

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2012/13 CONCRETE PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT #2
(SOUTHEAST 5TH STREET)

BACKGROUND:

This annual program is to remove and replace deteriorated concrete street sections. Removal and replacement of concrete street sections provides enhanced rideability to the community's residents and visitors. The 2012/13 program locations include Wheeler Street (Grand Avenue to Roy Key Avenue), Southeast 5th Street (east of South Duff Avenue), and the frontage road at Southbend Drive.

This specific project is for the improvements on Southeast 5th Street. The project includes a crack and seating treatment of the existing concrete pavement followed by an asphalt overlay. The water main on Southeast 5th Street will also be replaced with this project.

Staff held a project information meeting with area businesses and property owners to receive input on the project staging and timing. Due to the high traffic volumes in this area, Southeast 5th Street having no outlet and also being the only access for several businesses, staff worked closely with these businesses to accommodate them as best as possible within reason. This included staging the project for work to be completed while maintaining one lane of traffic in each direction and maintaining access to local businesses, especially for those businesses which only have one access drive way to their property.

On February 18, 2015, bids for the project were received as follows:

| <i>Bidder</i> | <i>Bid Amount</i> |
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| Engineer's estimate | \$261,175.00 |
| Synergy Contracting LLC | \$346,070.15 |
| Manatt's Inc. | \$359,084.80 |

In analyzing bids received, the increase in cost beyond the engineer's estimate is mostly associated with the cost of water main installation, mobilization and the general costs of asphalt pavement. The economic recovery and increased development activity has created an increase in construction projects for the contractors, which has led to an escalation in bid prices above the City's recent experience.

Overall projected expenses for all program locations are as follows:

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| Southeast 5th Street (this project) | \$346,070.15 |
| Wheeler Street (finalized) | \$332,882.00 |
| Frontage Road (near JAX Outdoor/Southbend Drive) (estimated) | \$148,146.00 |
| Engineering and Contract Administration (estimated) | <u>\$165,420.00</u> |
| | \$992,518.15 |

This program was shown in the 2012/13 Capital Improvements Plan with funding in the amount of \$600,000 from General Obligation Bonds (G.O. Bonds) and \$50,000 from the Road Use Tax fund. An additional \$142,000 from the 2013/14 Water System Improvements (Water Utility fund) and \$225,000 in unobligated G.O. Bonds from the 2009/10 Concrete Pavement Improvements Program will be utilized, this brings **total available funding to \$1,017,000.**

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2012/13 Concrete Pavement Improvements Contract #2 (Southeast 5th Street).
 - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for this project.
 - c. Award the 2012/13 Concrete Pavement Improvements Contract #2 (Southeast 5th Street) to **Synergy Contracting of Bondurant, Iowa**, in the amount of **\$346,070.15.**
2. Do not proceed with this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By awarding this project, it will be possible to move forward with the reconstruction of Southeast 5th Street during the spring/summer of 2015. This will meet the requests of the majority of the businesses to have the work completed after Iowa State University's spring commencement and prior to the Fourth of July holiday.

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