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MEMORANDUM



Date: February 26, 2009

To: Mike Herring, City Administrator

From: Brian K. McGownd, PWD/CE

Re: Federal Funding Opportunity – Appalachian Trail

As you know, Staff continues to look for opportunities to leverage our existing funds throughout all operations of our department. Therefore, we are in the process of putting together an application for federal funds to reconstruct the pavement and install handicap ramps on Appalachian Trail from Olive Blvd to Beaver Creek Drive.

If successful, we would receive federal funds to design in 2011 and construct in 2012. The design cost of the project in 2011 is estimated to be \$115,000. Construction cost of the project, in 2012 dollars, is estimated to be \$1,470,000. Total project cost is estimated at \$1,585,000. If approved, the grant would cover 70% of the total project cost, or \$1,109,500. The City's share would then be 30% of the total project cost, or \$475,500 which would be funded by the ½ cent capital improvement sales tax.

As with previous applications for federal funding, a fee equal to ½% of federal funds requested must be submitted with the application. In our case, this application fee will be \$5,547.50. This fee will help offset East-West Gateway's administrative costs associated with administering the Transportation Improvement Program. It is important to note that if our application is denied, then the application fee will be returned.

Therefore, we request that the Planning & Public Works Committee direct Staff to submit an application, along with the required application fee, to the East-West Gateway Council of Governments seeking funding for the reconstruction of Appalachian Trail from Olive Blvd. to Beaver Creek Drive.

If you have any questions, or need additional information regarding this matter, please advise.

cc: Mike Geisel, Director of Planning & Public Works

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