

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: GRAND AVENUE EXTENSION CONCLUDING CHANGE ORDER
(S. 16TH STREET NORTH 400 FT.)

BACKGROUND:

The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan identifies the need to extend Grand Avenue from Lincoln Way to South 16th Street. The first two phases of this extension were previously completed from Lincoln Way to Squaw Creek Drive. **This phase involved construction of South Grand Avenue north of South 16th Street to provide access to The Grove apartments and Coldwater Golf Links.**

On July 26, 2011, City Council awarded a contract for this work to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$466,290.49. Two change orders were subsequently approved administratively by staff.

Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$36,870.17 included temporary granular surfacing, sidewalk, and barrier rail to comply with ADA work zone requirements.

Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$12,920.00 included the addition of a segmental block retaining wall on the west side of Grand Avenue near South 16th Street to address site grade differences.

This action will be for the City Council to approve Change Order No. 3, the final change order for this project, which is in the amount of \$1,074.75. This includes payment for the pavement thickness incentive per Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) specifications and balancing of actual field constructed quantities.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$1,074.75 for the Grand Avenue Extension Project.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Construction is now complete and confirming these change orders will allow for the project to move forward through audit by the Iowa DOT before coming back to Council for final acceptance. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.