

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2014/15 CYRIDE ROUTE PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT (24TH ST. & BLOOMINGTON RD.) – IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AID FUNDING AGREEMENT

BACKGROUND:

This is the annual program for pavement improvements to streets that are or were bus routes. These streets were originally designed and built for lighter residential traffic. With these streets designated as bus routes, accelerated deterioration of the street pavement occurred. Pavement improvements will now restore or improve these street sections to carry projected traffic volumes.

The 2014/15 program location is 24th Street (Union Pacific Railroad to Northwestern Avenue) and Bloomington Road (Eisenhower Avenue to 500' west). This 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 2015 letting, which will be through the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), with construction in 2015. Public input for the roadway design commenced in July 2014.

Funding for this program has been identified in the 2014/15 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) in the amount of \$525,000 from General Obligation Bonds and \$1,292,000 from STP funds through the Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) and \$15,000 from the Electric Utility Fund for a total program funding of \$1,832,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Iowa DOT Agreement for MPO/STP funding for the 2014/15 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements (24th Street & Bloomington Road).
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 moving forward with the pavement improvement of 24th Street and Bloomington Road during the 2015 construction season. Delay or rejection of this agreement could delay the pavement improvements 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 2014/15 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements (24th Street & Bloomington Road).