

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** U.S. HIGHWAY 69 DETOUR AGREEMENT

**BACKGROUND:**

On occasions when construction on state or federal highways involves rerouting of traffic onto city streets, the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) is required to enter into an agreement with the city to utilize those streets as a detour. The DOT is also responsible for any added wear and tear to the street during the rerouting.

The Union Pacific Railroad will be working on the railroad crossing on U.S. Highway 69 near 130<sup>th</sup> Street during 2014. This work is near to Story City, and access to Ada Hayden Park will not be affected. To facilitate these construction activities, the Iowa DOT has determined that it is necessary to detour through traffic on U.S. Highway 69 beginning at the Grand Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street intersection, going easterly to I-35, then north to the E-18 exit (see attachment).

The detour will be utilized only during the actual period of construction. Construction is anticipated to last for 10 days in September of this year. A map showing the proposed detour is attached.

The traffic control and the detour route will be maintained by the Iowa DOT during the detour period. Engineers from the City of Ames and the Iowa DOT will jointly inspect the routes to determine the existing condition of the roadway surface, base, shoulders, and structures prior to the detour. Upon completion of the work, the Iowa DOT will be responsible for restoring the roadways to at least the previous condition or making appropriate compensation to the City of Ames. Given the short timeframe for the detour, however, it is unlikely that significant damage will occur on East 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

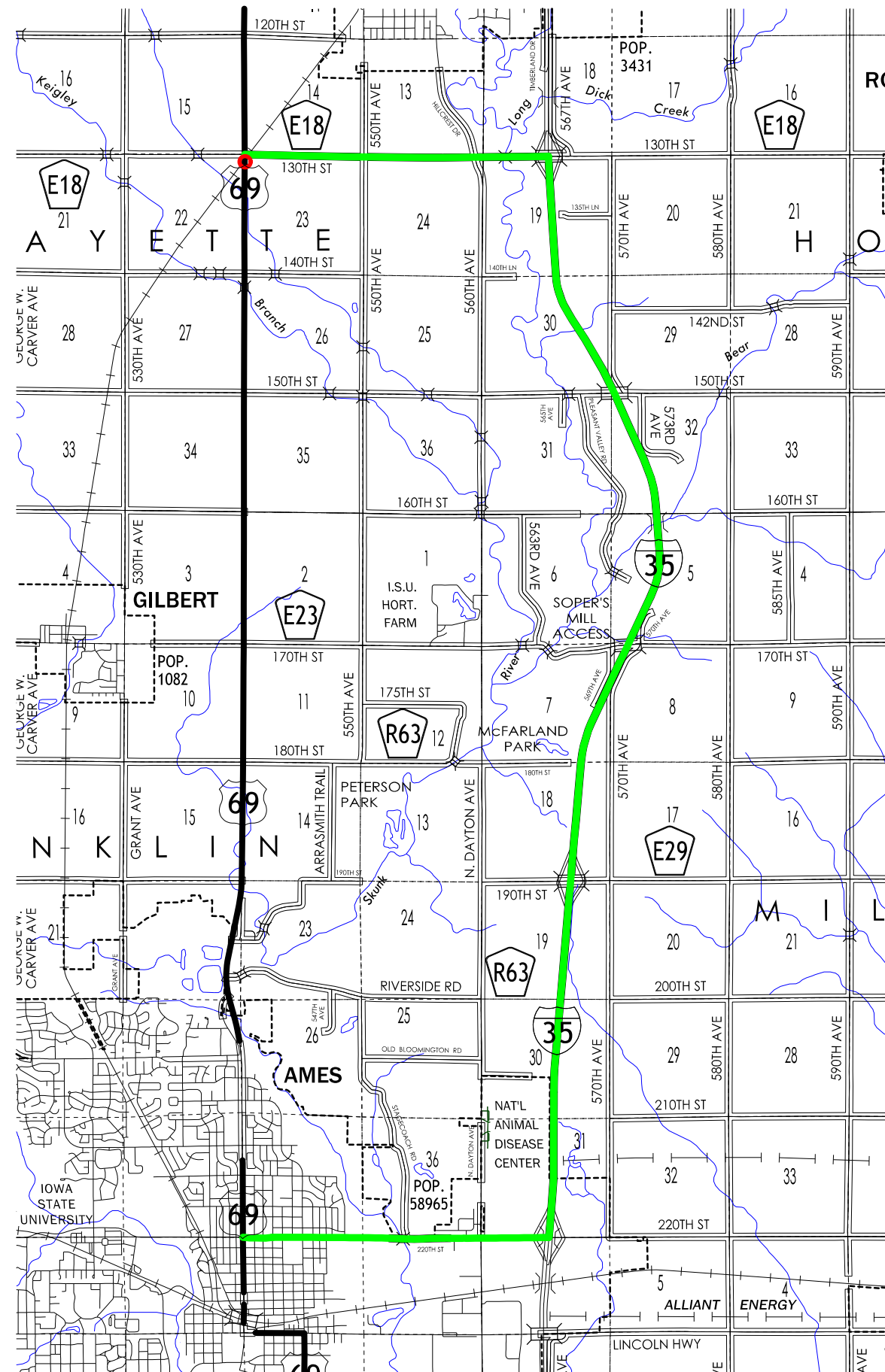
**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the U.S. Highway 69 detour agreement with the Iowa DOT.
2. Do not execute the detour agreement, thus necessitating that the Iowa DOT to redevelop construction staging and traffic control plans.

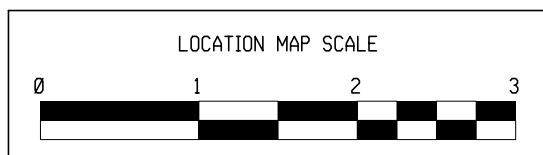
**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The proposed detour will allow the Iowa DOT to expedite the construction activities on U.S. Highway 69 while providing for the most effective management of traffic during the construction period. While public notification will be the responsibility of the Iowa DOT, the City will assist with public awareness efforts.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.



- County Border
- Detour Route
- Construction Area or



**IOWADOT**  
US 69  
Story County  
UPRR Crossing Just  
S of Co Rd E-18