

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CYRIDE INTERMODAL FACILITY CREDIT CHANGE ORDER

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with City of Ames purchasing policies, staff must seek City Council approval for, "change orders increasing or decreasing the contract in an amount in excess of the lesser of \$50,000 or 20% of the original contract amount...." To date, add and deduct change orders on the Ames Intermodal Facility construction project total \$148,811. The construction company, Weitz, Inc., has requested a \$9,200 **deduct** change order for the facility, dealing with the removal of a damaged tree.

City staff administratively approved Change Orders # 8 through 11 during the fall of 2011. On November 1, 2011, the City Council approved Change order #12 in the amount of \$52,103. Since then, CyRide and Manager's Office staff have approved Change Orders # 13,14, and 16 dealing with lighting and meter/transformer placement.

The \$9,200 deduct change order, #15, is a credit for removing a tree on the Intermodal Facility site that was to have remained. The tree was damaged during construction of a retaining wall on the south side of the site, and was subsequently removed. City Council action on this Change Order is requested at this time. This will allow staff to administratively approve a series of additional, small change orders (under \$10,000 total for all 4) currently being prepared. If approved, this change order would be included in the February pay application.

The Transit Board of Trustees reviewed and approved this change order at its February 16, 2012 meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve change order #15 to Weitz Company for a deduct amount of \$9,200 for the removal of a tree that was to remain on the site. This brings the total contract amount with Weitz Company to \$7,221,840.71.
2. Do not approve change order #15 for the tree removal.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The value of the tree was determined by Iowa State University's Arborist, so the deduct amount reflects a fair accounting of its value. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving change order #15. Approval of this modification will allow the project to move forward expeditiously within its tight timeframe.