

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2019/20 SHARED USE PATH SYSTEM EXPANSION – VET MED TRAIL  
(S. 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO ISU RESEARCH PARK)**

**BACKGROUND:**

This program provides for construction of shared use paths on street rights-of-way, adjacent to streets, and through greenbelts. The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) identifies those paths that separate bicycle traffic from higher-speed automobile traffic. **This project will pave the existing granular Vet Med Trail from S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to ISU Research Park.**

Bolton & Menk of Ames, Iowa, developed plans and specifications with an estimated budget as shown below:

<b>Revenues</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Local Option Sales Tax	\$620,000	Engineering & Admin.	\$80,000
		Construction Base Bid	\$384,040
		Bid Alternate 1	\$107,100
		Bid Alternate 2	\$171,360
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$620,000</b>	<b>Total (Bid Alt. 1)</b>	<b>\$571,140</b>

Two bid alternates are included in the plans and specifications for different fence materials. Bid Alternate 1 is for a vinyl coated chain link fence. Bid Alternate 2 is for a steel panel fence.

Staff, along with Bolton & Menk, hosted a public information meeting for the project. Minor comments were received regarding the geometry of the trail. The comments have been incorporated into the final plans.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the 2019/20 Shared Use Path System Expansion – Vet Med Trail (S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to ISU Research Park) project and establish June 17, 2020, as the date of letting with June 23, 2020, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The portion of trail on the Vet Med property requires a new easement from Iowa State University. Staff has prepared easement documents which are scheduled to be on the June 4, 2020 Board of Regents (BOR) meeting agenda for approval. ISU staff acknowledged they have the necessary documentation for BOR review while legal staff from both agencies finalize the easement documents. **Award of the project on June 23, 2020 will only be recommended if the easement is approved by the BOR.**

By approving these plans and specifications, it will be possible to improve an important shared use path connection for residents in the area. **Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.**



2019/20 Shared Use Path System Expansion  
(Vet Med Trail - S. 16th to ISU Research Park)

 Project Location



1 inch = 500 feet

Date: 3/4/2020