

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2020/21 SHARED USE PATH SYSTEM EXPANSION – VET MED TRAIL (S. 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO S. GRAND AVENUE)**

**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 a connection with the S. Grand Avenue shared use path.**

The construction of this project is shown in the 2020/21 Capital Improvements Plan with \$461,000 in Local Option Sales Tax and \$159,000 in MPO Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds. It is anticipated that the project will have a Fall 2021 letting though the Iowa DOT with construction possible in late 2021, but most likely in 2022.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Iowa DOT Agreement for TAP funding for the 2020/21 Shared Use Path System Expansion – Vet Med Trail (S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Grand Avenue) project.
2. Reject the Agreement.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approval of this agreement with the Iowa DOT must happen before moving forward with bid letting and construction of this project. Delay or rejection of this agreement could delay this path improvement project and could require additional funding.

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