Menasha

MEMORANDUM

To: Common Council

From: PRD Tungate

Date: October 15, 2014

RE: Participation in the City of Neenah's Fox River Multi-modal Bridge Crossing Feasibility Study

BACKGROUND

Approximately two years ago, staff from Neenah and Menasha met to discuss a way of creating a safe bicycle/pedestrian connection between the two communities. Out of this discussion came the idea of constructing two separate pedestrian bridges across the Fox River as it flows around Doty Island. The City of Neenah would like to move ahead with planning for this project. The City of Menasha has listed this project in its upcoming CIP plan.

ANALYSIS / BENEFITS

Attached is a map depicting the approximate location of the two new bridges. Once the bridges are installed, it will create a safe and desirable connecting loop between the two communities. Other benefits include:

1. Future grant applications are strengthened by a joint community project
2. This loop trail will become popular for commuters and recreational users because of its connection to the very popular Trestle Trail.
3. Supports the city's newly adopted brand statement by enhancing our "unique place on the water".

FISCAL IMPACT

A $1,800 donation from the Fox Cities Greenways organization will be split equally between the communities and reduces Menasha's cost from $2,800 to $1,900. Staff supports joining with Neenah on this feasibility study which will provide us with bridge design, location and cost information that may be used as a basis for future decisions regarding this project.

RECOMMENDATION

Common Council to approve spending $1,900 for Menasha's share of Neenah's multi-modal bridge crossing feasibility study. Funds will come out of account #100-0703-553.21-02

LITTLE LAKE BUTTE DES MORTS
SOUTH TRIAL LOOP CONCEPT

LEGEND:

- ★★★★★ PROPOSED BRIDGE
- PROPOSED ROUTE
- TRAIL UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- EXISTING TRAIL/BRIDGE/ROUTE