


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-118	Meeting:	March 8, 2021
	Agenda Item:	12A	Roll Call:	21-0358
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines, Warren County, and Warren County Conservation Board for voluntary property acquisition, construction, ownership and maintenance of the Carlisle Connection Multi-Use Recreational Trail within Warren County.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of a 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines, Warren County, and Warren County Conservation Board regarding the construction, completed facility conveyance, maintenance, and operation of an approximate one-quarter mile long segment of the proposed Carlisle Connection Multi-Use Recreational Trail within unincorporated Warren County. The overall project includes the construction of approximately three (3) miles of multi-use recreation trail to fill a critical trail gap between the existing Easter Lake Spine Trail in Des Moines with the existing Carlisle Nature Trail in Carlisle.

FISCAL IMPACT:

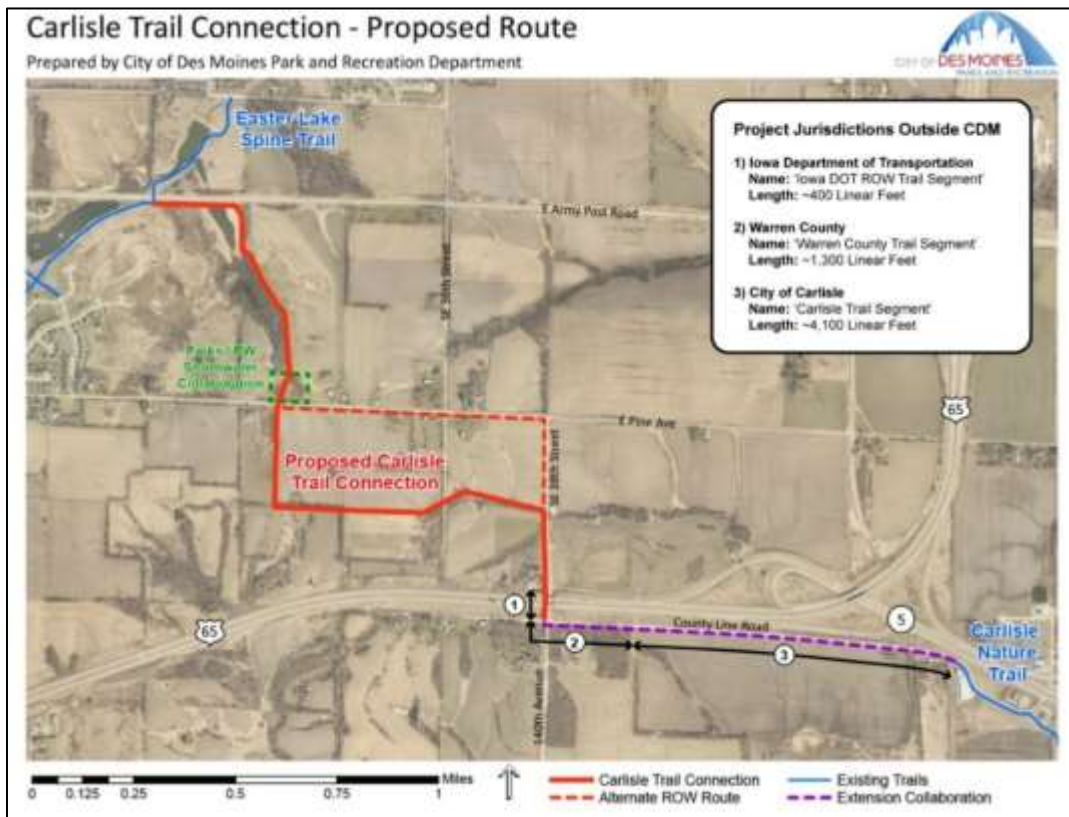
Amount: \$2,800,000 Pre-Engineering Design Construction Estimate

Funding Sources: 2021-2022 Recommended CIP, Page Parks-84, Carlisle Connection Trail, PK190, Being:

- \$290,914 - Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Funds
 - Secured
- \$400,000 - Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Federal Recreational Trails (FRT) Funds
 - Awarded - Acceptance in process
- \$1,000,000 - Federal Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funds
 - Awarded - Acceptance in process
- \$709,086 - G.O. Bonds to be transferred from PK045 Multi-Use Trails, Page 64
- \$400,000 - IDOT State Recreation Trails (SRT) grant funding being sought pending application to be submitted, due July 1, 2021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The approximate 3-mile Carlisle Connection Multi-Use Recreational Trail will complete the last remaining gap between two (2) National Recreation Trails, thus completing the Southeast-Northwest arterial multi-use trail for the region. When complete, this trail will provide a connection between Des Moines and the Cities of Carlisle and Indianola to the southeast. This same trail may be utilized to access Saylorville Lake and beyond to the northwest. The targeted corridor for the project includes a greenway and agricultural scenery. The project will include a 10-foot wide asphalt section similar to all of the City of Des Moines’ arterial trail projects. Standard trail amenities such as rest points, signage, a maintenance station, trail traffic counter, and closure gates will be included as needed. Construction is tentatively anticipated to commence in the spring of 2023.
- The 28E Agreement, which was developed with Warren County and Warren County Conservation Board staff, provides that the City of Des Moines will be responsible for construction and funding of the project, including voluntary acquisition of necessary land rights or appropriate real property interests, that Warren County will accept ownership of the Trail Segment upon completion, and that the Warren County Conservation Board will be responsible for operation and maintenance of the trail segment within unincorporated Warren County.
- The Parks and Recreation Department has collaborated with the City of Carlisle and the Warren County Conservation Board per Roll Call No. 20-1458 to apply for an IDOT, FRT grant and was awarded \$400,000 which is in the process of being accepted. The same group of co-applicants will apply for an IDOT, SRT grant in 2021 with the goal of achieving full funding for the project. The state and federal grant funding included in this project require proper maintenance and operation of the trail facility for a period of no less than 20 years.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 14, 2020

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

Action: [Approval](#) of IDOT 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:

Anticipated actions include a professional services agreement for project design, an additional grant agreement, ordering construction, public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, contract and bond approval, partial payments to the contractor, final acceptance of work, and conveyance of the completed facility segment per the 28E agreement.

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