



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: Dennis Sullivan, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: July 18, 2005
Subject: RESOLUTION - Illini Trail Access and Madison Street Extension

List of committees that have reviewed: None.

Background: The Transportation Enhancement Program is sponsored by IDOT. A project eligible under this program must demonstrate a relationship to surface transportation. The enhancement projects must enhance the transportation system either by serving a transportation need or providing a transportation use or benefit. Provision of facilities for pedestrian and bicycles is one of the twelve categories in which IDOT is accepting project applications.

Federal funds for this program will provide reimbursement up to 50 percent for right-of-way and easement acquisition costs, and up to 80 percent for preliminary engineering, utility relocations, construction engineering and construction costs.

The subject project would consist of extending Madison Street over Engle Creek, connecting the street through the Illini Trail (see attached map). The existing bike trail would continue to function via a bridge over the Madison Street extension. Madison Street bicycle and pedestrian traffic would have access to Illini Trail via a ramp connecting the new road to the existing trail.

Legal Considerations, if any: Resistance from residents of the area to vehicular traffic along the Madison Street extension.

Budget Impact: The 20 percent or 50 percent sponsor participation must come from O'Fallon or a state agency. As the project is in its infancy, no firm cost estimate is available; however, it is anticipated the total cost at time of construction may approach \$850,000.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends passage of the resolution supporting the project and applying to IDOT for funding of the project.