

ITEM # 13
DATE: 08-23-11

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF PRIMARY ROADS
IN MUNICIPALITIES**

BACKGROUND:

Every five years the City of Ames receives an Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities from the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT). The current agreement would cover July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016. This agreement states what is legally required by the municipality and the Iowa DOT in regards to maintenance and repair of primary roads as defined by *Iowa Code*. For primary highways with an urban cross-section such as U.S. Highway 69, *Iowa Code* requires the municipality to maintain items such as: curbs used for drainage, traffic signals, street lights, crosswalks, and drainage systems. This agreement also allows for a supplemental agreement that reallocates responsibility for maintenance, such as the annual agreement that covers reimbursement for maintenance and repair of U.S. Highway 69.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities.
2. Do not approve the agreement.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This agreement details the responsibilities of the City of Ames and the Iowa DOT as defined in *Iowa Code*. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve the Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities.