

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2012/13 SHARED USE PATH MAINTENANCE (BLOOMINGTON ROAD
– HOOVER AVENUE TO TAFT AVENUE)**

BACKGROUND:

The City's shared use path transportation system has continued to expand throughout the community. These shared use paths were typically constructed with five inches of asphalt or concrete pavement. Structural failure, drainage problems, and vegetation infringement are several of the causes for the need to improve these pavements. This annual program provides for those improvements.

This specific project involves reconstruction of the shared use path on Bloomington Road from Hoover Avenue to Taft Avenue. This section was identified as a priority in the community during a survey of shared use path pavement conditions throughout Ames. This information will also be used to identify future projects for shared use path improvements.

On March 20, 2013, bids on this project were received as follows:

Engineer's Estimate	\$69,000.00
Manatt's Inc.	\$67,614.45
MPS Engineers	\$72,226.50

Engineering and construction administration costs are estimated at \$12,000, bringing total estimated project costs to \$79,614. Budgeted funding includes \$50,000 from Local Option Sales Tax included in the 2012/13 Capital Improvements Plan, plus \$91,220 of Local Option Sales Tax funding carried over from previous years' allocations for shared use path maintenance. Any remaining funds after completion of this project will also be utilized for future projects.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2012/13 Shared Use Path Maintenance (Bloomington Road: Hoover Avenue - Taft Avenue).
- b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the 2012/13 Shared Use Path Maintenance (Bloomington Road: Hoover Avenue - Taft Avenue).
- c. Award the 2012/13 Shared Use Path Maintenance (Bloomington Road: Hoover Avenue - Taft Avenue) to Manatt's Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$67,614.45.

2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By awarding this contract now, it will be possible to move forward with the shared use path reconstruction in this area during the 2013 construction season. This will improve the safety and usability of the shared use path along Bloomington 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 Shared Use Path Maintenance (Bloomington Road: Hoover Avenue - Taft Avenue) to Manatt's Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$67,614.45.