

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Blair Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Advisory Board  
From: CJ Heaton, Deputy City Administrator of Public Works  
Date: 3/17/26  
Re: Heartland Bike Share Stations

City staff recently applied for a grant through the Papio Missouri NRD to help with the installation of 2 E-bike stations for Blair. Staff have also been in conversations with Heartland Bike Share about partnering with them to bring their program to Blair. There are currently over 450 bikes in the Omaha metro in this program.

The grant from the NRD has a \$50,000 limit, with a %100 match; the city would match \$50,000, for a total of \$100,000 towards this project. Each station is about 40-50k to install, depending on location. There would be some ongoing fees for the stations, dependent on the city's level of involvement with the routine maintenance. Heartland would be responsible for all of the maintenance to the bikes, while city staff may take on the responsibility of charging batteries and general clean up, and snow removal around the stations. All of the bike rentals are managed through an app and by Heartland.

For the time being, the staff would like the board to make a recommendation for two sites. Staff has made a few recommendations, as noted on the trail map with red dots. Our preference is to install one on each end of our trail system and near a public place. While we are open to suggestions, the 4 sites we recommend are: Generations Park, Lions Park, Blair YMCA, or the city pool area. All are close to the trails and in public places.

**Recommendation:** Please provide a recommendation for two locations.

**Fiscal Impact:** initial cost estimates \$50,000. This project is grant dependent.