


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	24-490	Meeting:	December 9, 2024
	Agenda Item:	47	Roll Call:	24-1670
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Peterson Contractors, Inc., Cordell Peterson, President, \$1,402,042.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project includes the construction of a new multi-use trail section along the west side of the Des Moines River 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 a paved emergency access off Illinois Street has been constructed as an alternative ingress/egress route for the parking lot, trail, and Lauridsen Skatepark.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,402,042 Construction Contract (\$1,800,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

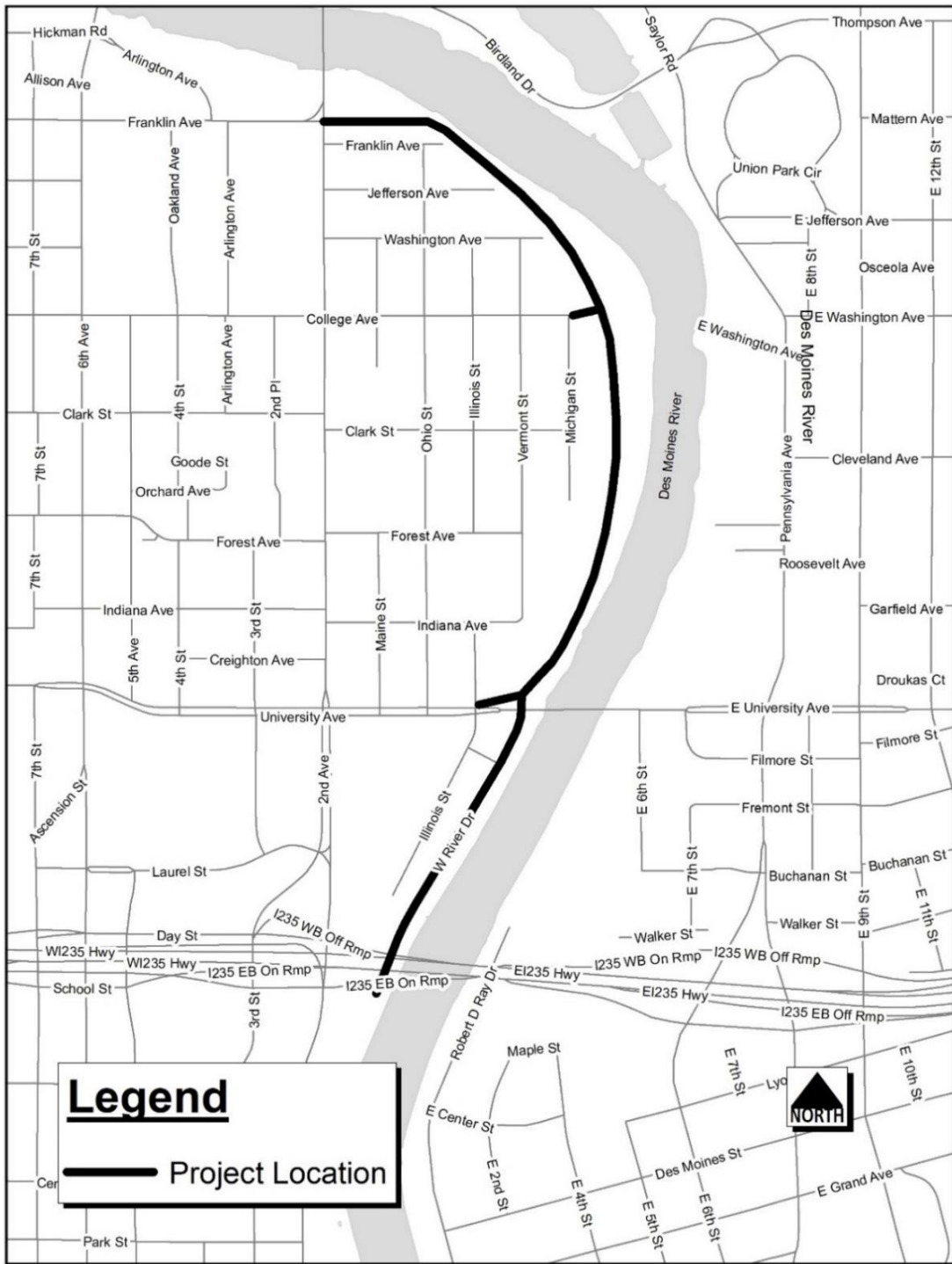
Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 80, Central Place Levee Trail, PK193, Being: \$500,000 (maximum) Federal Recreations Trails Program (RTP), \$500,000 (maximum) Federal Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Funds, \$250,000, General Funds made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding, and the remaining \$152,042 in G.O. Bonds transferred from PK045 Multi-Use Trails

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On November 4, 2024, under Roll Call No. 24-1494, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and 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.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, IA – Low Bid
 - Howrey Construction, Inc., Rockwell City, IA
 - Reilly Construction Co., Inc., Ossian, IA
 - TK Concrete, Inc., Pella, IA
 - Jasper Construction Services, Inc., Newton, IA
- The bids, in accordance with a previously approved Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement, were received and opened by IDOT on November 19, 2024 on behalf of the City.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Peterson Contractors, Inc. (Cordell Peterson, President, 104 Blackhawk Street, PO Box A, Reinbeck, IA 50669-0155) in the amount of \$1,402,042, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- Construction of the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 project is anticipated to begin in spring 2025 and be completed in the fall 2025.
- The main spine of this multi-use trail is 1.4 miles and the access spurs at University Avenue and College Avenue are approximately 0.1 miles combined for a total project length of 1.5 miles. The trail will directly connect to both the Principal Riverwalk and the trail facility recently added to the 2nd Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River.
- Installation of site amenities will be completed outside of this construction contract.
- Pending future City Council approvals, the Phase 1A Birdland Master Plan Improvements and Phase 2 of the Central Place Trail will continue extending the trail network connectivity provided by this project.
- 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: November 4, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1493](#) and [24-1494](#)

Action: Items regarding the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 Project:

- (A) Approving and authorizing the execution of a Cooperative Agreement between IDOT and the City of Des Moines for construction and maintenance. (Council Communication No. 24-453) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0. Absent: Simonson.
- (B) Ordering construction - Receiving of bids, (11-19-24), and Setting date of hearing, (12-9-24), Construction estimate, \$1,800,000. (Council Communication No. 24-452) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0. Absent: Simonson.

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:

Approval of supplemental design consulting fees, partial payments to the contractor, and final acceptance of work.

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