

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, January 11, 2022
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	E. Lyon Street Trail Project – 1) Consider Resolution Authorizing Agent of Sponsoring Agency for Transportation Alternatives Project; 2) Consider Resolution Identifying Responsibility for Operation and Maintenance for Transportation Alternatives Project.
Background Information:	<p>MnDOT District 8 is currently soliciting for 2026 Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant applications. The TA grant is an 80-20 grant to match program that provides funds for pedestrian and bike facilities, historic preservation, Safe Routes to School, and more. The last two projects that the City had funded through this program was the RRFB school crossings project which is scheduled for construction in 2022 and the C St.-Southview Trail project which is scheduled for construction in 2025.</p> <p>The proposed trail would replace existing sidewalk adjacent to the south side of E. Lyon Street between Bruce Street and MN Highway 23. The new trail would be a 10-foot-wide concrete multi-use trail. This proposed trail would allow the removal of the on-street bike trail from E. Lyon Street in this segment by providing an off-street trail alternative. In coordination with the Community Services Division, staff has identified this segment of trail as a need for connectivity between Parkside Elementary School, the trails at Independence Park, the trail on Jewett Street, and the trail on the other side of Highway 23. This would also set up for a potential future connection to the trail adjacent to Avera hospital and the Holy Redeemer School.</p> <p>Included with the Council packet are Exhibits A, E, and G from the grant application. Exhibits A & E visually identify the project and Exhibit G is the preliminary cost estimates.</p> <p>To complete the grant application process, staff would like the City Council to offer their support for our grant application and we will need two resolutions to be approved. One resolution identifies the City as the grant sponsoring agency and the entity responsible for managing the grant. 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 a grant, we will be notified in Spring 2022. In today’s dollars, our cost estimate for City participation is \$115,000 in cash with the City also providing the services for grant application, project design, project permitting, and construction administration. These engineering services are valued at \$92,000.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.

Recommendation:	<p>Recommendation No. 1 that the Council adopt RESOLUTION NUMBER XXXX, SECOND SERIES, which is the Resolution Authorizing Agent of Sponsoring Agency for Transportation Alternatives Project.</p> <p>Recommendation No. 2 that the Council adopt RESOLUTION NUMBER XXXX, SECOND SERIES, which is the Resolution Identifying Responsibility for Operation and Maintenance for Transportation Alternatives Project.</p>
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