



City of Independence
City Council
MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager
DATE OF MEETING: September 25, 2023
SUBJECT: Resolution to Endorse the Enterprise Drive Trail Phase II Project for the Federal Recreation Trails Program Requirements

BACKGROUND:

The Enterprise Drive Trail Phase II project will connect to the existing trailhead located at the eastern entrance to Walmart. It will extend from there along the northern side of Enterprise Drive, and then turn north along 6th Ave. SW on the western side and then cross back to the eastern side to terminate in front of the existing homes and tie into an existing 5' sidewalk.

DISCUSSION:

The completion of this trail will create a loop in this area for recreational use and will assist with providing a walking path from a retail area along 150 Highway to the residential areas located along 6th Ave. SW. The city recently applied for a grant through the State of Iowa DOT, but this application is for a grant through the Federal Recreation Trails Program. The resolution supporting this is attached for review.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Engaging and Catalyzing Community and Developing and Reviving Independence. This item helps achieve that vision by creating additional recreational opportunities for the residents of Independence.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The project is currently not budgeted in the CIP and will need to be programmed into a future year should this grant application or the other grant with the State be successful. That funding could come from existing funds in the CIP or from a future bond issuance depending upon future Council guidance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the Resolution to Endorse the Enterprise Drive Trail Phase II Project for the Federal Recreation Trails Program Requirements and authorizes the Mayor to sign the resolution.