


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	22-381	Meeting:	August 22, 2022
	Agenda Item:	6	Roll Call:	22-1308
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) grant agreement for the Carlisle Trail Connection Project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the IDOT Agreement Number 22-TAP-115 for the Carlisle Trail Connection project. The goal of the project is to connect the Carlisle Nature Trail/Summerset National Recreation Trail with the Greater Des Moines Regional Trail System and Central Iowa Trail Network.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,400,000 in combined grants (Transportation Alternatives Program {TAP} & Federal Recreation Trails {FRT}) applied toward an overall estimated project cost of \$4,636,142.

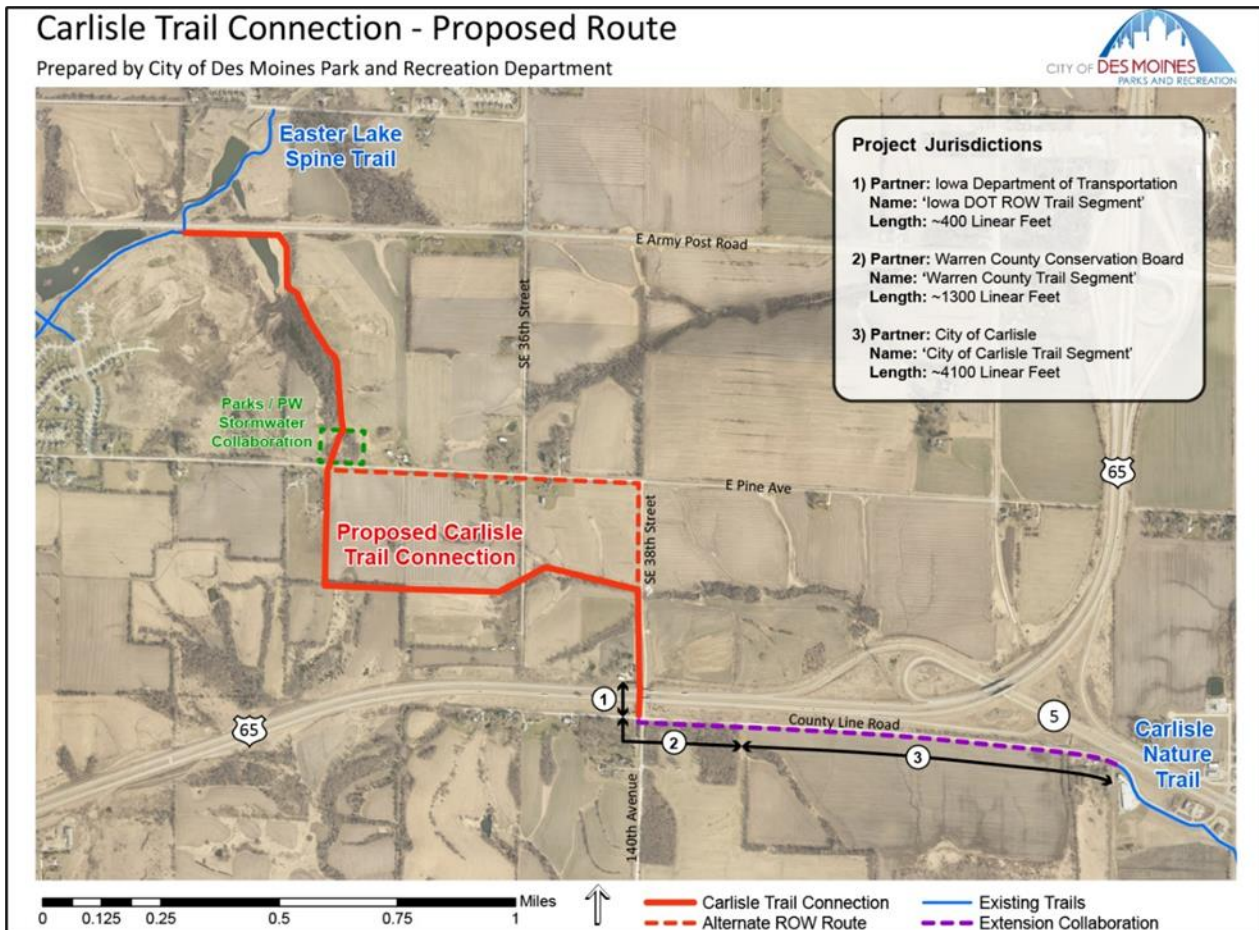
Funding Source – Various funding being:

- \$1,200,000 - 2022-2023 CIP, Page 89, Carlisle Connection Trail, PK190, Federal, State, Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST)
- \$200,000 - GO Bonds Issued transferred from PK045
- \$1,095,228 - GO Bonds to be transferred from PK045
- \$1,000,000 - FY23 Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) TAP grant award
- \$400,000 - FY21 IDOT FRT grant award
- \$290,914 - FY20 Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) REAP grant award
- \$50,000 - Stormwater Bonds to be issued transferred from SM057
- \$400,000 – Anticipated IDOT State Recreation Trails (SRT) grant award

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This IDOT agreement is for \$400,000 in FRT funding and \$1,000,000 in TAP funding for a combined total of \$1,400,000 to support project implementation. FRT funding falls under the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Recreational Trails Program.

- This project includes constructing a new trail section between the Easter Lake Spine Trail and the existing City of Carlisle Nature Trail. This segment is a critical gap in the regional trail system as it will help connect two (2) National Recreation Trails, the Summerset Trail and the Neal Smith Trail. This is the final segment needed to connect the City of Indianola to Saylorville Lake and beyond to the north. The project is estimated to cost \$4,636,142.
- The new trail will be a 10-foot-wide concrete section, approximately three (3) miles in length, and will include a grade-separated crossing (tunnel) at E. Army Post Road. The project will also include trail amenities similar to all of the City of Des Moines’ arterial trail projects. These amenities will include rest points with benches, an information hub with signage, a bicycle maintenance station, directional standard signage, and traffic counter.
- The City of Carlisle and Warren County have completed 28E agreements with the City of Des Moines to accept ownership, operate, and maintain the trail segment and related property within each entity’s jurisdiction for the required 20-year maintenance term.
- The City is currently awaiting a determination on an IDOT SRT grant request for \$400,000 to support the project. A determination is anticipated October 2022.
- The project is currently in the final design phase. Construction is tentatively expected to start in calendar year 2023 pending City Council approval.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 27, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-0973](#)

Action: [Iowa](#) Department of Transportation (IDOT) State Recreational Trails (SRT) Grant Application for the Carlisle Connection Multiuse Recreational Trail Project, \$400,000. ([Council Communication No. 22-295](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include potential acceptance of additional grant funding and associated agreements, ordering construction, public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also, partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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