

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Nathan Burkett, City Manager**
From: **Ross Beckwith, Public Works & Parks Director/City Engineer**
Date: **June 14, 2021**

Rescind Joint Powers Agreement for Project 21-5 and Approve Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County and South St. Paul for Preliminary Engineering of the Butler Avenue Trail Project 21-5

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As you may recall, staff recently received a Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Grant through Active Living Dakota County (ALDC). This \$30,000 grant is to perform a multi-use trail feasibility study on Butler Avenue (County Road 4) from Robert Street to Concord Boulevard in South St. Paul. On Dakota County's Trail Gap Map, this segment ranks # 7. Since it is such a high priority for the County, they were able to add funds to the SHIP grant amount to get this project to a 30% design.

The goal of the feasibility study is to determine which side of Butler Avenue would best accommodate a trail factoring in costs, impacts and uses. Following that determination, a topographic survey will be performed along the one side of Butler Avenue for use in a 30% design. The 30% design will be used to apply for grants to help finance construction of this trail. The City of West St. Paul will be the lead on this preliminary engineering project.

On February 8, 2021, City Council approved a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Dakota County and South St. Paul for preliminary engineering of the Butler Avenue Trail Project 21-5. Dakota County has since requested changes to the JPA, which have been review and approved by the City Attorney. Therefore, the JPA from February 8, 2021 needs to be rescinded and the new JPA approved by City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

Thanks to the additional funding from Dakota County, the total budget for this project is \$147,647. This includes the \$30,000 SHIP grant and a contribution from each City for \$8,824. Funding for this project will come from the Sidewalk Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council rescind the Joint Powers Agreement for CP 21-5 and approve a Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County and South St. Paul for preliminary engineering of the Butler Avenue Trail Project, City Project 21-5.

Attachment: JPA with Dakota County and South St. Paul for Preliminary Engineering of City Project
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