

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2007/08 SIDEWALK SAFETY PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND:**

This annual program is for the removal and replacement of sidewalk intersection crosswalk panels and handicap ramps at locations that fail to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. This program provides safer pedestrian facilities and limits the City's potential liability for public sidewalks that are in a deteriorated condition.

The 2007/08 program locations included Harding Avenue (10<sup>th</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street), Maxwell Avenue (George Allen Avenue to 16<sup>th</sup> Street), N. Riverside Drive and N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and Melrose Avenue (Hunziker Drive and 20<sup>th</sup> Street).

On October 23, 2008, City Council awarded the contract to Ames Concrete Contractors of Ames, IA, in the amount of \$63,109.10. Construction was completed in the amount of \$65,562.71. Engineering and construction administration expenses were in the amount of \$9,835. Total project costs, as detailed above, are in the amount of \$75,398.

This project is shown in the 2007/08 approved budget with financing in the amount of \$50,000. Unused funds in the amount of \$30,900 from the 2005/06 Sidewalk Safety Program have been carried over to the 2007/08 Sidewalk Safety Program, bringing the total available budget to \$80,900. The remaining funds will be utilized for additional projects.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Accept the 2007/08 Sidewalk Safety Program as completed by Ames Concrete Contractors of Ames, IA, in the amount of \$65,562.71.
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 2007/08 Sidewalk Safety Program as completed by Ames Concrete Contractors of Ames, IA, in the amount of \$65,562.71.