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## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**Subject: Charley Western Trail Bridge Agreement with Calhoun Burns and Associates**

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**Background Summary:**

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the City Council approved an agreement with Calhoun Burns and Associates to analyze and provide an evaluation report on the condition of the Charley Western Trail bridge. Due to the recent failure of one of the bridge's arches, we now need to revise the scope of services that were included in the agreement. The agreement included the preparation of a pre-design cost opinion for the construction of a new trail bridge at the same location as the existing bridge. We will keep that service as part of the agreement and eliminate the services related to evaluating the existing bridge. We also want to have Calhoun Burns prepare a cost opinion of a combination roadway / trail bridge to get an idea of the additional bridge cost if we would construct a street between South Grand Avenue and Clark Street.

It has been the unanimous opinion of those individuals that we have discussed the failure of the bridge with there is no realistic way of repairing the bridge, and the bridge must be demolished. We have discussed demolition options and requirements with Calhoun Burns, and they will prepare a separate agreement for designing, preparing bidding documents, and obtaining the required permits from the Iowa DNR and Corps of Engineers to work in the Cedar River.

We have secured the bridge with fencing to keep pedestrians off the bridge, and we have placed signs on the river bank to warn boaters approaching the bridge from both the upstream and downstream sides of the bridge. Due to the current instability of the bridge and the need to expedite the demolition and removal of the existing structure, we will have an agreement on the May 1<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting agenda for approval of the professional services for the demolition of the bridge.