


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	22-449	Meeting:	October 3, 2022
	Agenda Item:	6	Roll Call:	22-1494
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director; and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ratification of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Federal Recreational Trails (FRT) funding grant application by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$300,000.00 for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase II project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend ratification of the IDOT FRT funding application by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$300,000 towards the Central Place Levee Trail Phase II project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$300,000 FRT funding revenue if awarded toward an overall project estimate of \$2,500,000.

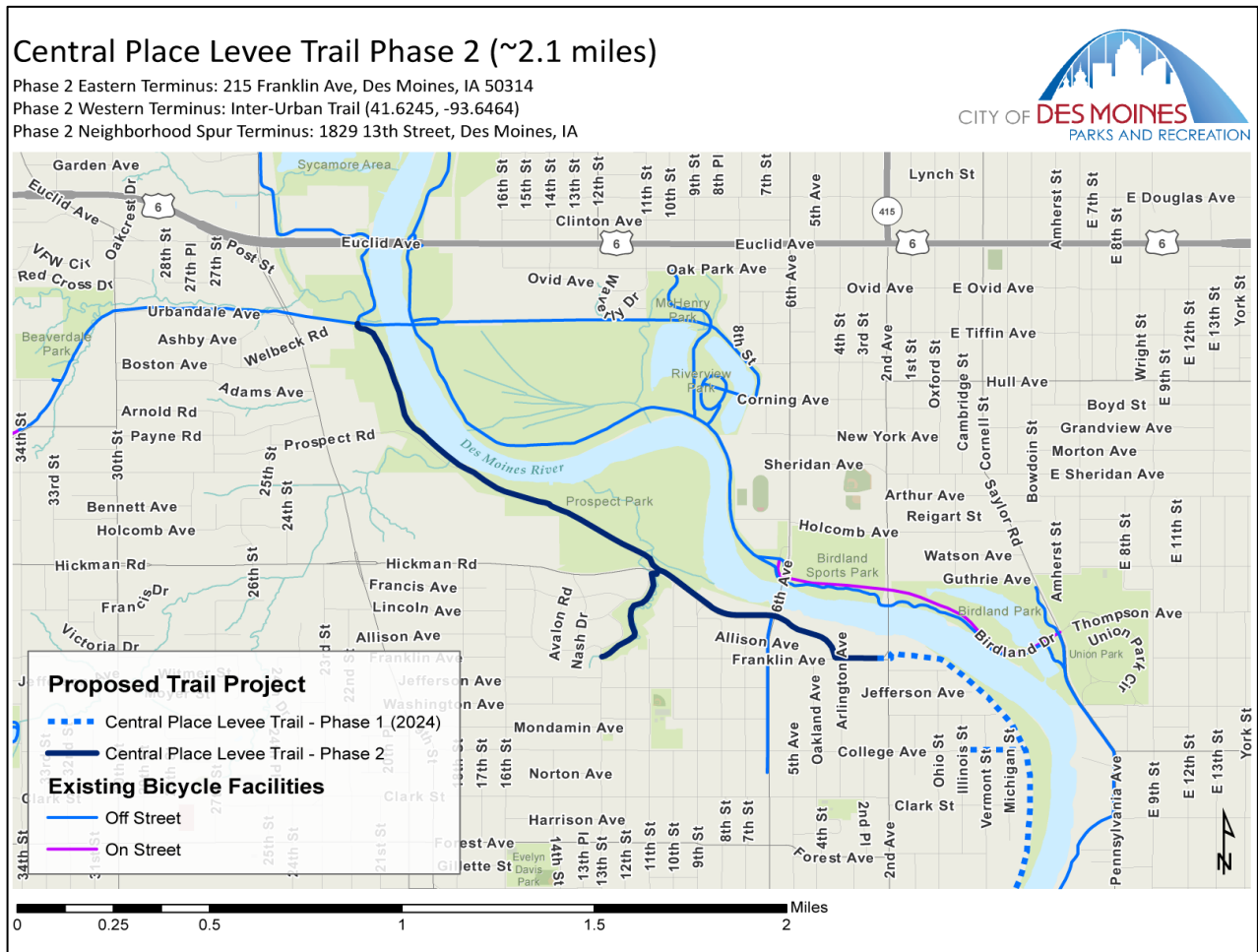
Funding Source: Anticipated \$300,000 in FRT funding from IDOT and remaining funding from:

- \$730,000 - GO Bonds transferred from PK045
- \$300,000 – Fiscal Year (FY)24 Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant award – secured
- \$160,000 - FY24 Private Contributions
- \$800,000 - FY26 Federal Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funds – secured
- Additional \$210,000 in external grant funding yet to be applied for and secured (FY2025 State Recreation Trails (SRT))

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- FRT Funding is managed through IDOT and supports cities with any population in seeking funding with a minimum 20% match for the development and/or acquisition for land for multi-use trails in the state of Iowa.
- The Parks and Recreation Department is applying for a \$300,000 award for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase II project. This application requires that 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 a 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 on-going maintenance and operation of this proposed trail section 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 of the required 20% match.
- Informed by LiveDSM, the Parks and Recreation Department’s comprehensive plan, and the Future Core Bike Network from MoveDSM, the City of Des Moines’ Transportation Master Plan, the Central Place Levee Trail Phase II is an equity-focused project that will serve an area experiencing among the highest degrees of disadvantage per the MPO’s 2020 Environmental Justice Area mapping and analysis.
- This project includes constructing approximately 2.1-miles of new multi-use trail section along the west bank of the Des Moines River and City right-of-way between the intersection of 2nd Avenue and Franklin Avenue and the intersection of the Inter-Urban and Trestle to Trestle multi-use trails. The new trail spine will be a 10-foot-wide asphalt or concrete section, approximately 1.8-miles in length. An approximate 0.3-miles long neighborhood service trail spur will be an 8-foot-wide asphalt or concrete section. The project is estimated to cost \$2,300,000.
- The City plans to request SRT Program funding in the future.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 6, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1792](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), also known as Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside Program, Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 applications to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). ([Council Communication No. 21-511](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Approval of project agreements with IDOT.

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