

ITEM #: 9
DATE: 01-28-25
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2024/25 SHARED USE PATH SYSTEM EXPANSION - SKUNK RIVER

BACKGROUND:

This program provides for construction of shared use paths on street rights-of-way, adjacent to streets, and through greenbelts. **This project involves the extension of a shared use path from Billy Sunday Road to the east side of the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex to create a key connection with the Skunk River Trail to the south part of Ames.**

Staff has been working with Snyder & Associates, Inc. of Ankeny, Iowa to develop plans and specifications for the project with a total estimated construction cost of \$324,800. The table below shows the revenues and expenses for this project:

Revenues	Amount	Expenses	Amount
2024/25 Shared Use Path	\$350,000		
2023/24 Shared Use Path (Available Savings)	\$ 59,000		
		Design	\$ 33,500
		Construction (est)	\$324,800
		Administration	\$ 20,000
Totals	\$409,000		\$378,300

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the 2024/25 Shared Use Path System Expansion - Skunk River and establish February 19, 2025, as the date of letting and February 25, 2025, as the date for the report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project will provide a key connection to the shared use path network in this part of the city. Approval of the plans and specifications will continue to keep this project on pace for 2025 construction. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Project Map.pdf](#)