

ITEM #: 16  
DATE: 4/13/10

## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2009/10 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS**

**BACKGROUND:**

The projects included in this program are laid out in the City's Airport Master Plan, which details airport development needs for a ten-year period. The Master Plan Update completed in 2008 identifies projects that qualify for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding. This funding provides for 95% of the cost of identified projects. The 2009/10 Airport Improvements projects, Rehabilitate Taxiway A-1, PAPI, and Taxiway A flood control, are shown in the 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Plan.

HWS Consulting Group has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs totaling \$1,100,000. This project is awaiting the approval of an FAA grant through the Congressional release of airport funds for this year, which will provide matching funds for 95% of all eligible costs. Based upon the estimated project total, this will provide approximately \$1,045,000 in federal funding. In order to cover the local match requirement of 5%, \$55,000 has been budgeted for this project from the Airport Construction Fund.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the 2009/10 Airport Improvements project, and establish May 5, 2010 as the date of letting and May 11, 2010 as the date for report of bids. This approval is conditional upon receipt of an approved FAA grant.
2. Reject the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

One of the primary goals of the Ames Municipal Airport is the safety of its users. By approving these plans and specifications, the City Council will ensure the continued high safety standard and quality of the facility currently seen at our airport through leveraging federal funds.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the plans and specifications for the 2009/10 Airport Improvements project, and establishing May 5, 2010 as the date of letting and May 11, 2010 as the date for report of bids. This approval is conditional upon receipt of an approved FAA grant.