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10-09-07

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2003/04 BICYCLE TRAIL SYSTEM (EAST LINCOLN WAY/ SKUNK RIVER BICYCLE CROSSING)**

**BACKGROUND:**

The 2003/04 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) included a project to construct a bicycle bridge along East Lincoln Way over the Skunk River, with estimated construction costs of \$400,000. This project was a part of the larger project for the widening and reconstruction of East Lincoln Way. Construction of the bridge was coordinated with the roadway improvements. This project received a grant of Federal Transportation Enhancement funds through the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) and the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). The agreement between the IDOT and the AAMPO was subsequently approved by City Council on August 24, 2004.

On May 24, 2005, City Council awarded the contract to United Contractor's, Inc. of Johnston, Iowa, in the amount of \$329,031.98. Construction was completed in the amount of \$323,108.63. Engineering and construction administration was in the amount of \$30,840, for a total project cost of \$353,949.

As programmed, Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding covered \$75,000 of the cost and Local Options Sales Tax funds will provide \$75,000 towards funding of the project. The remaining funding was included in the G.O. Bond financing for the East Lincoln Way reconstruction project.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Accept the 2003/04 Bicycle Trail System (East Lincoln Way Bicycle Bridge over the Skunk River) project as completed by United Contractors, Inc. of Johnston, Iowa, in the amount of \$323,108.63.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the 2003/04 Bicycle Trail System (East Lincoln Way Bicycle Bridge over the Skunk River) project as completed by United Contractors, Inc. of Johnston, Iowa, in the amount of \$323,108.63.