



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 17, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: David Swearingen, P.E. Public Works Director / City Engineer

SUBJECT: Proposed Lake Johanna Blvd Trail Update Discussion

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
\$0 (LJB Trail)	\$9,500,000	PIR Fund, Ramsey County, Grant Funding

Council Should Consider

- Proposed Lake Johanna Blvd Trail from County Rd D to Old Snelling Ave

Background

Discussion from the March 20, 2023 Work Session:

Ramsey County staff recently reached out to City staff with the following information related to this proposed trail:

“Met Council’s 2024 Regional Solicitation for 2028/2029 federal projects is opening this fall. In anticipation of this, Ramsey County is evaluating what projects we might want to submit. The Lake Johanna Boulevard trail project is one of the projects we are considering (CR D to Old Snelling). Per Ramsey County’s cost participation policy local costs would be applied 50% to Ramsey County and 50% to Arden Hills. Assuming we are able to obtain the maximum \$5.5 million federal grant, local costs would then be \$2 million for Ramsey County and \$2 million for Arden Hills. If a smaller federal grant is received local shares would increase accordingly.”

Lake Johanna Boulevard Trail (North/West Alternative)

- 2022 estimate (Corridor Study): \$7 million
- 2028 cost estimate (5% annual inflation): \$9.5 million
- Maximum Regional Solicitation Award: \$5.5 million
- **Anticipated Local Project Cost: \$4.0 million (\$2 million RC / \$2 million City of Arden Hills)**

In order to submit the grant request to Met Council, Ramsey County will need an approved motion or resolution from your city council requesting the county to submit the grant application

and financially committing to your city local match contribution. We will need this council action no later than July 31st in order to submit the grant request.”

Follow up items from the March Work Session:

- State Bond Funding: The county will not be pursuing State bond funding for this project.
- Local Match: In terms of maximum local match commitment from the city, the county would need that to be \$2 million, in order to submit the federal grant request to Met Council. This assumes a \$5.5 million federal grant (maximum award) and a \$2 million local match contribution from the county. Met Council does not have a history of awarding less than the requested federal grant amount, so we will likely either get the full \$5.5 million as requested, or we will get nothing. There can't be any stipulations or contingencies tied to the city's local match commitment in order for us to have an eligible application.

Discussion

If given direction to proceed with the Lake Johanna Blvd Trail, City staff will notify Ramsey County of the decision and bring forward a Resolution for Council approval at a future Council meeting before the July 31, 2023 deadline.

Budget Impact

Proposed Lake Johanna Blvd Trail:

City PIR	\$2,000,000
Ramsey County	\$2,000,000
Grant Funding	\$5,500,000
Total:	\$9,500,000

This project is not currently programmed in the City's CIP.

Attachments

N/A