

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2012/13 WEST LINCOLN WAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
(LINCOLN WAY AND DOTSON DRIVE)**

BACKGROUND:

This project is for constructing turn lanes and installing traffic signals at the Dotson Drive/Lincoln Way intersection. A traffic impact report for South Fork Subdivision justified these improvements. Increased traffic flow from South Fork Subdivision necessitates left-turn lanes at the Lincoln Way approaches to the Dotson Drive intersection to accommodate heavy-turning movements. Turn lanes on Lincoln Way will mitigate left-turning, rear-end, and right-angle traffic accidents at this intersection. An existing agreement requires the Developer and the City to share equally in the construction cost of these improvements.

On Wednesday, February 6, 2013, bids were received as follows:

Engineer's Estimate	\$649,040.00
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<u>Bidder:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Manatt's, Inc.	\$549,699.00
Con-Struct, Inc.	\$564,000.00
MPS Engineers	\$740,797.00

A Traffic Safety Improvement Grant of \$500,000 has been awarded by the Iowa Department of Transportation to be used toward construction of this project. With the low bid of \$549,699, this leaves approximately \$49,700 to be split equally between the City (\$24,850) and the developer (\$24,850), in accordance with the agreement approved by Council on December 18, 2012. The developer's share has been secured with a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$125,000 from Pinnacle Properties Ames, LLC. The City's construction share of \$24,850, along with engineering and construction administration costs estimated at \$82,000; bring the total City estimated costs to \$106,850. As shown in the 2012/13 Capital Improvements Plan, funding for this City share is programmed in the amount of \$242,500 from Road Use Tax funds.

	<u>Construction</u> <u>(\$549,699 total)</u>	<u>Eng/Admin</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Funding</u>
IDOT Grant	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$500,000
Developer	\$ 24,850		\$ 24,850	\$125,000
City	\$ 24,850	\$ 82,000	<u>\$106,850</u>	<u>\$242,500</u>
Total			\$631,700	\$867,500

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2012/13 West Lincoln Way Intersection Improvements (Lincoln Way and Dotson Drive).
 - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the 2012/13 West Lincoln Way Intersection Improvements (Lincoln Way and Dotson Drive).
 - c. Award the 2012/13 West Lincoln Way Intersection Improvements (Lincoln Way and Dotson Drive) to Manatt's, Inc., of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$549,699.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project will provide needed transportation improvements not only for growth of the South Fork Subdivision area, but will also serve as a needed safety improvement facilitating school day traffic. This intersection will serve as the northern access to the Ames Middle School once Dotson Drive is fully extended to Mortensen Road.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the report of bids, approving the final plans and specifications, and awarding the 2012/13 West Lincoln Way Intersection Improvements (Lincoln Way and Dotson Drive) to Manatt's, Inc., of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$549,699.