

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE AGENDA  
City of Rapid City, South Dakota

C/SAC -- 3rd Floor, West Conference Room  
10:00 A.M., Friday, February 21, 2014

Finance Officer Pauline Sumption called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with the following committee members present: Aldermen: Ritchie Nordstrom, John Roberts and Bonny Petersen; and city staff: Public Works Director Terry Wolterstorff, Community Planning and Development Services Director Brett Limbaugh and Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Biegler; and the following members arrived during the course of the meeting: Jerry Wright; and the following were absent: Charity Doyle, John Brewer and Linda Marchand.

Others present included: City Engineer Dale Tech, Compliance Specialist Amber Sitts, Fire Chief Mike Maltaverne, IT Officer Jim Gilbert, Landscape Designer Alex DeSmidt, Transportation Planner III Kip Harrington, Journey Museum Director Troy Kilpatrick, Jerry Cole and Administrative Coordinator Sharlene Mitchell

Sumption introduced (No. CC022114-03) Funding for SDDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Project, Mako Sica Trail & Connection to Western Dakota Tech noting the funding available in the 2014 CIP grant match line item. DeSmidt addressed the two Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant projects presented to the Department of Transportation noting that the Western Dakota Tech bike path was selected for funding. DeSmidt provided a brief review of the project to develop bike/pedestrian access from Cambell Street to Western Dakota Tech using the railroad right-of-way. DeSmidt addressed the high priority status of the project in the Bike Pedestrian Master Plan noting the future potential for a regional trail system that would extend east to Kadoka. DeSmidt reviewed the existing conditions along the proposed trail and the easement acquisition required for access at the signalized intersection. DeSmidt addressed the current and future benefits of the project noting the efforts of the West River Trails Coalition to develop the regional trail system to the Badlands National Park. DeSmidt presented the Department of Transportation funding proposal noting that the City is required to fund the balance of the project. Maltaverne suggested contacting Western Dakota Tech regarding their possible financial participation in the project. Harrington stated that the state funding is contingent upon the city providing the match funding for the project as presented noting that if the city is unable to fund their portion of the project the state monies will revert to the TAP program. In response to a question from Wolterstorff, DeSmidt addressed the match funding proposed in the application which included in-kind design work by the Public Works Department and CIP funding. In response to a question from Roberts, Biegler indicated that the Advisory Board would need to review the Parks budget to determine if funds were available to allocate to the trail project. Sumption questioned if there were other projects that would require matching grant funding. In response to a question from Petersen, Harrington addressed the timeline to respond to the state funding proposal. DeSmidt advised that the project would span three years noting the possibility to apply for other grant programs to assist financially with the project. Discussion followed regarding the ability to utilize multiple grant programs for the trail project. In response to a question from Sumption, Limbaugh advised that Community Planning is seeking grant funding for study projects. Wright recommended securing the match funding prior to submitting the grant application. In response to a question from Wright, DeSmidt advised that use of the state funds requires that the project be completed as proposed. Discussion followed regarding the status of the state funding and the possibility that additional funds could become available should any of the awarded projects withdraw. In response to a question from Sumption, Biegler indicated that the project completion is 2017 allowing time to identify other funding sources should there be over-runs. Sumption proposed committing \$75,000 per year for four years from the CIP grant match line item. Discussion followed regarding the grant reimbursement process and the need to confirm that the state would allow a multi-year financial commitment. In response to a question from Wright, Sumption advised that the grant match funds are a line item within CIP noting that no other grant projects could access the funds if the full 2014 allocation were committed to this project. Wolterstorff expressed concern with the State's limited funding commitment to the project

and his discomfort with the financial commitment required by the City. Discussion continued regarding the funding percentages that have been awarded to other projects. DeSmidt addressed the process for funding the sidewalk installation component of the project. Discussion followed regarding the cost of the various project elements. Maltaverne advised that he had visited with Western Dakota Tech and they are not interested in participating in the bike path project due to its off-campus location. Discussion followed regarding the Master Plan priority classification of the bike path project. Roberts suggested that the request be taken to the Legal & Finance Committee without recommendation. Petersen suggested approving the project with the four year funding commitment. Wolterstorff addressed his support for the project noting his opinion that the state funding is insufficient. Wolterstorff questioned the ability to use RTP funds to cost share on another federal grant. Wolterstorff suggested that the state be advised that the city will commit to the in-kind match and up to \$100,000 in cash match. Wright recommended that the match funding be secured prior to the submitting the grant application noting that while this is a good project the City does not have the additional financial resources. Motion was made by Wolterstorff, second by Nordstrom and carried to recommend up to \$100,000 in CIP grant funding and \$99,818 In-Kind design and construction engineering services as grant match for the **Western Dakota Tech bike path connection** TAP project.