


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-452	Meeting:	November 4, 2024
	Agenda Item:	8B	Roll Call:	24-1494
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 - Receiving bids, (11-19-24), and Setting date of hearing, (12-9-24). (Construction Estimate - \$1,800,000).

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. This project includes the construction of a new multi-use trail section between Lauridsen Skatepark, located just southeast of 2nd Avenue and School Street, and the intersection of Franklin Avenue and 2nd Avenue in north-central Des Moines. Much of the trail alignment is atop the Central Place Levee offering views of the Des Moines River Greenway. The new trail will be a 10-foot-wide paved section, approximately 1.5-miles in length, and will include additional access spurs at University Avenue and College Avenue. The last remaining segment of West River Drive will be removed as part of this project and an emergency access off Illinois Street will be constructed as an alternative ingress/egress route for the parking lot, trail, and Lauridsen Skatepark.

FISCAL IMPACT:

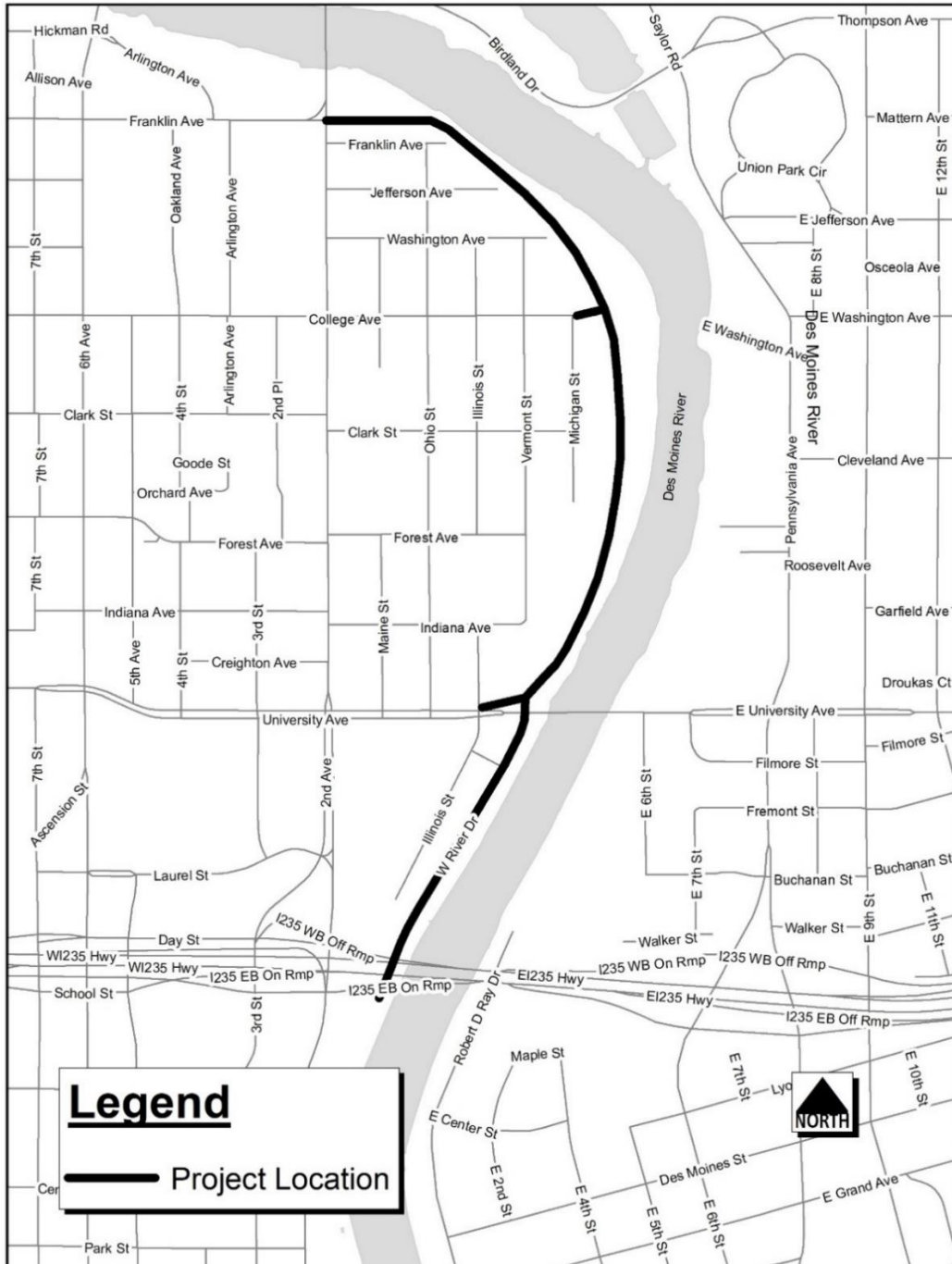
Amount: \$1,800,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 80, Central Place Levee Trail, PK193, Being: \$500,000 (maximum) Federal Recreations Trails Program (RTP), \$500,000 (maximum) Federal Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Funds, \$250,000, General Funds made possible by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, and the remaining \$550,000 in G.O. Bonds transferred from PK045 Multi-Use Trails

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1, Activity ID 11-2022-002. The improvement includes earthwork, grading, pavement removal, placement of six (6)-inch-thick Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) trail, subbase, storm sewer, bridge drain, traffic control, restoration, seeding, construction survey, and other associated work, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 664-053/154, along the Central Place Levee from West River Drive to 2nd Avenue.

- The estimated construction cost is \$1,800,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- Construction of the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 project is anticipated to begin in the spring 2025 and be completed in the fall 2025.
- The City of Des Moines multi-use trail counters logged an estimated 3.2 million trail uses in 2023 across the system. It is anticipated that this number will increase year-by-year as the system continues to grow and gaps such as the one being filled by this project are completed.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 19, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0231](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of an addendum to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) agreement for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 Project. ([Council Communication No. 24-074](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: August 21, 2024

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Due to lack of quorum, a consensus of the members present recommended this project as presented.

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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