

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SHARED USE PATH SYSTEM EXPANSION (FROM CHRISTOPHER GARTNER PARK TO AMES MIDDLE SCHOOL)

BACKGROUND:

On February 9, 2010, City Council approved an alternative shared use path alignment from Christopher Gartner Park through The Estates of Nature's Crossing and South Fork subdivisions to the Ames Middle School, and directed staff to draft a supplemental project agreement with The Estates of Nature's Crossing Subdivision developer that details the work to be performed and the shared funding arrangements.

The developer agreed to pay for all costs with the exception that the City will pay a set amount of \$14,000. This amount approximated a three-way split of the costs of that segment between the City, The Estates of Nature's Crossing developer, and the South Fork Subdivision owner. This arrangement enabled the construction of this eastern segment to occur prior to the development of South Fork Subdivision. A project agreement that details those provisions was approved by City Council on April 27, 2010. The developer submitted a letter of credit in the amount of \$64,500.

On April 27, 2010, City Council awarded the contract to Absolute Concrete, of Slater, Iowa, in the amount of \$75,999.95. Construction was completed in the amount of \$77,135.18.

Engineering administration was in the amount of \$5,400, bringing total costs to \$82,535.18.

Funding for the City's share of this project was not included in the current year's budget. It was hoped that constructing the Skunk River Trail with Stimulus II funds would create savings in the Shared-Use Path Expansion program to cover the \$14,000 City portion for this path. However, we have been informed by the Iowa Department of Transportation that the Stimulus II program is not anticipated to move forward. **Thus, the \$14,000 will need to come from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund available balance.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the Shared Use Path System Expansion (from Christopher Gartner Park to the Ames Middle School) as completed by Absolute Concrete, of Slater, Iowa, in the amount of \$77,135.18.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Since this project has been completed in accordance with the City's approved plans and specifications, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting Shared Use Path System Expansion (from Christopher Gartner Park to the Ames Middle School as completed by Absolute Concrete, of Slater, Iowa, in the amount of \$77,135.18.