

**Date** May 10, 2021

APPROVAL OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) COVID-19  
RELIEF RECREATIONAL TRAILS FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEAL SMITH  
TRAIL PHASE II PROJECT

WHEREAS, the approximately 26 mile-long Neal Smith Multi-Use Recreational Trail was originally built in 1982 and all but a one mile section of the Trail has been updated to multi-use trail standards; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department desires to submit an application to the IDOT for a COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program (RRTP) grant in the amount of \$800,000 as reimbursement to the City to be applied towards the cost of updating such remaining one-mile Trail section (Neal Smith Trail Phase II Project or Project); and

WHEREAS, the Neal Smith Trail Phase II Project includes a surface overlay, widening of the trail segment to ten feet, installation of an informational panel about the Neal Smith Trail, installation of an Urban PYRO Eco-Counter, bench pads for future benches, and removing invasive tree species; and

WHEREAS, the Project will include a new quarter mile trail spur that will connect the Neal Smith Trail to 16<sup>th</sup> Street connecting the Oak Park/Highland Park Neighborhood to the Central Iowa Trails System; and

WHEREAS, the Project will include sidewalk improvements along Euclid Avenue (Highway 6) from the Neal Smith Trail connection to 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Euclid Avenue Intersection; and

WHEREAS, the RRTP grant application requires that the City Council provide certain endorsements of the City Council, including adequate maintenance of the Neal Smith Trail Phase II Project improvements for 20 years and a guarantee that the Project be completed by September 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. The above described Neal Smith Trail Phase II Project is authorized and endorsed.
2. The grant application to be submitted by the Parks and Recreation Department to the Iowa Department of Transportation to seek COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program (“RRTP”) financial assistance in the amount of \$800,000 for the Project is hereby approved and the Parks and Recreation Department is authorized to make such application on behalf of the City of Des Moines. The Director of Parks and Recreation is hereby authorized to execute any necessary certification on behalf of the City for such RRTP grant application.

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3. The City affirms its intention to complete said Project by September 30, 2023.
4. If such RRTP grant is awarded to the City, the City agrees to adequately maintain the portion of the Neal Smith Trail on which such RRTP funding was used so that it will be made available for its intended use to members of the public for 20 years from the date of acceptance of such Project improvements.

(Council Communication No. 21-214 )

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

Attachment: COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trail Program grant application.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Ann DiDonato  
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
MANDELBAUM				
VOSS				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	
_____ Mayor				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

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City Clerk