

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2013/14 SHARED USE PATH SYSTEM EXPANSION (SKUNK RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION, PHASE 2 – E LINCOLN WAY TO SOUTH RIVER VALLEY PARK)

BACKGROUND:

This program provides for construction of shared use paths on street right-of-way, adjacent to streets and through greenbelts. The Transportation Plan identifies those paths that separate bicycle traffic from higher-speed automobile traffic. **The location for construction of a shared use path with this project is the Skunk River Trail Extension (East Lincoln Way to South River Valley Park).**

Staff has been working with Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC, of Johnston, Iowa, on this project. Foth and City staff has completed plans and specifications for this project with a total estimated construction cost of \$696,960. Engineering and construction administration costs are estimated at \$139,400, bringing total estimated costs for this project to \$836,360.

The Shared Use Path System Expansion is shown in the FY 2013/14 Capital Improvements Plan with funding of \$430,000 from Local Option Sales Tax and \$360,000 from MPO/TAP funds through the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Project savings in the amount of \$175,000 will be utilized from the FY 2011/12 Shared Use Path System Expansion as necessary, bringing total available funding to a total of \$965,000.

This project is scheduled to have a February 16, 2016, letting, which will be conducted through the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT). Construction is anticipated to begin as soon as weather allows in the spring of 2016 with project completion to follow in the fall of 2016.

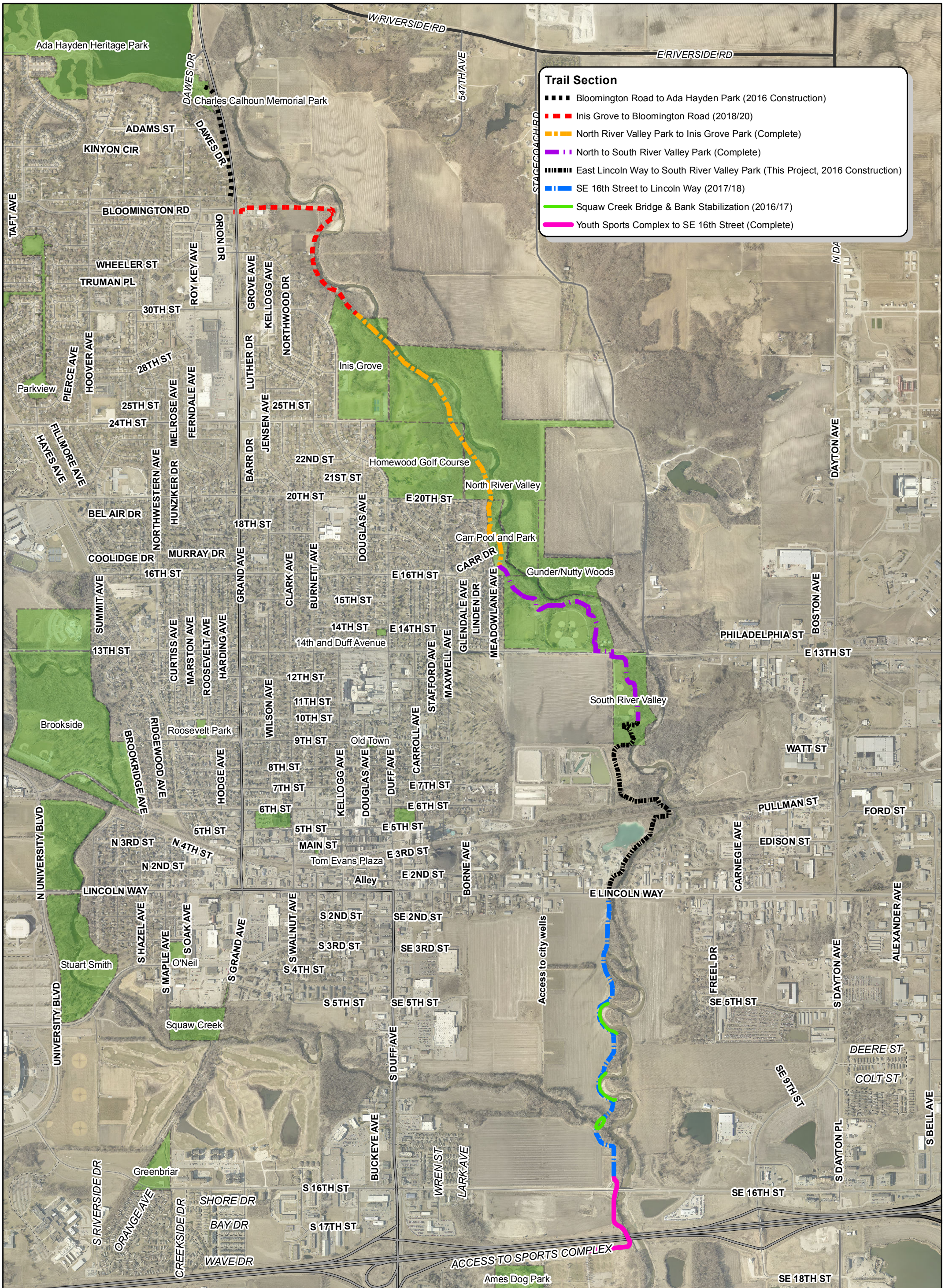
ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the 2013/14 Shared Use Path System Expansion (Skunk River Trail Extension, Phase 2 – East Lincoln Way to South River Valley Park) and establish February 16, 2016, as the date of letting and February 23, 2016, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of the plans and specifications will continue to keep this project on the Iowa DOT's February 16, 2016 letting schedule. Delay or rejection of these plans and specifications could delay the start of this trail expansion project until at least fall 2016.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.



Trail Section

- ■ ■ ■ Bloomington Road to Ada Hayden Park (2016 Construction)
- — — — Inis Grove to Bloomington Road (2018/20)
- — — — North River Valley Park to Inis Grove Park (Complete)
- — — — North to South River Valley Park (Complete)
- · · · · East Lincoln Way to South River Valley Park (This Project, 2016 Construction)
- — — — SE 16th Street to Lincoln Way (2017/18)
- — — — Squaw Creek Bridge & Bank Stabilization (2016/17)
- — — — Youth Sports Complex to SE 16th Street (Complete)



Skunk River Trail Expansion



1 inch = 1,500 feet
Date: 1/22/2016