


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-118	Meeting:	March 18, 2024
	Agenda Item:	7C	Roll Call:	24-0392
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Bill Riley Trail Resurfacing from Ashworth Pool to Gray's Lake - Receiving bids, (4-2-24), and Setting date of hearing, (5-6-24). (Construction Estimate - \$970,000).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. The project includes the rehabilitation of the Walnut Creek Trail from North Valley Drive to its intersection with the Bill Riley Trail, rehabilitation of the Bill Riley Trail from Ashworth Pool to its intersection with the Meredith Trail on the south side of Gray's Lake Park, and rehabilitation of the Ashworth Pool parking lot.

FISCAL IMPACT:

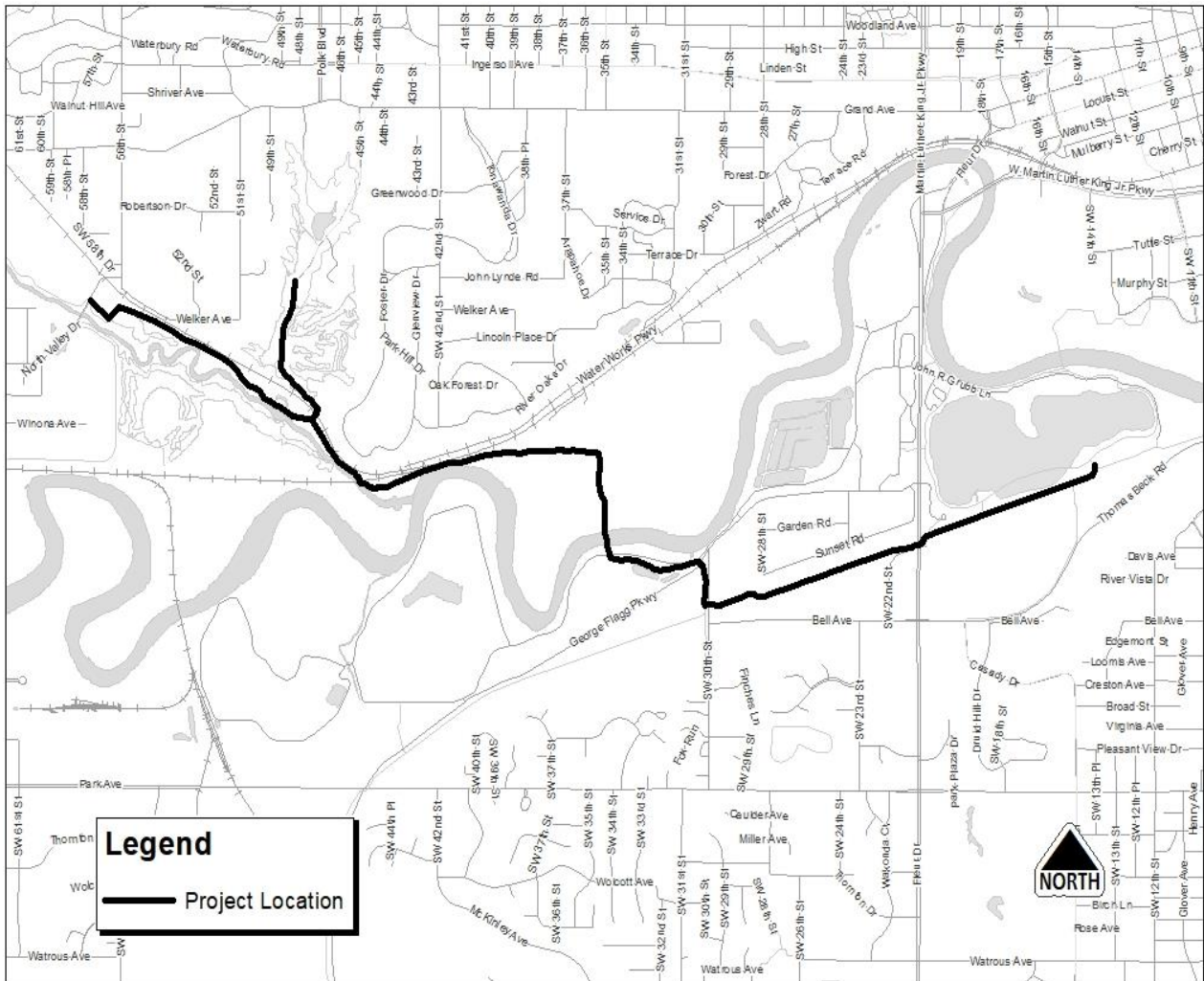
Amount: \$970,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 72, Multi-Use Trails, PK045, Being: General Fund made possible with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Bill Riley Trail Resurfacing from Ashworth Pool Parking Lot to Gray's Lake Park (3.47 trail miles) and Walnut Creek Trail Resurfacing from North Valley Drive to the Bill Riley Trail (0.87 trail miles), Activity ID 11-2023-010. The improvement includes excavation, milling, overlay, Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) paving, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) patching, PCC curb and gutter, storm sewer, intakes, pavement markings, traffic control, restoration, seeding, and miscellaneous associated work to complete the project, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 662-185/217 located along the Walnut Creek Trail, the Bill Riley Trail, and other locations as directed by the City Engineer.
- The estimated construction cost is \$970,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.

- The City of Des Moines multi-use trail counters logged an estimated 3.2 million trail trips in 2023 across the system, with the Bill Riley Trail accounting for an estimated 236,051 of these trips and the Walnut Creek Trail an estimated 229,308 of these trips. It is anticipated that these numbers will increase year-by-year as the trail system continues to grow, gaps are filled, and new neighborhood connections are completed.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed early October 2024.
- The project is broken into four phases. Each phase must be completed in full prior to the next phase being initiated to support keeping as much trail open as possible at any given time for the duration of the project. The phases include:
 - 1) Walnut Creek Trail – North Valley Drive to Bill Riley Trail
 - 2) Bill Riley Trail – Ashworth Parking Lot to Walnut Creek Trail T-Intersection
 - 3) Bill Riley Trail – Walnut Creek Trail T-Intersection to Water Works Park Bridge
 - 4) Bill Riley Trail – Water Works Park Bridge to Meredith Trail at Gray’s Lake
- In order to comply with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, detours for each phase of this project cannot be provided as there are no reasonable detour corridors locally available that can equally serve all multi-use trail users. This limitation is due to the highly topographic nature of the Walnut Creek greenway corridor, railroad corridors in the area limiting access, and limited connectivity to the street grid and sidewalk network.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include 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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