


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-467	Meeting:	October 19, 2020
	Agenda Item:	35	Roll Call:	20-1671
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of Additional Endorsement for Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Federal Recreational Trails (FRT) Grant Application for \$400,000 for the Carlisle Connection Multi-Use Recreational Trail Project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of additional endorsement confirming required match funding for previously submitted IDOT FRT grant funding application by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$400,000 towards the Carlisle Connection multi-jurisdictional, multi-use trail project. The city of Carlisle and Warren County Conservation Board are co-applicants.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$400,000 FRT funding revenue if awarded toward an overall pre-engineering design estimate of \$2,800,000

Funding Source: Anticipated \$400,000 in FRT funding from IDOT and remaining funding from:

- \$1,000,000 - 2022-2023 CIP, Park Improvements, Carlisle Connection Trail Page 3, PK190
- \$900,000 – Fiscal Year (FY)23 Des Moines Area MPO TAP grant award
- \$290,914 - FY20 Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) REAP grant award
- Additional \$209,086 in grant funding yet to be applied for and secured (2021 IDOT-SRT)

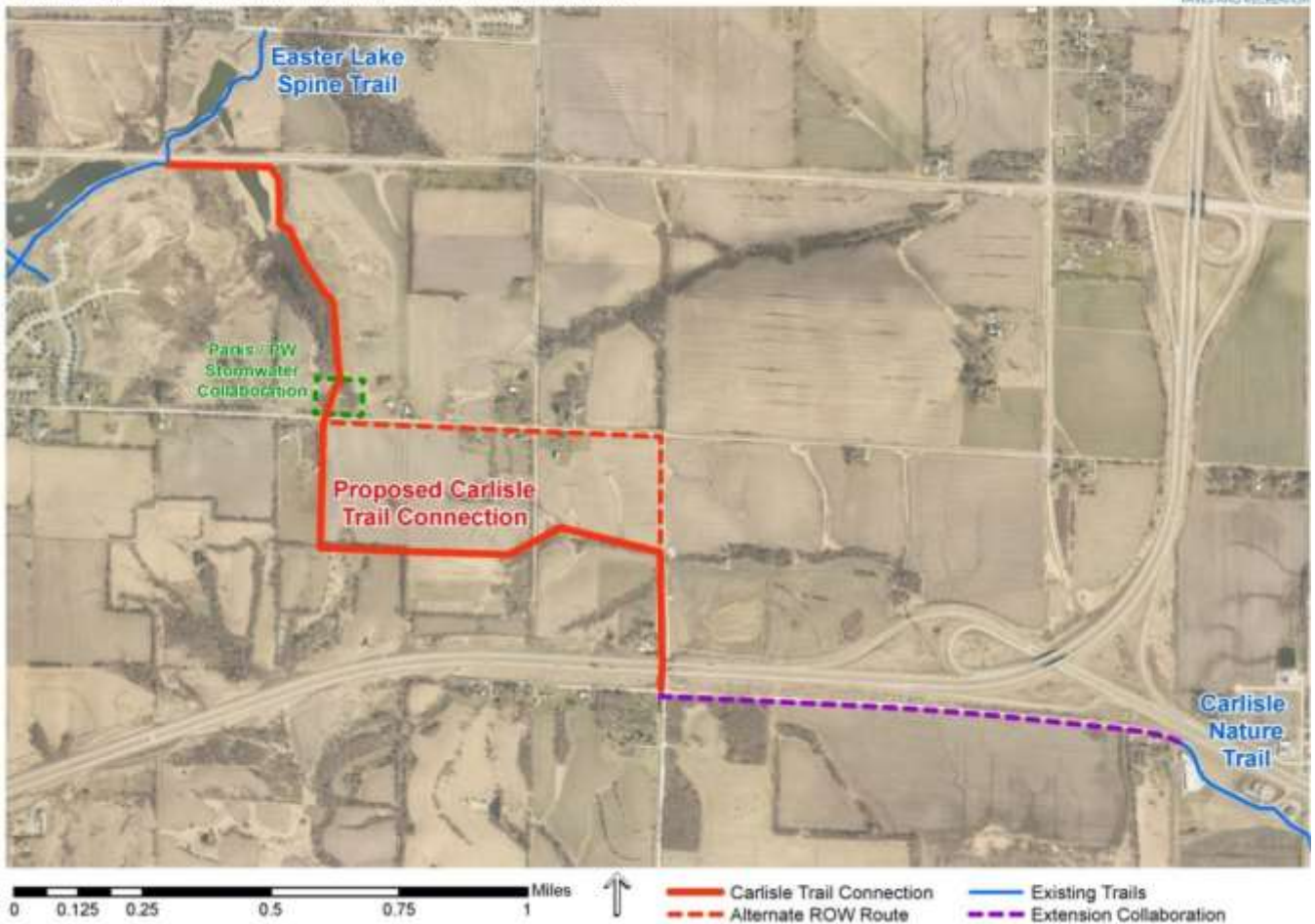
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- FRT funding is managed through the IDOT and supports cities with any population in seeking funding with a minimum 20% funding match for the development and/or acquisition of land for multi-use trails in the state of Iowa.
- The Parks and Recreation Department is collaborating with the city of Carlisle and the Warren County Conservation Board to apply for a \$400,000 award for the Carlisle Connection multi-use trail project. This application requires that the City Council provide certain authorizations and certifications when making the application. This includes a maintenance and operation plan for a minimum of 20 years and guaranteed match funds of at least 20% for the entire requested sum from the FRT funding program.

- The City is in a position to commit to these requirements. The Parks and Recreation Department operating budget supports the ongoing maintenance and operation of this trail section within City of Des Moines and IDOT Highway 65/SE 38th Street Underpass (approx. 415 linear feet) jurisdictions by trail staff dedicated to these important tasks. The Parks and Recreation Department approved CIP budget specifically calls out this project and has funding dedicated in excess of the required 20% match.
- The city of Carlisle and Warren County Conservation Boards shall pass resolutions agreeing to accept ownership, operate, and maintain the trail segment and related property within each entity’s jurisdiction for the required 20-year maintenance term.
- The approximate 3-mile trail stretch will close the last remaining gap between two (2) National Recreation Trails thus completing the southeast to northwest arterial multi-use trail for the region connecting the city of Indianola to Saylorville Lake and beyond. The targeted corridor includes a greenway and peri-urban agriculture scenery. The project will include standard trail amenities such as rest points, signage, a maintenance station, traffic counter, and closure gates as needed.

Carlisle Trail Connection - Proposed Route

Prepared by City of Des Moines Park and Recreation Department



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 14, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1458](#)

Action: [Iowa](#) Department of Transportation (IDOT) Federal Recreational Trails (FRT) grant application for \$400,000 for the Carlisle Connection Multi-Use Recreational Trail Project. ([Council Communication No. 20-381](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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