

March 18, 2015

To: Mayor Bemrich and City Council
From: David Fierke, City Manager
**Subject: Fort Dodge and Webster County Trails Initiative
Authorizing Regional Transportation Enhancement
Grant Application**



ACTION: For vote Monday, March 23, 2015

Brief History

This action is to support the Fort Dodge and Webster County Trails Initiative for trail development in the Webster County region.

Analysis of Issue

The attached drawing highlights both existing trails and proposed trails. The trails highlighted in purple are targeted for the next major phases of funding and construction. Specifically, we would like to submit a grant application, in coordination with the Webster County Conservation, for federal Regional Transportation Enhancement funding administered through MIDAS. The application will be for the funding of trails along S. 32nd St. from the Humane Society to 15th Ave. S. and along 15th Ave. S. from S. 32nd St. to Oleson Park.

Budget Impact

The grant application will be for up to 80% of the cost of the S. 32nd St. and 15th Ave. S. trail extension project. The remaining match funding is proposed to come from a number of different sources; City, County, donations, etc. The estimated cost of this trail extension is approximately \$1,200,000. The anticipated request for funding will be approximately \$700,000 for fiscal year 2017.

Strategic Plan Impact

Policy B.1.18: Continued development of the Des Moines River Trail shall be supported. All opportunities to increase the length of the Des Moines River Trail shall be considered.

Policy B.1.19: Walkways, pedestrian ways, bikeways and greenways shall be developed that connect city parks, schools, recreation venues, "Downtown Center", neighborhoods, and the "Board Walk" to the Des Moines River Trail.

Policy B.1.4: The underutilized value of the Des Moines River and its tributaries shall be capitalized upon by the development of these resources into a unique recreation and nature attraction.

Impact on Existing Plans

None. Grant has the potential to fund projects that are currently unfunded.

Committee Review / Recommendation

None.

Staff Conclusions / Recommendations

It is Staff's recommendation to authorize this Regional Transportation Enhancement grant application.

Alternatives

None.

Implementation and Accountability

The Engineering Department and Webster County Conservation will be responsible for overseeing this project.

Signed

Approved



Tony Trotter P.E.
Project Engineer

David Fierke
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE WEBSTER COUNTY TRAIL PLAN AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Dodge supports pedestrian trails and expanding the current trail system located in the City of Fort Dodge and Webster County.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Dodge strives to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Fort Dodge and visitors to Webster County.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Dodge supports the Trails Advisory Committees recommendation for trail development along the Des Moines River in Fort Dodge and Webster County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Dodge is working in partnership with Webster County to expand the existing trail system for the social, economic, and health betterment of Webster County and the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT DODGE, IOWA THAT the City of Fort Dodge endorses this enhancement project and joint grant application submitted by the City of Fort Dodge and the Webster Conservation Board.

The above Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Fort Dodge, Iowa this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Other: _____

CITY OF FORT DODGE

BY: _____

Matt Bemrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Nemmers, City Clerk

