

OMAHA - Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE) today expressed his appreciation to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners for voting to approve the local agreement of funding of the Western Douglas County Trails Project.

**"This is great news for Omaha and western Douglas County," Terry said. "Connecting Omaha with the communities of Elkhorn, Waterloo, and Valley, will benefit the entire area. The trail is much more than a cement path; it is an artery that will connect residents and strengthen families through quality recreational time."**

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The Douglas County Board of Commissioners convened this morning and voted 5-0 in favor of the project, with two Commissioners abstaining. This vote comes almost two weeks after the project was first deadlocked in a vote of 3-3, with one Commissioner abstaining. At that time, Elkhorn, Waterloo, Valley, the Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District, and the Douglas County Board had already committed money to developing the trail plan.

**"This has been a collaborative effort by multiple agencies and the Commissioners have done a good thing for our communities today," Terry added. "I want to specifically extend my thanks to Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson who continued to support this plan and worked diligently to find common ground amongst her colleagues. Also, thanks is due to Commissioner Mike Boyle who was the most open to finding a compromise."**

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The Senate has yet to consider the Transportation Reauthorization Bill. Congressman Terry will work to retain these funds during any forthcoming House/Senate conference.

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