

ITEM # 23
DATE 01-27-09

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2008/09 US69 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (13TH STREET/
GRAND AVENUE SIGNAL REPLACEMENT)**

BACKGROUND:

This is the annual program for intersection improvements along US Highway 69 (Grand Avenue), within and just outside City limits, to alleviate congestion and reduce potential accidents. Included in the 2008/2009 budget is a project for the replacement of the 13th Street and Grand Avenue traffic signal system. The project will include full replacement of the traffic signal system including all poles, equipment, and in-street loop detection. This project will also include a retaining wall on the northeast corner of the intersection.

Graham Land Acquisition Associates of Nevada, Iowa, has completed the purchase agreement documents for the additional right-of-way to facilitate the relocation of the traffic signal poles in order to meet Iowa Department of Transportation minimum clearzone requirements. The three property owners affected are located on the southwest, northwest, and northeast corners of the intersection.

Harold E. Pike and Julie A. Pike (property owners on the southwest corner) have signed a warranty deed for the City's offer to purchase additional right-of-way. This property also required a tenant agreement that was signed by Harold Rake and Barbara Rake who are the current residents. Compensation for this deed and agreement is in the amount of \$450.

Iowa Seventh Day Adventist Association (property owner on the northwest corner) has signed a warranty deed for the City's offer to purchase additional right-of-way. Compensation for this deed is in the amount of \$600.

Kevin M. Bourke (property owner on the northeast corner) has signed a warranty deed for the City's offer to purchase additional right-of-way. This property also required two tenant agreements that were signed by Will Flynn and Rock Martin (current residents of the property). Compensation for this deed and agreements are in the amount of \$3,780.

This brings the total amount of compensation for additional right-of-way and tenant agreements associated with this project to \$4,830. Execution of these purchase agreements is the final step necessary in order to complete the replacement of the traffic signal system located at 13th Street and Grand Avenue intersection.

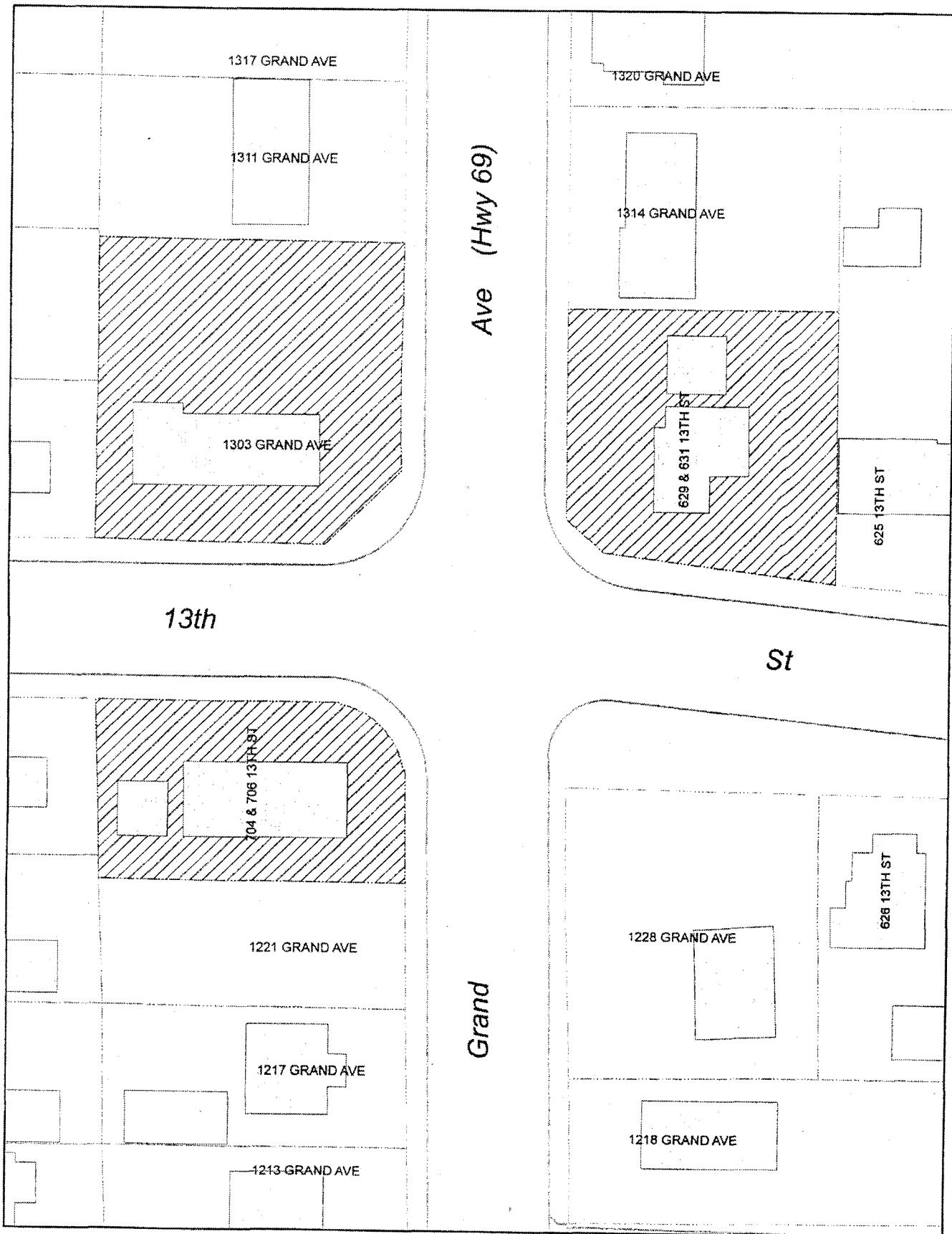
ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the transfer of land from Harold E. Pike and Julie A. Pike, and approve the warranty deed for the US69 Intersection Improvements (13th Street and Grand Avenue), as well as the tenant agreement for Harold Rake and Barbara Rake, in the amount totaling \$450.
 - b. Accept the transfer of land from Iowa Seventh Day Adventist Association, and approve the warranty deed for the US69 Intersection Improvements (13th Street and Grand Avenue), in the amount totaling \$600.
 - c. Accept the transfer of land from Kevin M. Bourke, and approve the warranty deed for the US69 Intersection Improvements (13th Street and Grand Avenue), as well as the tenant agreements for Will Flynn and Rock Martin, in the amount totaling \$3,780.
2. Direct staff to make modifications to the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By accepting the transfer of land and approving the warranty deeds and purchase agreements, this project will be able to move forward and ensure the ongoing operation of the 13th Street and Grand Avenue intersection. Housing and Public Works staff continue to evaluate the requests from the three affected property owners for full purchase of their properties. A full report will be presented to Council at a later date and does not preclude the project from moving forward.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting all required transfers of land and associated purchase agreements for the US69 Intersection Improvements (13th Street/Grand Avenue signal replacement).



Vicinity: 13th St & Grand Ave
Ames, IA

