

ITEM #	13
DATE	04-28-09

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT BLOOMINGTON AND STANGE

BACKGROUND:

According to the developer's agreement associated with the platting of the Uthe Farm located north of Bloomington Road and west of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), the developer is responsible for installation of all improvements specified by the agreement. This includes widening a portion of Bloomington Road along the southern edge of the development into a four-lane roadway and signaling the intersection of Bloomington Road and Stange Road.

In order to maintain the current standard for roadside clearance, the traffic signal poles must be at least ten feet behind the curb. There is sufficient right-of-way at three of the corners at Bloomington Road and Stange Road to meet this safety requirement. However, the southwest corner will require a permanent easement for the fourth and final signal pole.

Considering all of the improvements at the intersection of Bloomington Road and Stange Road are the responsibility of the developer, there will be no cost to the City of Ames when accepting this easement.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the easement agreement with Taylor Family Limited Partnership.
2. Reject the easement agreement, and direct staff to pursue other alternatives.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The easement agreement has been signed by the representative of Taylor Family Limited Partnership, which was secured by the developer in order to meet the safety standards of the City of Ames.

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the easement agreement with Taylor Family Limited Partnership.