

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2014/15 RIGHT-OF-WAY RESTORATION CONTRACT

BACKGROUND:

In recent years, Public Works staff has observed and analyzed restoration of the right-of-way areas associated with various Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) projects. Some areas have been restored with sod, while other areas have been restored using seed or dormant seed. Success using these types of restoration is volatile and appears to depend on the weather at the time of installation. In areas where vegetation is not anticipated to be successful, other forms of restoration have been used, such as pervious pavement and colored, standard concrete.

In the past, having restoration as a subcontract in each of the CIP contracts means restoration is ultimately the responsibility of each prime contractor. The prime contractor's focus is on getting the primary work completed, such as paving or water mains. Finishing the project with an exceptional level of restoration frequently becomes a lesser priority to the prime contractor. To better address the restoration of rights-of-way, a new program was approved in the 2014/15 CIP. This new program aims to enable better restoration through a separate contract with a contractor that is specialized in vegetation establishment.

In August 2014, a restoration project was put out for bid. However, no bids were received. Staff subsequently reached out to potential contractors in the area to gain their input and encourage bidding on this new contract. It was determined that the lack of bids was mostly due to the timing of the bidding versus contractors' ability to do the work. The local contractors were already booked with other work and the out of town contractors felt it would not have been cost effective for them to continue to come to Ames to meet the specification requirements. Staff has attempted to address those concerns, as well as to be in contact with other potential contractors to keep them informed as to this project's bid date.

This project includes rebidding the previous project locations along with new locations that were intended to be bid in a separate contract. Project locations are shown below, although other areas may be added by change order if necessary.

STREET	FROM:	TO:	CIP PROJECT
Ontario Street	Illinois	Indiana	2010/11 CyRide (Resod North Side of Ontario)
5014 Ontario			2010/11 CyRide (Resod)
SE 5th Street	South Duff	Walmart	2012/13 Concrete Pavement
Jax Frontage Road			Improvements

STREET	FROM:	TO:	CIP PROJECT
Carroll	9th	13th	2012/13 Asphalt Resurfacing/Seal Coat Removal
Knapp	Welch	Lynn	2013/14 Concrete Pavement Improvements
Lynn	Knapp	Storm	
N 2nd Street	N Elm	End of Street	2013/14 Concrete Pavement Improvements
Garden Road	South Duff	End of Street	2013/14 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements
Garnet Road	Garden	Jewel	
Viola Mae	Ken Maril	Garden	
South Franklin	Tripp	Coy	2013/14 Seal Coat Pavement Improvements
Ashmore Dr, Ashmore Ct, Ashmore Cir			
Lincoln Way	Alcott	Hickory	2013/14 Arterial Street Pavement Improvements
10th Street	Grand	Duff	2013/14 Water Service Transfer
Mortensen Road	South Dakota	Dotson	2014/15 Mortensen Road Widening
Lincoln Way	Thackeray Ave	Hickory Dr	2014/15 Arterial Street Pavement Improvements
West St	Sheldon Ave	Hillcrest	2014/15 Collector Street Pavement Improvements
Woodland Ave	West St	Forest Glen	
Ridgewood Ave	9th St	13th St	2014/15 Concrete Pavement Improvements
9th St	Brookridge Ave	Northwestern Ave	
Hayward Ave	Lincoln Way	Hunt St	2014/15 Concrete Pavement Improvements
Ferndale Ave	24th St	30th St	2014/15 Asphalt Street Reconstruction Program
South 4th Street			2014/15 Shared Use Path Maintenance
Coy Street			2014/15 Water System Improvements
13th & Stange			2014/15 Traffic Signal Program
Lincoln Way & Union			2014/15 Traffic Signal Program

On April 8, 2015, bids for the project were received as follows:

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
Engineer's estimate	\$168,520
Minor Hardscape & Landscape	\$160,440
Central Landscape	\$214,863

The costs associated with this project are estimated to include:

Engineering and Construction Administration (Estimated)	\$ 30,000
Restoration work (Wheeler)	\$ 5,481
Restoration work (This Project)	\$ 160,440
Total Estimated Costs	\$ 195,921

The project funding for 2014/15 is summarized below:

Road Use Tax	\$ 120,000
Water Utility Fund	\$ 40,000
Sanitary Sewer Utility	\$ 40,000
12/13 GO Bond Savings from Asphalt Resurf/Seal Coat Recon.	\$ 7,000
13/14 GO Bond Savings from Cy Ride Route Pavement Improv.	<u>\$ 9,400</u>
Total Funding	\$ 216,400

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2014/15 Right-of-Way Restoration Contract #1 (Various Locations).
 - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for this project.
 - c. Award the 2014/15 Right-of-Way Restoration Contract #1 (Various Locations) to Miner Hardscape & Landscape of Grimes, Iowa, in the amount of \$160,440.
2. Do not proceed with this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Proceeding with this project will make it possible to begin restoration efforts on projects currently being constructed. Delay of approval could postpone the final restoration until the spring of 2016 and force the roadway contracts to again utilize temporary stabilization, which increases the overall cost of those projects and delays the reestablishment of permanent greenscaping.

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