

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SHARED USE PATH SYSTEM EXPANSION (SKUNK RIVER TRAIL – HUNZIKER YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX TO SOUTHEAST 16TH STREET)

BACKGROUND:

This program provides for construction of shared use paths on street rights-of-way, adjacent to streets, and through greenbelts. The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) identifies those paths that separate bicycle traffic from higher-speed automobile traffic. This program supports one of the City Council's priorities for the year, connecting our community. This project was shown in the City's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) in 2011/12 (construction) program years.

On September 25, 2012 City Council awarded construction for this project to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$252,409.75. Two change orders were processed for this project and were administratively approved by staff in accordance with Purchasing Policies and Procedures. Change order number one, in the amount of \$2,615.40, addressed erosion potential under the Southeast 16th Street and Highway 30 bridges. Change order number two was the balancing change order to reflect actual field quantities for this project, which was a credit in the amount of \$8,508.23. Construction was completed in the amount of \$246,516.92. Contract administration costs associated with construction totaled \$42,216, bringing overall project costs to \$288,732.92.

Financing for construction is programmed in the 2011/12 CIP to include \$350,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund, and \$86,000 from Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. This brings to total available funding to \$436,000. Any additional leftover funds will be carried forward for future shared use path projects.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the 2011/12 Shared Use Path Expansion – Skunk River Trail (Hunziker Youth Sports Complex to Southeast 16th Street) as completed by Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$246,516.92.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project was completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and is within the approved budget. Final acceptance will complete the audit process by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the 2011/12 Shared Use Path Expansion – Skunk River Trail (Hunziker Youth Sports Complex to Southeast 16th Street) as completed by Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$246,516.92.