



City of West St. Paul

TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: City Manager
FROM: PW & Parks Dir./City Engineer
DATE: February 8, 2016
SUBJECT: Cost Update for Wentworth Trail/Bellows Sidewalk-Project #14-6

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In early 2014 the City submitted a Safe Routes To School(SRTS) federal grant application for the installation of a trail along the north side of Wentworth Avenue, from Charlton Street to Bellows Street, and a sidewalk along the west side of Bellows Street, from Wentworth Avenue to Thompson Avenue. The City was notified in summer 2014 that we were successful in obtaining a SRTS grant of \$125,200 toward the project. Dakota County is partner on the project since Wentworth Avenue is a county road.

The City has hired WSB & Associates for the preliminary engineering work on the project. Preliminary engineering typically covers all work prior to construction beginning; this includes right-of-way acquisition.

At the January 25, 2016 City Council meeting it was requested that the City Attorney and Public Works Director be authorized to make offers on the property acquisition to keep this project on schedule. Estimated costs came in at \$132,000 for property acquisition or \$122,000 over the original estimate. Staff was instructed to make offers once construction costs were also refined and bring back the change in project cost.

The revised construction cost estimate is \$206,000 which is \$56,000 higher than the original construction cost estimate. Our funding partner, Dakota County has been notified of these cost increases and is willing to increase their participation amount of the project (they cost share on Wentworth Ave. only).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City's CIP for 2016 shows a total project budget of \$290,000 for this project. The current total project estimate, with increases in property acquisition and construction costs, is \$435,000. Based on current funding splits, this would result in a \$45,140 increase in city cost participation. This additional funding is proposed to come out of 2016 LGA receipts.

		Amount
Fund:	551	
Department:	43121	
Account:	41146	\$45,140

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is looking for reaffirmation from the City Council to move forward with the Wentworth Trail/Bellows Sidewalk-Project #14-6.

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