

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING OF THE AMES SOUTHEAST ENTRYWAY PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND:**

This project is a continued partnership between the City of Ames and the South Ames Business Neighborhood (SABN) to complete the following improvement features to the Southeast Entryway: installation of light columns and planting of native plants and flowers. A portion of the Southeast Entryway has already been improved with grading and plantings at the intersection of Dayton Avenue and SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street to the Dayton Avenue overpass.

This project is estimated to be bid in August 2009.

In the 2007/2012 Capital Improvement Plan, City Council approved the use of City funds in the amount of \$187,000, private funding in the amount of \$106,000 (\$46,000 from the previous project and a new pledge of \$60,000), and an anticipated \$30,000 from an IDOT planting grant. This would provide the necessary 80 percent match to the \$683,000 Transportation Enhancement funds stated in the contract.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the IDOT Agreement STP-E-0155(659)—8V-85 for STP funding for the Ames Southeast Entryway.
2. Reject the Agreement.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By approving this agreement with the IDOT, it will be possible to move forward with the construction of the Southeast Entryway in the following year and continue the improvements of the Southeast Entryway.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the IDOT Agreement STP-E-0155(659)—8V-85 for STP funding for the Ames Southeast Entryway.