



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a proposal by Construction Manager at Risk, Keystone Excavators, Inc., of Oldsmar, Florida in the amount of \$334,345, which includes a 10% contingency, for site work and construction of a twelve -foot wide pedestrian trail bridge on the Ream Wilson Trail and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

SUMMARY:

On September 15, 2016, the City Council approved a grant agreement between the City of Clearwater and the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, Recreation Trails Program (RTP) for a grant in the amount of \$104,637 for replacement of a trail bridge on the Ream Wilson Trail.

The Ream Wilson Trail is recognized as a National Recreation Trail by the U.S. Department of Interior. There are only two others with this recognition in Pinellas County (the Pinellas Trail and the North Bay Trail).

Presently, the existing bridge is six-foot in width and is inadequate for a shared use path. The bridge was initially installed prior to the development of nationally accepted guidelines for shared use paths, and was adequate at the time of construction. Since then, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' "Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities" recommends a minimum of a ten-foot width for a shared use path. It is important to have a wider width due to the high volume of use of this trail.

This contract will include the site preparation, removal and relocation of the existing bridge and installation of new bridge abutments and a new twelve-foot wide steel truss bridge including railing and asphalt approaches.

This bridge is located in the northeast corner of the Carpenter Field Complex connecting Cliff Stephens Park under U.S. 19 viaduct to Carpenter Field and ultimately the trail head at the Long Center.

No additional operating impacts are needed to support this project.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

Funds are available in capital improvement project 315-93272 Bicycle Paths-Bridges, to fund this contract.

USE OF RESERVE FUNDS: N/A