


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	24-453	Meeting:	November 4, 2024
	Agenda Item:	8A	Roll Call:	24-1493
	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 a Cooperative Agreement between the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the City of Des Moines for construction and maintenance of the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of IDOT Agreement No. 2025-16-025 which specifies responsibilities between the City and IDOT for construction and maintenance of new trail paving and associated site work constructed within the I-235 right-of-way as part of the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 project from West River Drive to 2nd Avenue along the Des Moines River.

FISCAL IMPACT:

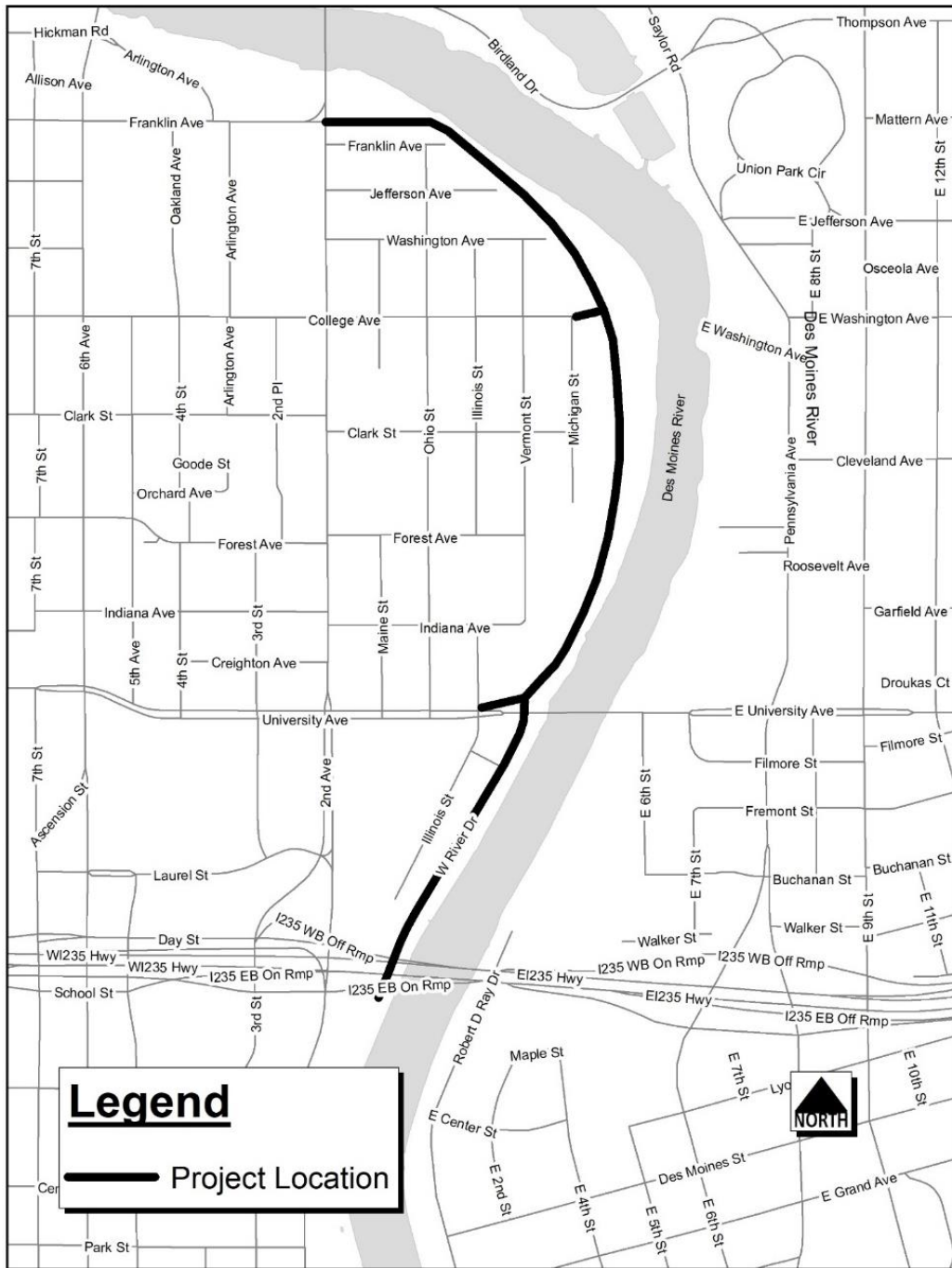
Amount: \$1,800,000 City Engineer's Estimate

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 (FRT) Program, \$500,000 (maximum) Federal Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Funds, \$250,000, General Funds made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding, and the remaining \$550,000 in G.O. Bonds transferred from PK045 Multi-Use Trails

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Phase 1 of the Central Place Levee Trail 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 Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) 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.

- Phase 1 of the Central Place Levee Trail project has a combined total of grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000. On January 9, 2023, by Roll Call No. 23-011, the City Council approved the IDOT Agreement No. 23-TAP-112 providing \$500,000 in TAP funds to the City for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 project. On February 19, 2024, by Roll Call No. 24-0231, City Council approved an addendum to IDOT agreement No. 23-TAP-112-A for \$500,000 in FRT Program funds for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 Project.
- A portion of the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 Project includes construction under the Interstate 235 Bridge over Des Moines River, including trail construction and modification to the bridge drainage system above the new trail. This work requires the Cooperative Agreement between IDOT and the City to allow construction of the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 project in the IDOT right-of-way and assigning maintenance responsibilities to the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 project improvements.
- IDOT Agreement No. 2025-16-025 specifies responsibilities for the City and IDOT for project costs, permits, design, construction, maintenance, and traffic control during construction. At the completion of the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 project, the City will be responsible for maintaining the new trail, and the bridge deck drain constructed with the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 project.
- 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 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.

Date: October 2, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1292](#)

Action: [Ratification](#) of IDOT FRT grant application requesting \$500,000 for the Central Place Levee Phase 1 Multi Use Recreational Trail project. ([Council Communication No. 23-449](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: August 21, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1200](#)

Action: [Authorization](#) to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 Project. ([Council Communication No. 23-383](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

Date: May 8, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0632](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for design services for Central Place Levee Trail, Phase 1, not to exceed \$25,250. ([Council Communication No. 23-226](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

Date: January 9, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0011](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of the IDOT Agreement for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 project. ([Council Communication No. 23-008](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.

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 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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