



**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE: 11/4/15

**CONSENT**

ITEM #: 10

**AGENDA ITEM:** Request to add Lake Elmo Trails to Washington County CIP

**SUBMITTED BY:** Clark Schroeder

**THROUGH:** Clark Schroeder

**REVIEWED BY:** Shane Weis

**SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- Introduction of Item.....Staff
- Report/Presentation .....Staff
- Questions from Council to Staff..... Mayor Facilitates
- Public Input, if Appropriate..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion..... Mayor & City Council
- Discussion ..... Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion ..... Mayor Facilitates

**PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT MOVE TO ASK WASHINGTON COUNTY TO ADD LAKE ELMO TRAILS TO THEIR 2016-2020 CIP**

**SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:** Lake Elmo Parks commission is requesting that a proposed Trail along County 14 be added to the 2016-2020 Washington County CIP.

**BACKGROUND AND STAFF REPORT:** Washington County will be developing a Master Plan for a North-South trail that would go from I-94 to Highway 36. This is a leg of the north south trail eventually leading from Cottage Grove to Big Marine Park. It has yet to be determined where that trail would be within Lake Elmo. It could be on Manning, along Lake Elmo Ave, or through the Lake Elmo Park Preserve. They will be bringing on a consultant to analyze the different routes and present to the County where they should put in a N/S route. There has been discussion at the city level of advocating for an east-west route along the new County Road 14. This trail could connect Oakdale to a north trail going up to Stillwater. Any decision on an E/W trail would need to wait until the N/S route has been determined and adopted by the county. Supplement trails can only be analyzed after the N/S route has been nailed down as these trails would feed into it. The master plan process should begin in the spring of 2016. The city of Lake Elmo is requesting that Washington County add an east-west trail to their 2016-2020 CIP in order to help citizens of Washington County traverse across the county

Following is the notice from the County for accepting public comments concerning their 2016-2020 CIP.

As part of its annual budget process, Washington County prepares a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP includes the county’s tentative plans for roads, bridges, parks, land, trails, and public facilities. The first year of this plan will be included in the

county's 2016 budget. The "out-years" reflect projected needs and estimated costs, which may change based on future priorities and funding opportunities. For instance, while there are projects included within the CIP reflecting bond proceeds as a possible funding source, the County Board has not yet determined a formal bonding plan. Projects will be reevaluated at the appropriate time, and may change based on the outcomes of an approved bonding plan. Projects that were budgeted in 2015, or prior to, and are not yet completed, are not reflected in the draft 2016-2020 CIP. Funding for these projects have been set aside, and therefore, aren't reflected in future years' CIP documents.

To review this year's CIP document, please click on the following link:

[Washington County DRAFT 2016-2019 CIP](#)

**Comments must be received by November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to be considered when developing the final CIP. A public hearing will also be held on December 15, 2015 prior to adopting the final document**

**RECOMMENDATION:** *If removed from the consent agenda*

*“Move to direct Washington County to add an East-West trail within Lake Elmo to their 2016-2020 CIP”*

**ATTACHMENT(S):**