

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM PROJECT – SKUNK RIVER TRAIL (SOUTH RIVER VALLEY PARK TO CARR POOL)

BACKGROUND:

This project is for the construction of a shared use path from Carr Pool to South River Valley Park at East 13th Street. The project will use funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which is also known as the Federal Stimulus. This project is shown in the City's Capital Improvement Plan in the 2010/11 and 2011/12 program years.

This project will receive 100 percent funding in the amount of \$250,000 from Federal Stimulus funding; however, engineering and project administration costs are not covered. Therefore, staff has identified savings from prior General Obligation Bond issues to cover the costs of these unbudgeted activities. Total engineering and administration costs for all three ARRA projects are estimated at \$200,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Federal Stimulus Program Project – Skunk River Trail (South River Valley Park to Carr Pool) by establishing July 21, 2009, as the date of letting by the IDOT and July 28, 2009, as the date for report of bids.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receipt of ARRA funding requires expeditious action by the City, and this trail is one of three ARRA projects authorized by Council.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council accept Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Federal Stimulus Program Project – Skunk River Trail (South River Valley Park to Carr Pool) by establishing July 21, 2009, as the date of letting by the IDOT and July 28, 2009, as the date for report of bids.