



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Jason Anderson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Project PK-012 / (SAP 139-090-007): East Lyon Trail Project – 1) Consider Resolution Authorizing Agent of Sponsoring Agency for Active Transportation Project; 2) Consider Resolution Identifying Responsibility for Operation and Maintenance for Active Transportation Project
Background Information:	<p>City staff secured a Transportation Alternatives (TA) (Federal) grant in 2023 in the amount of \$605,276 for the construction of this shared use path. TA grants require a local match of at least 20% of the project costs. City Engineering staff submitted a Letter of Intent for 2026 Active Transportation grant funds and have been approved to proceed with preparing a full application with the hope of the AT grant funds covering the remaining local share of the project costs. If an AT grant is not secured, the City’s Municipal State Aid Street (MSAS) funds will be used to cover all costs in excess of \$279,724.</p> <p>MnDOT is currently soliciting for the 2026 Active Transportation (AT) grant applications. The AT grant is a State-funded grant that can be used to pay for the gap in funds between the awarded TA grant and the actual bid price for the project. The AT program purpose is to help fund projects that: connect communities and key destinations, boosting public health by creating safer environments for people to walk, bike or roll to their destinations, and mitigating safety hazards related to interacting with vehicular traffic.</p> <p>The East Lyon Trail fits into these categories since it is a direct trail link between East Main Street (TH59) East to Jewett Street. Included in the Council packet is a preliminary route and cost estimate to complete this work.</p> <p>City staff has letters of support from Holy Redeemer and Parkside Elementary for this project.</p> <p>The revised preliminary cost estimate shows \$279,724 of City participation, with nearly \$121,772 of this participation being City engineering services.</p> <p>Staff brought this project and grant discussion to the Public Improvement/Transportation Committee on 10/07/2024. Engineering staff has completed the application and would like the City Council to offer their support for our grant application. Two resolutions are included in the packet. One resolution authorizes Eric Hanson to serve as the authorizing agent for the sponsoring agency. The other resolution identifies the City as the responsible party for continued operation and maintenance of the shared use path.</p>

Fiscal Impact:	There is no fiscal impact today. If we are awarded additional funds from the AT grant, we will be notified in Summer of 2025. From the revised Preliminary cost estimate, our cost estimate for City participation is \$279,724 in cash with the City also providing \$121,772.60 in engineering services. An AT Grant award would reduce the local cost to the city for construction costs by up to \$279,724.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.
Recommendations:	Recommendation No. 1 that the Council adopt RESOLUTION 24-105, which is the Resolution Authorizing Agent of Sponsoring Agency for Active Transportation Project. Recommendation No. 2 that the Council adopt RESOLUTION 24-106, which is the Resolution Identifying Responsibility for Operation and Maintenance for Active Transportation Project.