

Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

Funding Report

General Section

Park or Trail Name: Dakota Rail Trail

Park ID: 15-091D Funding Application #: 16-029F

Date Designated: 2016-08-15 District5

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Project Name: McLeod County Dakota Rail Trail Development

Project Description:

McLeod County is submitting this funding application to develop the entire 18-miles of the Dakota Rail corridor between the McLeod/Carver County line to the City of Hutchinson into a multi-use, bituminous (paved) trail that will be suitable for bicycling, walking, running, in-line skating, commuting, dog walking and other typical non-motorized trail uses during the spring, summer and fall seasons. During the winter season, the trail may be open to snowmobile use if the governing land use authorities including cities, townships and McLeod County permit the activity. The trail will connect with and complement existing paved trails that are located in the area, including the Dakota Rail Trail in Carver and Hennepin Counties and the Luce Line State Trail within McLeod County. The proposed trail will be designed in accordance with applicable American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities and Minnesota Department of Transportation's Minnesota Bicycle Transportation and Planning Guidelines. The trail's paved surface portion will typically be ten feet wide with a two-foot grass shoulder and clearance zone on each side. The trail project will include a rest stop with benches, bicycle racks and trash receptacles in Lester Prairie. Three trail bridges along the route will be improved during implementation to include railings and paved surfacing. The Dakota Rail corridor in McLeod County is typically a 100-foot right-of-way that is owned by the McLeod Regional Railroad Authority. No additional land acquisition is needed to develop the Dakota Rail Trail. The corridor extends through lush agricultural fields and around lakes and wetlands creating many opportunities for scenic overlooks.

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Project Cost Breakdown: The McLeod County Dakota Rail Trail project will include construction of two trail segments that will span from the McLeod/Carver County line to the City of Hutchinson. A summary

of the cost breakdown for each segment is shown below. A more detailed estimate of construction costs is included in the attachments. McLeod/Carver County Line to Lester Prairie CSAH 1 Segment

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| Preparation, Mobilization and Pavement | \$510,000 | Drainage, Tile & Structures | \$150,000 |
| Engineering Contingency | \$20,000 | Segment Total | \$680,000 |

Lester Prairie CSAH 1 to Hutchinson Segment

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| Preparation & Mobilization | \$412,900 | Drainage, Tile & Structures | \$660,880 | Pavement | \$1,403,156 | Restoration | \$363,576 |
| Engineering Contingency | \$160,000 | Segment Total | \$3,001,000 | | | | |

Total Estimated Construction Cost \$3,681,000

McLeod County would like to see this project fully funded for immediate development but understands that development may need to occur in segments based on funding availability.

Grant Funding Request: \$3,681,000

Local Match: 0 Funder:
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Total Funding: \$3,681,000 Percentage of Local Match: 0.0%

Completion Timeframe: 18 months