

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR 2013/14 COLLECTOR STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS – SHELDON AVENUE**

**BACKGROUND:**

The City's annual Collector Street Pavement Improvements program utilizes current repair techniques to rehabilitate or reconstruct arterial streets with asphalt or concrete. Rehabilitation and/or replacement of collector streets are needed to restore structural integrity, serviceability, and ride-ability. Targeted streets are reaching a point of accelerated deterioration.

The 2013/14 program location is Sheldon Avenue (Lincoln Way – Hyland Avenue). The Sheldon Avenue project is programmed utilizing Metropolitan Planning Organization/Surface Transportation Program (MPO/STP) funding and General Obligation Bonds. It is anticipated that the project will have a January 2013 letting, which will be through the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), with construction in 2014. The construction timing and staging are being coordinated with Iowa State University.

Funding for this program has been identified in the 2013/14 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) in the amount of \$420,000 from General Obligation Bonds and \$1,060,000 from STP funds through the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) for total program funding of \$1,480,000.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Iowa DOT Agreement for MPO/STP funding for the 2013/14 Collector Street Pavement Improvements Sheldon Avenue (Lincoln Way – Hyland Avenue).
2. Reject the Agreement.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approval of this agreement with the Iowa DOT is needed to move the STP funding from the AAMPO to the City of Ames. This must happen before we can move forward with the reconstruction of Sheldon Avenue during the 2014 construction season. Delay or rejection of this agreement could delay the reconstruction by at least one year.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Iowa DOT Agreement for MPO/STP funding for the 2013/14 Collector Street Pavement Improvements Sheldon Avenue (Lincoln Way – Hyland Avenue).