

To: **Mayor and City Council**  
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**  
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## **Robert Street Underpass Project Update**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This project incorporates a section of the future River to River Greenway Trail. The project limits start with trail on Wentworth Avenue (at Humboldt Avenue) to Livingston Avenue, then underneath Robert Street at the former Blockbuster site and daylighting onto existing Crawford Drive. The trail then ties back into Wentworth Avenue near the Dakota County Library. The east-west portion of Crawford Drive off of Robert Street will be reconstructed just to the north of where it sits today. The design engineering firm, SEH Inc., is 30% through design of the project which is scheduled for a June, 2020 bid opening.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Project funding includes \$2.2M in state bond funds which the City secured in 2014 for the crossing of Robert Street. In 2017, Dakota County was awarded a \$650,000 federal grant to construct the trails that lead up to the grade separated crossing. Dakota County will finance any additional costs.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Dakota County and consultant staff will provide an update on the status of the project.