

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM PROJECT – DUFF AVENUE  
(7<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET)**

**BACKGROUND:**

This project is for an asphalt overlay of Duff Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street. On September 22, 2009, the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) approved this project for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which is also known as the Federal Stimulus. The other projects previously approved include the Lincoln Way resurfacing project (Hickory Drive to 475 feet east of Marshall Avenue), the Skunk River Shared Use Path (South River Valley Park to Carr Pool), and the George Washington Carver Avenue rehabilitation (Stange Road to Bloomington Road).

Because project funding includes federal funds, the contract was required to be let by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT). On Tuesday, December 15, 2009, bids were received and read by the Iowa DOT as follows:

| <u>Bidder</u>       | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Engineer's Estimate | \$ 527,000.00 |
| Manatt's, Inc.      | \$ 504,231.25 |

This fourth project will receive 100 percent funding for construction from ARRA funding. However, as with the previously approved ARRA projects, engineering and project administration costs are not covered by this funding. Therefore, staff identified savings from prior General Obligation Bond issues to cover the costs of these unbudgeted activities. Total engineering and administration costs for all four ARRA projects are estimated at \$200,000.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the Federal Stimulus Program Project – Duff Avenue (7<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street).
- b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Federal Stimulus Program Project – Duff Avenue (7<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street).
- c. Award the Federal Stimulus Program Project – Duff Avenue (7<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street) to Manatt's, Inc. in the amount of \$504,231.25, contingent upon receipt of Iowa DOT concurrence.

2. Reject the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This segment of arterial is in need of maintenance, and the federal stimulus funding provides an outside funding source to accomplish this work next year. The use of this Federal funding will free up local funds previously earmarked in 2010-11 for this project.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the report of bids, approving the final plans and specifications, and awarding the Federal Stimulus Program Project – Duff Avenue (7<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street) to Manatt's, Inc. in the amount of \$504,231.25, contingent upon receipt of Iowa DOT concurrence.