

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK PHASE III –
ROADWAY PAVING**

BACKGROUND:

In support of the ISU Research Park Phase III expansion, the City hired Shive-Hattery to design needed utility and roadway improvements. The roadway improvements will primarily be funded by a Revitalizing Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Grant, as approved by City Council on October 14, 2014. A tax increment financing (TIF) district has been created to finance the 20% RISE matching funds for the roadway, as well as for all of the utility infrastructure costs.

Shive-Hattery has completed plans and specifications for the roadway paving and storm sewer infrastructure project. The project funding and estimated construction expenses shown, below, reflect the roadway and the utility project:

	Funding	Estimated Expenses
RISE Grant (Roadway)	\$ 4,010,728	
TIF Abated GO Bonds	\$ 2,938,990	
Roadway (Est. This Contract)		\$ 4,786,891
Water Main (Est. Not This Contract)		\$ 597,980
Sanitary Sewer (Est. Not This Contract)		\$ 391,875
Electric Relocation (Est. by City of Ames Electric)		\$ 275,000
Engineering/Administration (Roadway)		\$ 406,800
Engineering/Administration (Utilities)		\$ 158,200
Totals	\$ 6,949,718	\$ 6,616,746

It should be noted that the roadway cost estimates have increased from the original conceptual cost estimates used in the RISE grant application. As noted in the Council Action Form dated March 24, 2015, savings from the water main and sanitary sewer projects are expected to be available from the TIF abated G.O. Bond revenues to offset the additional roadway costs.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Iowa State University Research Park Phase III – Roadway Paving by establishing May 6, 2015, as the date of letting and May 12, 2015, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not approve this project.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving these plans and specifications, it will be possible to construct the roadway paving in coordination with the utility infrastructure project as well as the ISU Research Park Hub Building construction.

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