

To: **Mayor and City Council**  
 Through: **Nathan Burkett, City Manager**  
 From: **Ross Beckwith, Public Works & Parks Director/City Engineer**  
 Date: **May 10, 2021**

**Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County for the Oakdale Trail and Sidewalk Project 23-2**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On January 13, 2020, City Council accepted a \$30,000 Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) grant to study the feasibility of a trail and/or sidewalk on Oakdale Avenue between Wentworth Avenue and Butler Avenue. At that same meeting, City Council approved a contract with Kimley-Horn to complete said report. On February 24, 2020 at the Open Council Work Session (OCWS), the feasibility report findings and recommendation was presented. On March 10, 2020 the Park and Recreation Committee unanimously recommended the trail and sidewalk option. On March 23, 2020 at OCWS, City Council was in agreement with the sidewalk and trail recommendation as well. City staff applied for a Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation Grant in April of 2020 and was notified in January 2021 that it was selected for grant funding.

A Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the City and Dakota County is required to define cost sharing and agency roles for this project. Staff and the City Attorney have reviewed the JPA and recommend approval. The City will be the lead agency on this project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Per the attached Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County, project funding is divided 85/15 between County/City. With the \$1,785,600 federal grant for construction, the County and City will split the remainder of the estimated cost 85/15 as shown below:

|   | <b>Federal Grant</b> | <b>West St. Paul</b> | <b>Dakota County</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Oakdale Trail &amp; Sidewalk Project</b> | \$1,785,600          | \$152,160            | \$862,240            | \$2,800,000  |

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve a Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County for the Oakdale Trail and Sidewalk Project CP 23-2.

Attachment: JPA with Dakota County for Oakdale Trail and Sidewalk Project 23-2