


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	24-010	Meeting:	January 8, 2024
	Agenda Item:	6A	Roll Call:	24-0019
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: 63rd Street Trail from SW McKinley Avenue to the Raccoon River - Receiving bids, (1-23-24), and Setting date of hearing, (2-19-24). (Construction Estimate - \$1,722,000).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project includes construction of a 10-foot-wide multi-use trail along the east side of SW 63rd Street from SW McKinley Avenue to the Raccoon River.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,722,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2023-24 CIP, Page 124, Active Transportation, ST269, Being: \$1,272,000 G.O. bonds, and the remaining \$450,000 in G.O. bonds transferred from ST263

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the 63rd Street Trail from SW McKinley Avenue to the Raccoon River, Activity ID 04-2022-015. The improvement includes clearing and grubbing, removals, earthwork, grading, subbase, storm sewer, placement of a 6-inch thick Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) trail, PCC sidewalk, traffic control, traffic signalization, pavement markings, erosion control, restoration, seeding, and miscellaneous associated work to complete the project, all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File No. 660-262/427 located along SW 63rd Street from SW McKinley Avenue to the Raccoon River.
- The estimated construction cost is \$1,722,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- City of Des Moines staff have worked with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT), City of West Des Moines, and private developers to plan and initiate

construction of a 10-foot wide multi-use trail along 63rd Street (also known as Iowa Highway 28 and SE 1st Street in West Des Moines) between the southern abutment of the Iowa DOT Bridge over the Raccoon River and SW McKinley Avenue (also location off Veterans Parkway Trail). The proposed alignment for the City's portion of the overall trail project, as shown in green on the map below, follows the west side of the IDOT Right-of-Way from Lincoln Street/Tyler Avenue to Creston Avenue. The trail will cross the highway at the signalized intersection at Creston Avenue and follow the east side of the IDOT Right-of-Way from Creston Avenue to SW McKinley Avenue.

- The trail corridor will be constructed to the Parks and Recreation Department's standards. Engineering design coordinated with the Parks and Recreation Department to verify compliance with the Department's standards for trail design and development.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will maintain the trail facility within the City limits of Des Moines upon final acceptance of the work. Maintenance of this facility includes day-to-day operations as well as minor/major trail repairs. A permanent easement will support maintenance and operations of the multi-use trail surface and the buffer on both sides of trail.
- MoveDSM identifies 63rd Street as part of the future bike network, and the Southwest Infrastructure Planning Study also identifies the need for the facility.
- In 2020, Waldinger Corporation installed the trail section in front of their new headquarters development along the east side of 63rd Street from SW McKinley Avenue to Scout Trail, shown in red on the map below.
- In 2022, Paws & Pints installed the trail section in front of their new development along the east side of 63rd Street from Park Avenue to Willowmere Drive, shown in light blue on the map below.
- In 2022 and 2023, the Iowa Department of Transportation replaced the southbound Iowa Highway 28 bridge over the Raccoon River and added a 10-foot-wide trail along the west side of the bridge with the replacement facility, shown in orange on the map below.
- The City of West Des Moines plans to construct the trail section between the Iowa Highway 28 bridge over the Raccoon River and Lincoln Street (Levee Trail), shown in yellow on the map below.
- The trail will cross to the west side of 63rd Street at Creston Avenue to connect to the new bridge infrastructure and will thereby involve updated curb ramp crossings at all side road intersections, as well as traffic signal updates to install pedestrian crossing infrastructure at the signalized intersections of Park Avenue and Creston Avenue in accordance with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.
- The City of Des Moines multi-use trail counters logged an estimated 1,755,415 trail trips in 2022 across the system. It is anticipated that this number will increase year-by-year as the system continues to grow and gaps such as the one that will be filled by this project are completed.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed in late spring 2025.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 23, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1407](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Preconstruction Agreement for the 63rd Street Trail from SW McKinley Avenue to Raccoon River. ([Council Communication No. 23-458](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include 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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