


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>22-028</b>	Meeting:	<b>January 24, 2022</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>8</b>	Roll Call:	<b>22-0086</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Items regarding the Neal Smith Trail Rehabilitation - Euclid Avenue to Saylor Creek Bridge Project:

- Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to Lease Contract No. DACW25-1-93-4040 with the Department of the Army - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
- Approving Consent to Easement Structures (Consent No. DACW25-9-22-4022) with the USACE.

## SYNOPSIS:

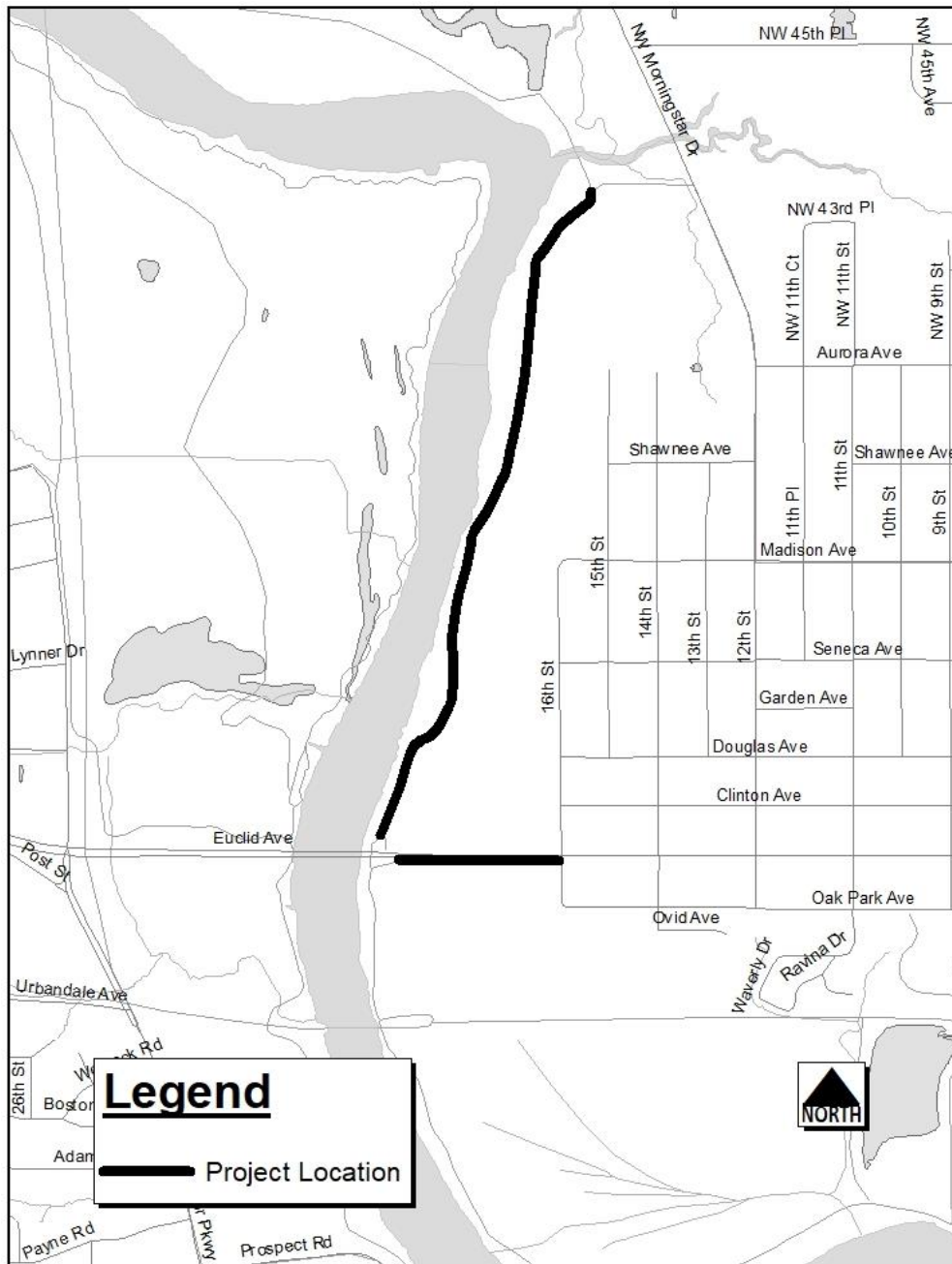
Recommend approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for Lease Contract No. DACW25-1-93-4040 and Consent to Easement Structures No. DACW25-9-22-4022 with the USACE (East Annex – Building 340, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204-2004), for trail reconstruction, widening and realignment for the Neal Smith Trail Rehabilitation - Euclid Avenue to Saylor Creek Bridge Project.

## FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Originally constructed in 1982, the Neal Smith Trail is an approximate 26-mile multiuse trail that extends from Des Moines, connecting to the John Pat Dorrian Trail under East University Avenue, through the Saylorville Lake area to Big Creek State Park.
- Over four (4) miles of the Neal Smith Trail are located within the City of Des Moines corporate limits, with portions located on property owned by USACE.
- On May 3, 1982, by Roll Call No. 82-1844, the City Council agreed to lease approximately 262.30 acres of land along the Des Moines River, both sides between Sixth Avenue and Euclid Avenue, as part of a Cost-Sharing Contract and Recreation Master Plan.
- On July 27, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-2404, City Council approved Lease Agreement with Army Corps of Engineers for public park and recreation purposes along the Des Moines River corridor between Sixth Avenue and Euclid Avenue to make further progress on Inter Urban Trail project.

- The City's responsibility for maintenance of the Neal Smith Trail extend to the City limits near a small bridge over Saylor Creek. On October 27, 2008, by Roll Call No. 08-1855, City Council approved Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Lease for Public Park and Recreation Purposes Saylorville Lake, Iowa Corridor Area to add approximately 20.3 acres of land north of Euclid Avenue to the lease to include the maintenance of the portion of Neal Smith Trail north of Euclid Avenue.
- On October 4, 2021, by Roll Call No. 21-1487, City Council approved Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the Lease for Public Park and Recreation Purposes Saylorville Lake, Iowa Corridor Area for improvements to Prospect Park as part of the Central Iowa Water Trails (CIWT) Project.
- The Neal Smith Trail Rehabilitation - Euclid Avenue to Saylor Creek Bridge Project provides for complete pavement reconstruction of approximately 5,000 lineal feet of the Neal Smith Trail from Euclid Avenue to the Saylor Creek Bridge. This reconstruction includes widening the trail to provide a 10-foot trail width and includes realignment of approximately 1,500 lineal feet of trail away from the riverbank, starting about a half mile north of Euclid Avenue.
- A significant portion of the Neal Smith Trail Rehabilitation - Euclid Avenue to Saylor Creek Bridge Project is located on property owned by USACE.
- Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to Lease Contract No. DACW25-1-93-4040 amends the original lease contract by authorizing the City to realign and widen the Neal Smith Trail from eight (8) feet to 10 feet within the project area in order to provide adequate shoulders and meet current Iowa Statewide Urban Design and Specification (SUDAS) Design Standards.
- City Council approval of the Consent to Easement Structures is necessary for USACE authorization of the construction, remediation, operation, and maintenance of the Neal Smith trail on USACE Tract 1829E, which is subject to a perpetual flowage easement held by the USACE, and said Consent to Easement Structures was not included in the original lease agreement.
- Construction of the Neal Smith Trail Rehabilitation - Euclid Avenue to Saylor Creek Bridge Project is anticipated to begin in spring 2022 and be completed in fall 2022.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: January 10, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-0014](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (B) [Neal Smith Trail Rehabilitation](#) – Euclid Avenue to Saylor Creek Bridge: Receiving of bids, (1-25-22) and Setting date of hearing, (2-21-22), Engineer’s estimate, \$821,000. ([Council Communication No. 22-009](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Additional anticipated actions for the project 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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