

City Council Introduction:

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# FACTSHEET

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**TITLE:** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Rural to Urban Trails **BOARD/COMMITTEE:** Ped/Bicycle Advisory Committee

**APPLICANT:** Lynn Johnson **RECOMMENDATION:** Support

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For **OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:**

**SPONSOR:** Parks and Recreation **OPPONENTS:**

## REASON FOR LEGISLATION

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to enter into a Interlocal Agreement with the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District (NRD) to cooperate on the transition of rural trails into urban development. Trails adjacent to the City of Lincoln, which are not part of other agreements, may, at the time when annexation of the surrounding property is being discussed, be transferred from NRD responsibility and ownership to City responsibility and ownership. This will allow trails to be part of the urbanization discussions and negotiations that commonly occur between the City and developers. The continuity, safety, and improvement of trail surfacing and routes will remain the primary goal of all negotiations having to do with trails. The NRD Board took action on April 19 to approve this agreement.

## DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

The Interlocal Cooperation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. 13-801, authorizes the City and NRD to enter into cooperative agreements for the mutual benefit of the parties. The City and NRD have an interest in and have worked together for the development, establishment and management of recreation trails. The NRD has generally developed and maintained trails outside the City which have a more rural character. The City has generally developed and maintained trails within the City with a more urban character. As the City grows, rural trails may become urbanized through annexation of developing properties. Changes in surrounding land use, increased population and increased use of urbanizing trails are better served with a trail of a more urban character. The City regularly negotiates with developers when property is being discussed for urbanization and has the personnel and expertise necessary to participate in these negotiations.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:**  Yes  No

## OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

## COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:

## RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS:

## SOURCE OF FUNDS:

**CITY:**

**NON CITY:**

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