

ITEM # 9a  
DATE: 1-26-10

## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2009/10 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (MATCHING FUNDS APPROVAL)**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Airport Master Plan for the Ames Municipal Airport examines all the needs of the airport and recommends improvements to keep the infrastructure in safe condition. Each year the City submits a copy of the identified improvements requesting Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding to the Iowa Department of Transportation. These requests are then forwarded to the FAA for consideration.

The 2009/2010 Capital Improvements Plan includes a project to rehabilitate Taxiway A-1, for the Taxiway A-1 Drainage Improvements, and for Runway 01 Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI). These projects have been grouped to maximize grant funding potential as awarded by the FAA and will include pavement improvements to Taxiway A-1, storm sewer improvements to prevent flooding of the Runway-Runway intersection near Taxiway A-1, and new PAPI for Runway approach 01. On October 29, 2009, the City was notified that FAA Grant funding for this project is pending. The official and public notification that the FAA has allocated funds for this project will be by congressional release. A grant offer will not be issued until bids for the project are received in April 2010.

The total estimated cost for the project is \$1,125,000. The FAA portion of this project is \$1,068,750 (95%) and the City's share is \$56,250 (5%). The local share will come from the Airport Construction Fund, which will have an estimated balance of \$104,753 at the beginning of this project.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Proceed with the project by approving matching funds in the amount of \$56,250 from the Airport Construction Fund to rehabilitate Taxiway A-1, of the Taxiway A-1 Drainage Improvements, and for Runway 01 PAPI.
2. Reject the approval of the project.

### **MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

One of the primary goals of the Ames Municipal Airport is the safety of its users. By authorizing this project, the Ames City Council will ensure the continued high safety standard currently seen at our airport facility.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative 1 and direct staff to proceed with the project by approving matching funds in the amount of \$56,250 from the Airport Construction Fund to rehabilitate Taxiway A-1, for the Taxiway A-1 Drainage Improvements, and for Runway 01 PAPI.