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## MEMORANDUM

Equipment Maintenance  
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To: Brian Stineman Public Works Director  
FROM: Jim Edgmond, City Engineer  
DATE: July 10, 2018  
RE: West Side Trail Final Design Environmental Clearances

### INTRODUCTION:

The route study for the west side trail is complete and the final design has been awarded to Martin Whitacre team. The second portion of the final design is to get the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) work done.

### BACKGROUND:

Recently the city has been able to swap federal funds for state funds and make the development of a project simpler and less expensive. Grandview reconstruction is an example of the swap program. However, the federal funds allocated for this trail project are not eligible for the swap program. Because of this NEPA compliance requirement, the project will take longer to develop and getting started on the NEPA work as quickly as possible is necessary to allow time in the schedule for the final design. The project is scheduled for a spring letting of the construction contract. Additional costs for this final design are still to come for the final design. These costs are being negotiated and will be presented to the council in August.

Award of West Side Trail Final Design Survey:	\$47,500.00
Award of West Side Trail NEPA	\$55,000.00 (Not to exceed)
Award of West Side Trail Final Design	& to be determined

### RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

Recommend city council approve this proposal from Martin Whitacre team in the amount of \$55,000.00 for the NEPA environmental clearances.

### BACKUP INFORMATION:

None

"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any  
on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain