



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

January 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Resolution to support a grant application for the State Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) – and – further to commit to the 20% funding match as well as any cost overruns

SUBMITTED BY: Ray McDonald, Director of Parks and Community Services

REFERENCE NO: Resolution No. 10-1334

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider approval of Resolution No. 10-1334 for the purpose of participating in the State Transportation Enhancement Program through the North Central Texas Council of Governments and authorizing application for grant funding for the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian trail as part of the Regional Veloweb System, and further to clarify the commitment of the 20% funding match, as well as any cost overruns.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Deny request
- Table

SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:

On November 24, 2009, the Euless City Council approved Resolution 09-1324, supporting this grant application. The Texas Department of Transportation has requested a clarification that the City is committing to fund the 20% match, as well as any cost overruns. This proposed resolution provides that clarification and commitment, and will be provided to TxDot offices, per their request.

As stated before, the Veloweb alignment, introduced in the Mobility 2010 Plan is a 644 mile, designated off-street trail network that has been planned to provide bicycle and pedestrian connections in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. If approved, staff plans to submit an application for a trail connection of about 1,000 feet that will extend west from the existing trail within Creekwood Estates, go under the five (5) highway bridges at the SH 121 and SH 157 merge area just north of Mid-Cities Boulevard, to the southeast corner of the Glade Parks development (called the "Creekwood Connector Trail"). Also under consideration for submittal is the segment that will provide the link between the SH 121 southbound service road and Heritage Drive (called the "Intercity Linkage Trail"). As part of the grant application process, we are asking that the Euless City

Council consider adoption of this resolution in support of this project which is recognized by NCTCOG as part of the Regional Veloweb System, as well as identified as a top priority in the Needs Assessment and Identification section of the Parks Master Plan.

This project was submitted in the City's FY 2010 Capital Improvements Program for funding, contingent upon the receipt of STEP grant approval.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Revenue Sources:

Expenditure Accounts:

Budgeted Fiscal Year(s): 2009-2010

Estimated Expenditure: A 20% match of funding is as follows:
Creekwood Connector Trail Segment - \$78,775
Intercity Linkage Trail Segment - \$186,530
Current engineering estimates anticipate no cost overruns; however, if they do occur, the city will be responsible for those charges.

Over/Under Projection By: n/a

Other Comments:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Resolution No. 10-1334

APPROVED BY:

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office