretch of the Riverview Connection Trail is one (1) of the last neighborhood connections to be updated in the City to multi-use standards. The Riverview Connection Trail was originally an old railroad corridor with the millings left in its place connecting Riverview Park to the Inter-Urban Pedestrian Bridge which once served as a trestle bridge for the railroad.
- The proposed improvements are to do a hot-mix-asphalt overlay application to the existing millings trail, 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 will be connecting to Oak Park Avenue to accommodate the surrounding neighborhood and connect them to the Central Iowa Trails network.
- This connection would offer an alternate route during high water events that would provide enhanced connectivity for local and regional trail users.
- The current anticipated timeline would include construction beginning in spring or summer 2023 with a fall 2023 completion.

Riverview Trail Connection Project

SECTION C.



Legend

-  Riverview Connection Trail
-  Paved Trail, Existing



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Ordering construction, public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, approve contract and bond, partial payments to the contractor, and final acceptance of work.

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