

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Nathan Burkett, City Manager**
From: **Ross Beckwith, Public Works & Parks Director/City Engineer**
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Thompson Avenue and Oakdale Avenue Trail and Sidewalk Project

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As part of the Thompson Avenue turn back agreement with Dakota County, a multi-use trail on the south side and a concrete sidewalk on the north side will be constructed between Robert Street and Waterloo Street.

On Oakdale Avenue, County Road 73, the City was successful in securing a Regional Solicitation grant towards construction of a trail and sidewalk. A multi-use trail will be constructed on the east side of Oakdale Avenue from Wentworth Avenue to Butler Avenue and a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Oakdale Avenue from Thompson Avenue to Westchester Drive.

The City is the lead on both of these projects and working closely with Dakota County. Kimley-Horn and Associates were hired independently to perform design and construction administration of both projects. With both projects programmed for 2023 construction, a request was sent to the federal aid office (Oakdale Avenue project has federal funding) requesting the projects be combined, and that was approved. With only one set of plans and one contractor, there will be cost savings to the City and County.

Both of these corridors are narrow and have grade challenges in places. Staff is anticipating around 70 parcel impacts in order to build this infrastructure. The most common impacts are landscaping, trees, fences and driveway grades.

An Open House is scheduled for October 5, 2021 from 5pm-7pm at Thompson Park-Dakota Lodge. Staff intends mail out notices on September 14, 2021 to everyone with ¼ mile of these two corridors and advertise on the City's website.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost of the Thompson Avenue trail and sidewalk is \$1,839,000 and will be funded 100% by Dakota County. The estimated cost of the Oakdale Avenue trail and sidewalk is \$2,599,000. Funding will include \$1.7M in federal grant funds, with the remaining costs split 85/15 between the County and City. Due to the number of parcel impacts, the estimated costs could certainly fluctuate.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will provide an overview presentation of the project and is looking for feedback from City Council.

Attachment: Presentation