

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2011/2012 COLLECTOR STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
(HAYES AVENUE – 20TH STREET TO 24TH STREET)

BACKGROUND:

This annual program is for reconstruction or rehabilitation of collector streets. Locations are chosen in accordance with the most current street condition inventory. The 2010/11 program locations are Ash Avenue (Mortensen Parkway to Knapp Street), Ridgewood Avenue (13th Street to 16th Street), and Hayes Avenue (20th Street to 24th Street).

This particular project is for the work to be done on Hayes Avenue from 20th Street to 24th Street. The project includes removal and replacement of the existing pavement, some curb and gutter replacement, and storm sewer intake rehabilitation.

The original intent was to reconstruct Hayes Avenue during the summer of 2012. However, the condition of the street has deteriorated such that it would be cost prohibitive to maintain the existing street through another winter. With consideration to the amount of traffic that utilizes the street during the school year, the contract is set up to have the street open to traffic prior to the Ames Community Schools starting date of August 18, 2011.

The staff is concerned that this project be completed on time to avoid traffic congestion when school opens. Therefore, a street opening bonus of \$10,000 has been established. If the contractor completes all street work prior to August 18, 2011, and has also completed all sod installation by September 16, 2011, the bonus will be paid by extra work order. The additional sod date is to meet sod installation specification requirements.

Staff has completed plans and specifications with estimated construction costs of \$428,000. Engineering and construction administration fees are estimated at \$64,000, bringing total estimated costs to \$494,000, which includes the street opening bonus. The projects are shown in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) with financing established in the amount of \$1,898,500 from General Obligation Bonds and \$1,060,000 from Surface Transportation Program/Metropolitan Planning Organization (STP/MPO) funds. All funding for the Hayes Avenue project will come from General Obligation Bonds, so no STP/MPO funds will be used on this portion of the program.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 2011/12 Collector Street Pavement Improvements Program (Hayes Avenue/ 20th Street to 24th Street) by establishing June 8, 2011, as the date of letting and June 14, 2011, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not proceed with this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Hayes Avenue is in great need of reconstruction, and funding has been provided within the City's CIP. The contract will include an incentive for the roadway to be reopened prior to beginning of the fall semester. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the 2011/12 Collector Street Pavement Improvements Program (Hayes Avenue/ 20th Street to 24th Street) by establishing June 8, 2011, as the date of letting and June 14, 2011, as the date for report of bids.