


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>24-074</b>	Meeting:	<b>February 19, 2024</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>8</b>	Roll Call:	<b>24-0231</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of an addendum to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) agreement for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 Project.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the IDOT Addendum Agreement No. 23-TAP-112-A for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 Project.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$500,000 in IDOT funding, Federal Recreation Trails Program (RTP) funding for an estimated \$1,500,000 project cost

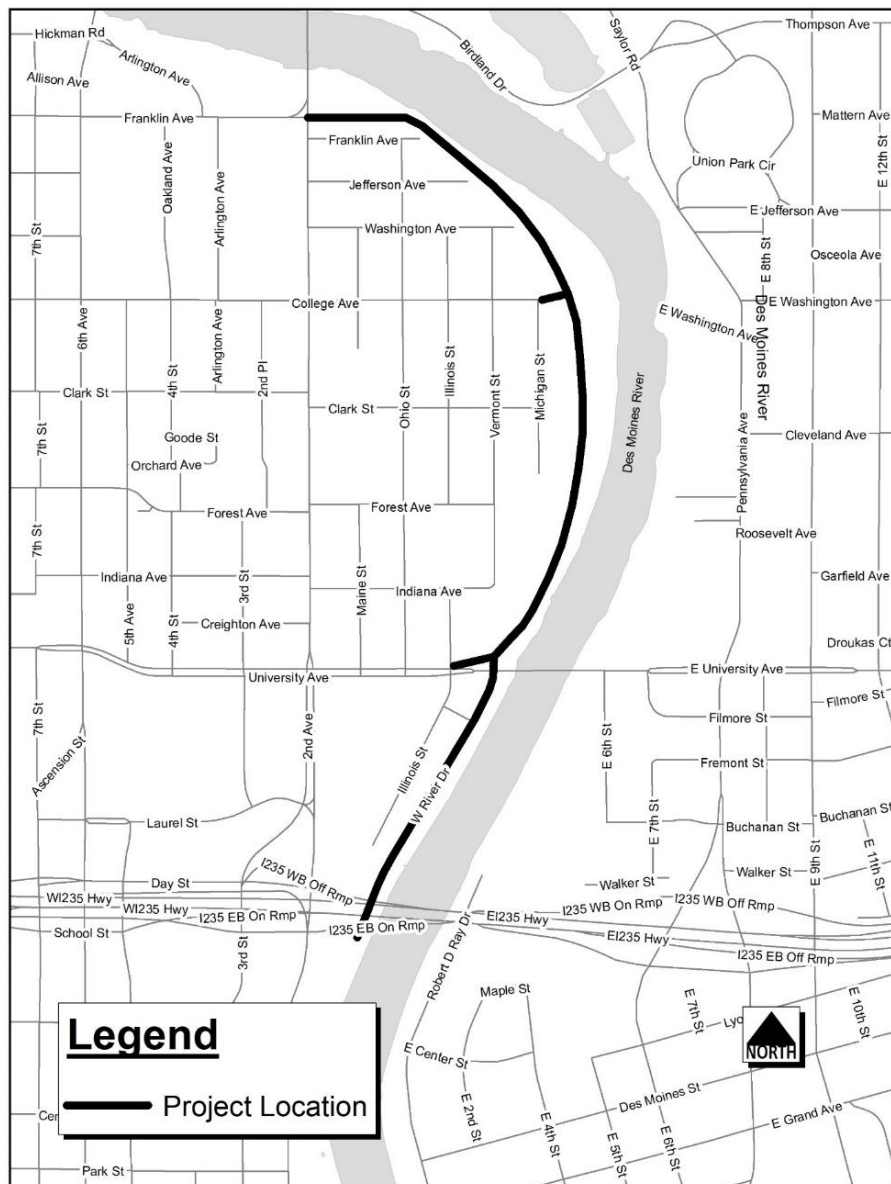
Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 93, Central Place Levee Trail, PK193

- \$500,000—Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
- \$500,000—Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds
- \$250,000—General Funds made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding
- \$250,000— G.O. Bonds transferred from PK045 Multi-Use Trails

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- IDOT Agreement Addendum No. 23-TAP-112-A provides an additional \$500,000 in Federal RTP funds to the City for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 Project for a combined total of \$1,000,000 in grant funding allocated to the project.
- On January 9, 2023, by Roll Call No. 23-011, the City Council approved the IDOT Agreement No. 23-TAP-112 providing \$500,000 in TAP funds to the City for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 Project.
- On November 18, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-1803, City Council approved the submittal of a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), also known as Surface Transportation Grant Set Aside Program, FY2024 application to the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 Project.

- Phase 1 of the Central Place Levee Trail includes the construction of a new multi-use trail section between Lauridsen Skatepark, located just southeast of 2nd Avenue and School Street, and the intersection of Franklin Avenue and 2nd Avenue in north-central Des Moines. Much of the trail alignment is atop the Central Place Levee offering views of the Des Moines River Greenway. The new trail will be a 10-foot-wide paved section, approximately one and one-half (1.5)-miles in length, and will include additional access spurs at University Avenue and College Avenue. The last remaining segment of West River Drive will be removed as part of this project and an emergency access off Illinois Street will be constructed as an alternative ingress/egress route for the parking lot, trail, and Lauridsen Skatepark.
- Pending City Council approval, project letting via the IDOT is anticipated in November 2024. Project construction is tentatively anticipated in calendar year 2025, also pending City Council approval.
- The City of Des Moines multi-use trail counters logged an estimated 3.2 million trail uses in 2023 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 being filled by this project are completed.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 2, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1292](#)

Action: [Ratification](#) of IDOT FRT grant application requesting \$500,000 for the Central Place Levee Phase 1 Multi Use Recreational Trail project. ([Council Communication No. 23-449](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: August 21, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1200](#)

Action: [Authorization](#) to proceed with acquisition of the necessary property interests for the Central Place Levee Trail Phase 1 Project. ([Council Communication No. 23-383](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Anticipated actions 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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