

ITEM# 38
DATE: 7/14/15

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AMES MIDDLE SCHOOL TRAFFIC SIGNAL (MORTENSEN ROAD & DOTSON DRIVE)

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Ames Middle School subdivision improvements the Ames Community School District (ACSD) designed and constructed a traffic signal at the intersection of Mortensen Road and Dotson Drive. This project included installation of new traffic signal poles, cabinet, radar based vehicle/bike detection, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) vibrotactile pedestrian push buttons, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, and required pavement markings.

City staff provided specifications to ACSD so that the traffic signal would be built meeting all current City standards. In June of 2015, the ACSD submitted all final as-built information and their contractor has completed all punch-list items.

It should be noted that this project was completely funded by ACSD and did not include any additional funding sources.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the Mortensen Road and Dotson Drive traffic signal installation from the Ames School District, thereby taking ownership and long-term maintenance of the traffic signal improvements.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project has now been completed in accordance with all City standards and specifications.

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



Smart Choice

July 1, 2015

Honorable Mayor and Council Members
City of Ames
Ames, Iowa 50010

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I hereby certify that the traffic signal installation at the intersection of **Mortensen Road and Dotson Drive** as part of the Ames Middle School subdivision has been completed in an acceptable manner by **KWS, Inc. of Cedar Falls, Iowa**. The above-mentioned improvements have been inspected by the Traffic and Engineering Divisions of the Public Works Department of the City of Ames, Iowa and found to meet City specifications and standards.

Sincerely,

John C. Joiner, P.E.
Director

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cc: Finance, Contractor, Construction Supervisor, PW Senior Clerk, Traffic Supervisor